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No Place for the Willow Along Australian Creeks and Rivers



Exotic species such as ash, elm and particularly willows were historically planted along waterways for erosion control and aesthetic purposes.

Numerous scientific studies demonstrate the environmental damage done by willows. Consequently, over the last 20 years or so, catchment management authorities have been removing willows along many Victorian waterways.

The Deep Creek Landcare Group is now planning a working bee in October to plant 500 indigenous trees, shrubs and grasses with the intention to plant a couple of hundred more in autumn.

Once the plants are established the Gallagher's Crossing vicinity will be a beautiful place, an asset to the community and the environment.



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Welcome to the September edition

For almost two years now we have lived under the threat of Covid-19 and its associated lockdowns, isolations & hospitalisations. All elements of society have been affected. Perhaps the effect on community sport is most marked.

Tennis, Cricket, Bowls, Football, Soccer and Golf have all been affected.

Community sporting clubs form one of the building blocks of our society. All ages mix and in some sports play against and with each other. This is good for the community and promotes a greater awareness and understanding of who makes up our community and how we can work together.

Apology: On the front page of the August edition we incorrectly named Tom Morgan above a picture instead of Tom Murphy. We apologise for this error.

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Articles will be edited as required. The editorial committee reserve the right not to print inflammatory or unsuitable materials.

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The Storm and Flood Recovery Hotline is a single statewide number that Victorians impacted by the June 2021 storms and floods can call for help or assistance.

Operators can assist you with registering for Clean-Up of structures on private property or accessing your own Recovery Support Worker, mental health and wellbeing support, financial counselling and information on available payments.

The Recovery Hotline is open from 8am to 7pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) and 9am to 1pm on weekends.

For more information about the Storm and Flood CleanUp program,

visit www.br.vic.gov.au/cleanup or phone the Storm and Flood Recovery Hotline on 1800 560 760

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As vaccination rates slowly climb and we progress slowly out of the Covid-19 pandemic it is a good opportunity to refresh the community's memory as to what classes, activities and community groups are based within the RMI.

- The Country Women's Association (CWA). The Romsey CWA meets in the Supper Room. Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm and a craft session on the 3rd Thursday of the month, 10am to 2pm. For further information please contact the Secretary on; cwaromsey@gmail.com
- Cowboys & Angels Dance Academy. Cowboys & Angels Dance Academy operates out of the main hall. The group offers dance lessons in the main hall Monday nights during the school term between 5.00pm and 8.30pm. For further information contact Kate or Stacey on; cowboysandangels@live.com
- The Romsey/Lancefield Senior Citizens' Club. This Social Club operates out of the Billiards Room at the rear of the RMI. This room has been upgraded to provide a very comfortable base for the group. If you are interested or want more information, please contact; rae.hooke@bigpond.com
- The Romsey/Lancefield sub-branch of the Returned Service's League (RSL); in the front, south room, the old Library. Meetings on the last Tuesday of each month. Each month the RSL meets for an evening meal in the Billiards Room. For further information; romlancrsl@gmail.com
- Karen's Zumba; in the main hall, Zumba Toning – Wed 10.00 am to 11.10 am, Zumba Gold – Thurs 10.00 am to 11.00 am. Info at; karen.purelydivine@outlook.com
- The Fieldtrip sees a world where all young people embrace their unique powers to lead our communities. We work to turn learners into leaders, providing young people with extraordinary adventures and empowering them to use their unique extraordinary powers to lead their communities. In the main hall and/or the supper room on Sun from 3.00pm to 5.00pm. thefieldtrip.co
- Martial Arts. Neko Ryu Martial Arts Australia – Karate. Training sessions are held in the hall. Wednesday – 6.00 pm to 8.00pm. More info at; 0406 069 262 or nekoryuaustralia.com.
- Gita style Hatha Yoga a practice founded in mindfulness. Classes incorporate physical postures, breathing, relaxation & meditation aimed at bringing your mind, body and soul back into alignment. Class time; 6.45 – 7.45pm Tuesdays, B.Y.O yoga mat. Info at; (03) 5429 3610 or, camille@insymmetry.com.au



The foyer, store on the left, new toilet on the right & WW1 Honour Rolls back in place.

Casual Users, the RMI is home to many casual user groups. We host many weddings, birthday parties, school and other concerts, fund raising events for a variety of community groups, information and training evenings, funerals and presentations/graduations.

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Romsey - Lancefield Probus Welcome to friendship

The Romsey/Lancefield Probus 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 and hear interesting speakers on a wide variety of topics.

The next meeting of the Romsey Lancefield Probus Club is on Thursday 23rd September, 2021 at 10am.

St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall,
Main Street, Romsey.

The Guest Speaker at this meeting, will be Beth Child - talking on the subject of producing Shakespearian stage productions.

The Romsey-Lancefield Probus Club have 50 members with 35-40 attending our monthly meetings.

We are all going through some very challenging times because of the Covid virus and sometimes it is inevitable that our Probus meetings have had to be cancelled.

The Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club apologises to everyone for the inconvenience these cancellations have caused.

Contact:

President/Vice President & Secretary:

Tony 0408 536 290

Visit our WEB-Site: www.rlprobus.org.au

Romsey Hub History

The Romsey Community Hub at 96 to 100 Main Street Romsey is an excellent example of successfully repurposing two existing heritage buildings built respectively in 1888 & 1890 to accommodate up to date Community and Shire Council organisational infrastructure.

The former Romsey Shire Council's 1994 Heritage Study describes the significance of this *former CBA Banking building* constructed in 1888 and more recently occupied (1942-1995) as the Romsey Shire Offices.

The *former Romsey Commercial Bank* is significant for its long-term role in the financial transactions of the district and, as a public building, it remains identified with this process in the minds of the present community. The design is by the renowned Bendigo architect, William Vahland, and shows his characteristic interest in ornate cement rendered detail and a dynamic approach to Renaissance revival design. This is one of a small group of his designs which survive outside of the Bendigo district.

The CBA Bank operated until 1942 when the Shire of Romsey purchased the building for use as expanded Shire Offices and left its smaller original offices adjacent to Romsey Bridge over 5 Mile Creek (now the Indian Restaurant and Take Away). The Shire continued to occupy the former bank building until just after the 1995 Statewide Council amalgamations resulting in the now Macedon Ranges Shire amongst many others.

The site of the *former Romsey Post Office* (1890) was purchased by the PMG (Post Master General) in 1887. In February 1889 tenders were called for the construction of a new post office and living quarters. The works amounting to just over £1,300 were awarded to local contractor Noel Irwin.



The new Post Office building was opened in 1890. A clock, bathroom and verandah were subsequently added in the post Federation 1900s years.

The former Post Office and Council Office buildings were integrated by the new Macedon Ranges Shire Council in a significant redevelopment in 2010. Multiple usage and organisations are now accommodated - the regional Goldfields Library Romsey Branch, along with Community meeting Rooms and Public Internet facilities, Children's Rhyme Time - Story time and Toddler Time, Toy Library and Play Groups, Council Customer Service Centre, and the Romsey Neighbourhood House.

The building complex is now described as the '*The Romsey Community Hub*'.

For further information visit the Hub or investigate online at: www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/See-Do/Our-Facilities/Find-A-Venue/Romsey-Community-Hub



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Unpacking the Man Box

Are you interested in the wellbeing of men and boys in the Macedon Ranges? Join Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health to welcome Paul Zappa from Jesuit Social Services as he presents 'Unpacking the Man Box' - the findings of a survey to improve the wellbeing of men and boys.

The 'Man Box' survey found young Australian men who believe in outdated masculine stereotypes were more likely to behave in ways harmful to themselves and to others - online bullying, sexual harassment, physical violence and risky drinking. They also experienced more negative feelings and emotions.

The presentation will compare these findings to #thehumancode survey, which explored the pressures on men and boys in the Macedon Ranges. It will look at how we can work together to improve the health and wellbeing of males, and as part of the broader community.

There are two opportunities to join the seminar, either online on Wednesday 1 September, 6.30 - 8.30pm (<https://bit.ly/3rUMNLq>) or in person on Monday 13 September, 6.30 - 8.30pm (<https://bit.ly/37sZeVqat>) at the Norma Richardson Hall, 15 Buckland Street, Woodend (light refreshments provided).

Registrations are essential. Email Kathryn Chai on Kathryn.chai@scch.org.au for more information.

Storm Recovery Assistance

A new service is being offered by Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health for Macedon Ranges residents impacted by the June 2021 storms. A dedicated case manager has been employed to work with locals to help coordinate the various supports available as part of the clean-up and they will be able to tailor their assistance according to the needs of individuals.

"There is still so much to do get properties back to what they were like before the storms," says Justine Maher, team leader of the storm recovery program. "The recovery after an event like this takes time and it can be overwhelming. It's not just the removal of trees or the repair of structures, the mental distress and the financial implications can take its toll on people especially as the weeks and months go by."

The storm recovery program can help with advice on what services are available, including health and wellbeing support, financial counselling and information on payments that can be accessed to help with the clean-up. Call the storm and flood recovery hotline on **1800 560 760**.



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Opening Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm

September in the garden

by **Melanie Kinsey**

Slightly longer warmer days and we know spring is here! Isn't it exciting going out into the garden to see what has come into flower since you last looked! Every year there is usually something I have forgotten all about until it pokes its nose above the earth or bursts into bloom. This year it was the blue hyacinths pushing their way through a jumble of neighbouring plant growth.

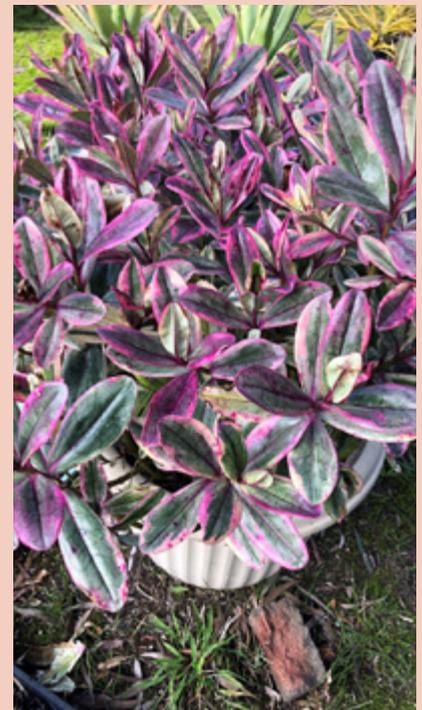
The splash of inky blue caught my eye while walking by; but I had to get down on my knees to inhale their sweet scent.

The pineapple lilies are poking their burgundy noses through the wet soil and the acid yellow 'flowers' of the euphorbias are a splash of colour.

The red-hot pokers were delayed by frost but are now hitting their straps and enticing all manner of honeyeaters to visit. In my Australian plant section, a huge red blob in the centre of the garden turns out to be cockies tongues (Templetonia sp.) in full bloom and nearby the branches of a pink correa are sagging under the weight of the flowers.

The purple hardenbergia is a mass of bloom and the various wattles are all shades of yellow.

One plant of note is an unknown white variegated hebe that I have grown in a large pot because I love the marbled patterns on the leaves. In a dramatic reaction to the cold, the edges of all the leaves have turned hot pink! It has quite changed the appearance of the plant and I am wondering how long the effect will last.



Probably only until the weather warms up. It has been tentatively identified as Abbey Rose but I have never seen this in the nurseries. It's a beauty!

Helping low-income households stay comfy and save money

The Andrews Labor Government will help thousands of low-income Victorians upgrade their inefficient heating and cooling systems – improving the comfort of their homes, lowering greenhouse gas emissions and saving households up to \$300 per year on their energy bills.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas has announced that the Victorian Government will begin providing \$1,000 rebates to support 250,000 low-income households to replace their old heaters with energy-efficient reverse-cycle systems that can warm their home in winter and cool it in summer. The rebates are open to owner-occupier households with an approved concession card or a combined household income of less than \$90,000 and could cover more than half of the typical efficient reverse-cycle system. Additional rebates of \$200 are available to cap old gas heaters, and \$500 to upgrade electrical switchboards.

The \$335 million Home Heating and Cooling Upgrade program is just another way that the Andrews Labor Government is making energy fairer and more affordable for all Victorians. The HHCU Program follows the \$250 Power Saving Bonus, which provides immediate bill relief for eligible concession card holders; the Victorian Default Offer, which sets a fair price for energy; and Victorian Energy Compare, an independent energy price comparison website that could save households \$300 on their energy bill.

By replacing outdated, unsafe or inefficient electric, gas and wood-fired heaters, the Labor Government is further improving access to energy, lowering the cost of living and building climate resilience. More information, including instructions on how to apply is available at heatingupgrades.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Solar Homes Lily D'Ambrosio:

"Everyone deserves a home where you can keep warm in winter or cool down in summer without breaking the bank."

"The Home Heating and Cooling Upgrades Program will not only help those who would otherwise struggle to afford a new heating and cooling system, it will also help Victoria reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and make our homes more resilient to climate change."

Quotes attributable to Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas:

"This program will help local people replace their old heaters with new, energy efficient models that will save them money on their power bills and improve their comfort and wellbeing."

| Work Starts on Gisborne School Upgrade

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas today announced that Kosloff Architecture has been appointed to design Gisborne Secondary College \$12.9 million upgrade. This upgrade will modernise Block B of the College, and build new basketball and netball towers – so that students will learn in an environment designed for modern education.

Since 2014, the Victorian Government has invested more than \$10.9 billion in new schools and 1,700 school upgrades, creating around 13,500 jobs in construction and linked industries. It is ahead of schedule to open 100 new schools by 2026.

The Labor Government is building these to ensure every student can access a great local school and get a quality education.

| Hanging Rock Master Plan... On Track

Planning consultants, Tract, are to deliver the Draft Hanging Rock Master Plan. The draft master plan is expected at the end of 2021, for approval by June 2022.

Tract has extensive experience working on community-based projects with heritage and environmental aspects, for local and state government. The master plan will reflect best practice for public open spaces and be consistent with the Hanging Rock Strategic Plan, which will guide the future use of the rock and its immediate surrounds from 2018-2068.

It will also provide for the long-term improvement and management of Hanging Rock for Traditional Owners, user groups, the tourism community, the wider community, Macedon Ranges Shire Council and State Government.

Interested stakeholders and community members will be involved in the planning process eg. online engagement and workshops, as well as formal public exhibition for review/feedback.

Outcomes of this master plan will be consistent with the iconic nature of Hanging Rock, and be realistic, with deliverable initiatives based on evidence and cost estimates.

**Mary-Anne
Thomas MP**

LABOR MEMBER
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Be Kind to Animals Week

Running from Friday 1 to Thursday 7 October, Be Kind to Animals Week is a time to reflect on the importance of being kind to animals and demonstrate how simple acts of kindness can have an enormous impact on all the furred, feathered, fleeced, and finned beings we share this planet with.

Now in its eleventh year, Be Kind to Animals Week is hoping to exceed 5,000 pledges. This involves a commitment to eat kind by choosing to dine on plant-based recipes for the week, and can be extended to shop and live kind too.

To support participants in their pledge, Edgar's Mission, a not-for-profit sanctuary for rescued farmed animals who started the Be Kind to Animals Week campaign back in 2010, is sending out free Kindness Kits along with daily emails filled with plant-based recipe inspiration and other kindness tips. Edgar's Mission is also offering the chance to win a hamper full of ethical goodies.

The events of the last 18 months has made us all take a moment to reflect on how we can better support each other. During that time, Edgar's Mission has rescued 196 animals in need and their sanctuary is home to between 400 and 500 animals at any given time.

In addition to reflecting on the simple choices we make every day, including what we eat and the products we use, Be Kind to Animals Week aims to show the many ways people can make a positive impact on animals' lives. "You can support your favourite animal welfare charity by volunteering or donating, organise a beach or park clean up, leave water out for local wildlife and so much more."

During the week, Founder and Director, Pam Ahern will also be doing a series of library talks across Melbourne, which can be booked through the library. She will also

host two live virtual tours from the sanctuary through Edgar's Mission's Facebook page.

To make your pledge and for more information, free fun resources and a downloadable colouring competition for kids, please visit bekindtoanimalsweek.org.au.

Be Kind to Animals Week Library Talk Series with Pam Ahern

- **Friday 1, October:** Romsey Public Library, 10.30am
- **Friday 1, October:** Virtual talk and tour from the sanctuary on Edgar's Mission Facebook, 2pm AEST
- **Saturday 2, October:** Woodend Public Library, 10.30am
- **Wednesday 6, October:** Baroonga Nganjin North Fitzroy Library, 11am*
*This particular session is a children's story time
- **Wednesday 6, October:** Virtual talk and tour from the sanctuary on Edgar's Mission Facebook, 2pm AEST
- **Wednesday 6, October:** Gisborne Public Library, 4pm

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Better living osteo

It's the beginning of spring and with a bit of luck we'll be springing out of lockdown and springing out of our winter hibernation. The approaching warmer weather will have many people gearing up to get more active outside with exercise and gardening projects. Though the mind is energised and excited to get out there and get into everything, the body may still be lagging after a very sedentary three months!

The disconnect between what our mind wants us to do and what our body is ready to do often leads to injury. After a long period of inactivity, the body needs to get warmed up and get used to the increase in physical activity. This is normally called a Weekend Warrior injury. We see this type of injury on a Monday after people have had a big weekend doing something they don't normally do. Sometimes this is when people get too excited about joining the gym and go overboard or when they do ten hours of gardening after a whole week of sitting at their desk.

The best way to have an injury-free spring is to prevent injuries from happening in the first place. If you are just starting back at the gym, getting back into your running or cycling, we recommend to taking it slow. Don't go straight back to the volume you were doing where you left off; take it down a few notches. If you were exercising five days a week, try three days a week for the first three weeks and then increase from there. There's no rush; we have plenty of time to get our summer bodies ready!

It's going to be a great time of year to catch up on lost time in the garden as well. As most gardeners would know, it's a big work out especially after a break. Our best tip to keep injury-free is to divide the work up over a few days so you aren't doing too much at once. If you have a sore back or bad knee, think about sitting on a stool to do your weeding instead of bending over. As a gardener, you know it takes time and patience to create the perfect garden.

We hope you have a beautiful and productive Spring, if you have any questions feel free to give Better Living Osteo a call on (03) 4311 1876.

Romsey Branch of C.W.A. Inc

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 are on the 3rd Thursday of the month. 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.

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

We have been fortunate to hold both our general meeting and craft day during August. However as we are once again in lockdown our September meeting has been cancelled. Fingers crossed we will be able to get together for craft day on Thursday 16th September. We will be making items for our Christmas Stall. BYO lunch. Come and join us.

For any further information please call: President: Melva Beer
Secretary: Wendy Foster M: 0409175 667
or email: cwaromsey@gmail.com

This month's recipe

LEMON MARMALADE

Ingredients:

- 1kg skinned lemons
- 1.25 litres boiling water
- 1.6kg sugar

Method:

1. Halve the lemons lengthwise and slice very thinly, aim to have the slice 2mm wide or less, remove all seeds.
2. Place the lemon slices in a large heatproof bowl and pour over the boiling water.
3. Stand for 24 hours.
4. Pour the contents of the bowl into a large saucepan and bring to the boil, reduce the heat and cook for 1 hour uncovered.
5. Add the sugar and gently bring back to the boil. Stirring as the sugar dissolves.
6. Remove and scum if it appears on the surface of the marmalade.
7. Boil for 30 minutes stirring occasionally,
8. Pour into hot sterilized jars.

RECIPE



C.W.A. 2021 STATE THEMES:

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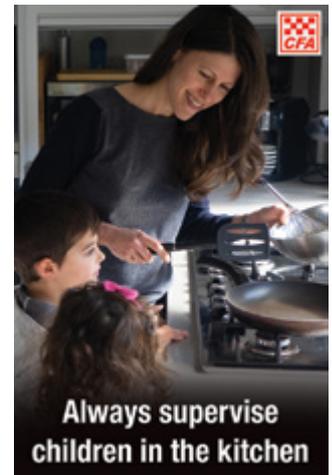
Product/Resource: Grasses – Not just lawn.

Country of Study: Indigenous Australia.

Thanksgiving Fun: Endometriosis Research through the Jean Hailes Medical Centre for Women.

State Project: CWA of Vic. Inc. IT and Systems Upgrade and Maintenance.

Social Issues Focus: Safe Homes for All.



| Romsey/Lancefield Senior Citizens Bendigo Bank Monthly Bus Trips

“The Magical Mystery Tour is coming to take you away”

But where to? This month is a Mystery Tour and as with all mystery tours it is a surprise. Come and enjoy the adventure. It will include sightseeing and a beautiful two course lunch.

It will be held on Wednesday 1st of September.

Depart: Lancefield – 8.45am

Romsey – 9am,

Unfortunately, our August Bus Trip was cancelled but hopefully we will be able to enjoy our September Mystery Tour.

Remember, we meet every Monday at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute for lunch and a chat, for just \$5 – everyone is more than welcome. 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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| LIBRARY NEWS

- **A Curious Circle, 7pm – 8:30pm,
Thursday 16 September**

Join in with our new women's program, A Curious Circle (Curiosity, Connection and Creativity) (ongoing monthly depending on interest).

We're inviting adult women to come together to connect and explore their curiosity in a creative way with a different activity each month led by our creative library staff, Trish and Karen. This is a great way to dabble in some new arts and crafts, just for fun! No special skills required. Supper provided.

BOOKINGS REQUIRED. Places are limited to ensure a welcoming, relaxed group. If you have any questions about this program, please call or pop in and speak to us.

| School Holiday Program, Week 1:

- **Kite Making Activity, 10:30am,
Tuesday 21 September**

It's sunny, it's breezy, it's perfect weather to fly a kite!

Learn a little about the history of kites and kite making, then follow step by step instructions to build and decorate your own small kite, perfect for flying in a light breeze. (Ages 5 – 8 years)

| School Holiday Program, Week 2:

- **Bee Hotel and Seed Bombs, 10:30am,
Tuesday 28 September**

Create a Bee Hotel for our Native Bee population with simple items from home. Living alone they do not produce excess honey or wax; however Native Bees are essential workers pollinating more flowers and trees than the Honeybee. (Ages 5+)

| Be Kind to Animals Week:

- **Edgar's Mission Presentation, 10:30am,
Friday 1 October**

Be Kind to Animals Week, aims to encourage and inspire people of all ages to be kind to our furry, feathered, and finned friends. Pam Ahern from Australia's much loved farmed animal sanctuary in Lancefield is joining us on Friday 1 October from 10:30am. Pam will share some warm-hearted stories about her 450 resident animals and teach us ways we can all practice kindness. For families. www.edgarsmission.org.au

To book your place at any of these programs, please visit our website: www.goldfieldslibraries.com or phone 5429 3086

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Goldfields Library Corporation

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Search for what you want, choose Place Reservation and then follow the prompts, please see image below.

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Alternatively, you can visit our How to video on YouTube: **youtu.be/55iLj4NshC4**

Connecting with Library Staff During Lockdown

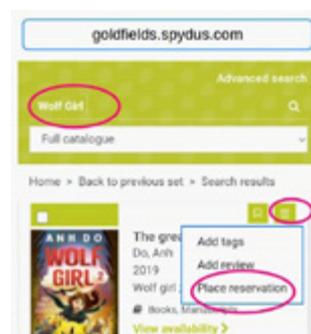
If you want to get in touch with the library staff during lockdown, please email us at: romsey@ncgrl.vic.gov.au and we will answer your enquiry promptly. You can also message us through our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/romsey.library.au

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Deep Creek Landcare Group

Willows may be good for cricket bats but groups responsible for land management generally agree that there is no place for the willow along Australian creeks and rivers.



Exotic species such as ash, elm, poplar and particularly willows were historically planted along waterways for erosion control and aesthetic purposes. Willows have now invaded thousands of kilometres of riparian environments in south eastern Australia. Most types of willows are considered Weeds of National Significance. There are numerous scientific studies that demonstrate the environmental damage done by willows. Consequently, over the last 20 years or so, catchment management authorities have been removing willows along many Victorian waterways.

Last year, local resident, Peter Munns approached us with an offer of some funding through a not-for-profit running group (Mirrim Wurnit Athletics) to help support an environmental project in the area. Gallagher's Crossing on Joyce's Road, east of Romsey was chosen as the project site.

This section of Deep Creek was infested with exotic species, in particular, crack willow, hawthorne and briar rose. Angelo Keratianos, the Team Leader at the Macedon Regional Park office of Parks Victoria, informs us that "Willows are extremely invasive and their roots form thick mats. These mats grow in the water courses and slow the flow of the water. This can cause flooding and destroy the banks of creeks. Willow trees also take available light which inhibits understory and severely impacts the biodiversity of the creek, reducing the natural habitat for native fauna and remnant vegetation."

Robin Ford, Natural Resource Manager and Deep creek Landcare member believes that "Willows are bad as they interfere with natural water flow and can impact nutrient and oxygen levels in the waterways.

Melbourne Water came on board with us and in April the willows and other exotic species were removed from a 150m section downstream from the crossing. The Deep Creek Landcare Group is now planning a working bee in October to plant 500 indigenous trees, shrubs and grasses with the intention to plant a couple of hundred more in autumn.

In contrast to willows, native gums create less shade supporting a diverse understory. If we want healthy biodiverse rivers and streams, we need healthy, functioning native vegetation along our waterways as this is what our ecosystems are designed to thrive within.

The area already has silver wattles, manna gums and native grasses. We will be adding more of the same trees plus some blackwood, yellow box, swamp gum and broad-leaved peppermint. Shrubs will include sweet bursaria, woolly tea tree, prickly moses, river bottle brush and prickly tea tree. We will also add spiny-headed mat-rush and tall sedge.

Once the plants are established the Gallagher's Crossing vicinity will be a beautiful place, an asset to the community and the environment. Meanwhile, it is a large task and we are a small but ambitious group -any help would be greatly appreciated! We are also continuing to improve habitat in a number of locations in the district and once again we have a variety of bird and bat nesting boxes for sale from \$25. A special thanks to the Lancefield Men's Shed for their quality work.

Annual Landcare membership is \$20 per family. You can follow us on Facebook, contact our President, Phil Severs (0476 324 000) or attend our monthly meetings in the Lancefield Mechanics Hall.

G'day



YOUR DAD HAS BEEN ASLEEP WITH HIS HEAD ON A PAW PAW—HIS BRAIN HAS TENDERIZED!



Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke

G'day,

I'm fairly sure I've written about Papaya (Paw Paw) before - how it's a meat tenderizer like Chinese Gooseberries (Kiwi Fruit), and how some Chinese, and possibly many other folk, often hang a rooster which needs tenderizing, in the leaves of a papaya tree, which they grow in groups as it takes, I'm told, a number of male trees to encourage one female tree (I make no comment) to produce fruit.

The male tree produces flowers but no fruit, the female tree an abundance of fruit. The seeds, like small grey/black ball bearings, are edible and a good digestive (but are an acquired taste). Anyway they, the papaya (paw paw) are often eaten raw with a squeeze of lemon juice. But it is, in my opinion, good-oh cooked - either fried, steamed or baked as my recipe idea suggests.

BAKED PAPAYA

RECIPE

Ingredients

- 4 papaya (paw paw)
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 4 pieces preserved ginger-in- syrup
- Juice and zest of 1 lemon
- 2 tablespoons of the ginger syrup
- 1 tablespoon shredded fresh mint leaves.

Method

1. Cut the papaya in half lengthways, take out the seeds, and place the papaya halves (cut side up) into a shallow ovenproof dish.
2. Chop the ginger and mix it with the butter, lemon zest and half the lemon juice then dob the butter over the papaya.
3. Sprinkle the rest of the lemon juice, the ginger syrup and the mint leaves over the top, cover the dish and cook in a pre-heated oven at 180 deg.C for 20 minutes - no longer.
4. Baste with the juices during cooking if necessary.

I serve this as an entree, with a dollop of Natural Greek-style yoghurt.



Pictured are President Karen Hunt Vice President David Runnalls and Gisborne Bendigo Bank Member Edyta Whyatt.

The Mount Players Postpone Love Song



The Mount Players

The Mount Players were forced to make the call on postponing the season of Love Song (again). Opening night was to have been on 2 September however, due to yet another lock down and severe restrictions on seating capacity we have no choice but to reschedule. At the time of writing this article no dates could be confirmed so we ask patrons to go to our website for information and updates.

Furthermore, The Vortex, our last show planned for 2021 has been cancelled. In doing this it allows Love Song, well into rehearsal and with the set almost complete, to have room to be staged at a later date.

Difficult, uncertain and challenging times... however... on a positive note, maintenance and improvements continue. We are very pleased to say that our front stairs at the theatre have been replaced thanks to a grant from Bendigo Community Bank! We look forward to welcoming our patrons up these stairs in the not-too-distant future!

For full details and updates on Love Song please go to www.themountplayers.com or call **5426 1892**.

| By Karen Hunt



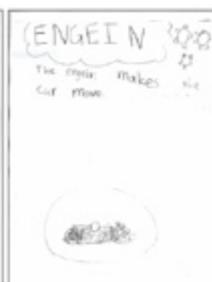
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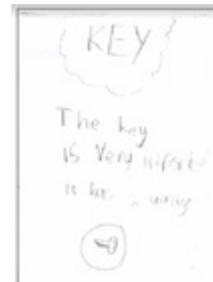
Josh McCarthy (Year 1/2 DC) has created this amazing book at school. Thank you Josh for sharing this book with us. We hope you at home enjoy reading it as much as we did!



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Some great shows coming to the Macedon Ranges in September

We have a bit of everything happening at Kyneton Town Hall.

Those who love passion-filled wicked comedy/drama then *The Hunter. The Hunted* is the perfect show. Desire can be wonderful, can drive you crazy and even get you killed.

Think Frankenstein meets Downton Abbey and everything in between. **Saturday 11 September, 7pm**

For the music lovers, especially guitars then *Daniel Champagne* is a must see. Australian-born, Nashville-based Daniel Champagne has been touring across Australia and New Zealand and selling out shows where ever he plays. Featuring songs from his five studio albums, this show is certainly not to be missed. **Friday 17 September, 8pm**

Damien Leith has brought the house down the last time he visited. This time he is teaming up with Darren Coggan in the *Two of Us: The Songs of Lennon and McCartney*.

All the classics like Hey Jude, Let It Be, Here Comes the Sun and so many more!

If you love The Beatles, then this will be the best sing-along of all time!
Saturday 18 September, 7.30pm

Finally, our last KTH Kids for the year with *Electronic Music Adventure* these September School Holidays. This will get the kids off their phones and creating their own soundtrack!

This workshop is a highly immersive and interactive creative music making experience.

Participants will learn how to collect and manipulate sounds using intuitive apps on tablets and iPads. **Tuesday 28 to Thursday 30 September, 10am and 1.30pm each day.**

Have your say on Council's updated Environment Strategy

Macedon Ranges Shire Council invites the community to share their feedback on the updated Environment Strategy between 6 August and 10 September.

The updated Environment Strategy outlines Council's commitment to acting on climate change and sets out priorities for creating a more sustainable shire.

The new suite of emerging priorities highlighted in the updated strategy include:

- Responding to the climate emergency
- Sustainable transport
- Waterway health
- Biolinks and habitat links
- Private land conservation
- Waste minimisation
- Community engagement and partnerships

To have your say visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay

Copies are also available to view in person at any of our customer service centres (subject to COVID restrictions)

Comments can be submitted via an online feedback form, or emailed to environment@mrsc.vic.gov.au or posted to PO Box 151, Kyneton VIC 3444

If you have any questions or would like more information, call 5422 0333 or email environment@mrsc.vic.gov.au

All these shows are at the Kyneton Town Hall.

For bookings:

Phone: **1300 888 802**

Website: mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts-events



Spring has sprung and it's free mulch month!

Get your garden summer ready with free mulch from Council transfer stations.

During the month of September, residents are encouraged to head to their local transfer station and claim up to one cubic metre of free self-loaded mulch.

The mulch is produced from garden organics dropped off at Council's transfer stations and is available to residents living in the Macedon Ranges Shire. Residents will need to provide proof that they live in the shire, such as a driver license or rates notice.

This is a first-come, self-load offer. Residents should bring their own shovel, containers or trailer, and protective clothing.

The amount of mulch available at transfer stations varies and is available for free for the month of September, while stocks last.

For more information contact Council on 5422 0333. For locations and opening hours, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/transfer-stations

Exploration & Mining Works in the Shire

Some people will have seen that Red Rock Australasia, a Gold Exploration company, applied for and have been granted exploration leases for the area in which Romsey lies.



I contacted the company and asked them about their plans and was advised the following:

“We are in the very first start up stage of Exploration, with a very small team (3 people) working from Ballarat. At this stage the first year or so forecast includes activities which are classed as “reconnaissance” activities – this means there is no lasting social or environmental impact. For example, studying and collecting historical data (from the library), satellite mapping, and soil sampling, which involves small samples (a table-spoon or so) taken away for offsite analysis.

At this stage it is all about collecting historical data. If we do wish to come into the area, we will engage and consult with landowners and stakeholders directly. This is a legal obligation for us, but also our strong philosophy to be transparent and communicate all our intentions. We welcome feedback, suggestions and would be happy to address any questions or concerns.” Check out: rraustralasia.com.au/lancefield/

There are nine stages in the mining process ranging from initial concept planning through to exploration drilling, mining then rehabilitation of the land. Each stage can take considerable time and ever-increasing amounts of money. Essentially, companies can spend a lot of money and their project may never eventuate into a mining operation. On average only 1 in every 100 exploration projects makes it beyond stage 5 – Exploration Drilling.

So yes, while I am in the mining industry and as a society, we do need the products of mining for technologies, cars, mobile phones, building materials etc., I, like most people I do not want a mine to pop up in my backyard. What I want people to understand is that while this company wants to find the next big mine, the likelihood is low. To progress to an active mine is a lot of work, endless finances, requires many approvals including environmental, native title etc., social/community engagement and is ultimately many years away.

| **By Shauna Martin**

Romsey Mens Shed

Working on Friendships



Romsey Mens Shed is open to new members! We have lunch/barbecues on Thursdays, from about 11.15 a.m. with a five dollar donation, open to potential members and members guests. We are located in the Romsey Park between the Lions and Scouts buildings in Barry Street.

We are usually open on Tuesdays from 10.00am to 2.00pm for machine refurbishing and set up tasks and can also show potential members around.

We have two work areas - woodwork, engineering/automotive and a kitchen/meals area. Some come for coffee and chat. Not all want to be “hands on”. That is fine and we plan to expand the “breakout” area over time.

Most members are retired or semi-retired, but membership is open to men of all ages.

Membership forms: Romseym@gmail.com or at the shed.

| **Kevin Fothergill Vice President**





Sevi rakes out the drain.



Tony cuts and Mal clears.

Romsey Golf Club



Established 1922

Park Lane, Romsey (PO
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www.romseygolfclub.net

mail@romseygolfclub.net

President: 0417 088 891

Secretary: 0400 768 040

Romsey Golf Club Report

Drainage Works around the Park; The stormwater from the Recreation Centre, the Netball and Tennis Courts runs into a drain that moves east then turns sharply north to run across the top of the golf course. As it progresses it also picks up storm water from the oval and cricket nets.

In recent years this drain has become so overgrown that the flow of storm water has slowed to a trickle and there are large pools of stagnant water. RGC members set about cutting back the blackberry, small trees and suckers that had blocked the southern end of the drain using shovels and rakes to clear many years worth of leaves and other debris.

Once we got to the 12th tee the drain was so overgrown with ivy, poplars and blackberry that we had to divert the water back onto the golf course. The golf club hopes to meet with our ward councillors to see what can be done to remedy this situation. Thanks Mal, Sevi and Tony.

2021 Women's Sunday Pennant: Dalhousie District had planned for a second round of women's pennant golf, this time played on a Sunday. While the RGC women were keen to participate there were not enough other clubs for the competition to go ahead. Here's hoping the idea gets more support next year

Storm Damage; The storm of early July, strong winds and ongoing rain have seen more trees come down. RGC members have been busy cutting up the timber and clearing it away.

Many locals continue to pick up firewood but the club is left with an enormous amount of small branches and leaves. Once things dry out we will pile it all up and burn off.

Covid-19: RGC, like everyone, has been heavily effected by the pandemic and its lockdowns.

Weekly competitions called off and much needed income reduced, yet the same costs such as insurance and diesel to keep the park in good working order must be paid. We are very thankful for the support all clubs have received from the State Government

QR code on the 1st tee, all golfers must use it & and please pay your green fees.

For detailed reports on all results;
<http://www.romseygolfclub.net/results/2021/>



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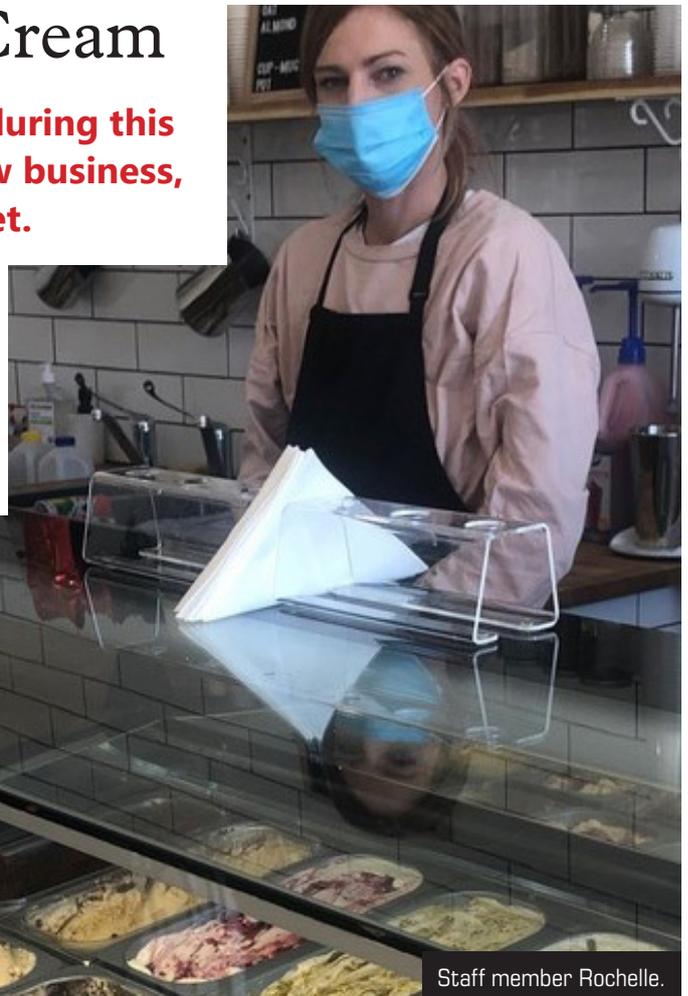
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- Large range of printers for sale

Welcome Romsey Ice Cream

As we all take our walks around town during this lockdown many will have noticed a new business, Romsey Ice Cream at 1/10 Stawell Street.

Business owner, Kristy Grey opened her doors in late July and is now employing three locals to help her run the shop.

Romsey Ice Cream, open all week from 9.00am to 9.00pm, also offers a variety of coffee and cakes and there are some tables and chairs, sadly currently not in use due to the Covid-19 restrictions.



Staff member Rochelle.



- The Storm and Flood Recovery Hotline is a single state-wide number (1800 560 760) that Victorians impacted by the June 2021 storms and floods can call for help or assistance.
- Operators can assist you with registering for Clean-Up of structures on private property or accessing your own Recovery Support Worker, mental health and wellbeing support, financial counselling and information on available payments.
- The Recovery Hotline is open from 8am to 7pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) and 9am to 1pm on weekends. **Call 1800 560 760.**



Get the Jab Done!

What you need to know about COVID-19 vaccines

Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Central Highlands Rural Health, Sunbury Cobaw Community Health and Hepburn Shire Council have joined forces to share the latest COVID-19 vaccination information so you can make an informed decision around getting a COVID-19 vaccine. Council is not a COVID-19 vaccination provider.

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has provided provisional approval of the Moderna vaccine for use in Australian adults, and a total of 10 million doses will be dispatched to Australia in 2021.

To check if you can book a COVID-19 vaccination yet, visit the Australian Government Eligibility Checker [covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility](https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility)

We encourage you to stay up-to-date with the latest COVID-19 vaccination information via official government websites:

coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine

health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines

The final countdown has begun!

After the successful Art in the Park fundraising raised \$113,000, it's all systems go at Romsey Ecotherapy Park! CommercialScapes is the contractor to construct the Ecotherapy Park's final stages! Completion is scheduled for mid 2022 – look forward to the sensory gardens, water play area, arts culture performance space, picnic area, woodland ramble and art installations.

This will be a significant health and wellbeing open space in our region coming to fruition over more than a decade. Romsey Ecotherapy Park Inc thanks the Art in the Park campaign, the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Regional Development Victoria and Bendigo Bank, who have been key to the final stage.

Keep up with the Park's construction progress on Romsey Ecotherapy Park Inc's social media!

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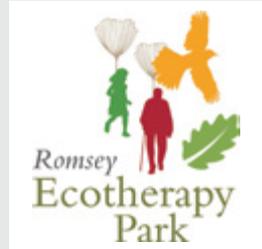
Annual General Meeting

The 2021 Annual General Meeting for Romsey Ecotherapy Park Incorporated will be held on Monday 11th October, at 7.30pm.

At Mt William Room @ Romsey Community Hub, Main Street.

(via ZOOM if under lockdown restrictions)

To receive a Zoom video link, please contact Joanne Cooper (secretary) on romseyecotherapypark@gmail.com



ROMSEY ECOTHERAPY PARK INC (REP)

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Jenny Stillman
Ph. 0411 700 464



Romsey Bowling Club

The Romsey Bowling Club is located in Park Lane.

Romsey Bowling Club has a synthetic green, consisting of seven rinks. A synthetic green enables us to bowl all year round, in all conditions. The clubhouse is situated to give a wonderful outlook of the green and any bowling in progress. The rooms provide a full range of facilities and together with a large undercover BBQ area, our members and visitors are well catered for.

During the pennant season, the club is affiliated with the Highlands Bowls Division. We compete against clubs from Lancefield, Gisborne, Woodend, Trentham, Diggers Rest, Macedon, Kyneton and Kyneton Golf. Next season both Kilmore and Broadford will be joining our Division.

In the 2020/21 pennant season, Romsey fielded three Saturday sides (Divisions 1, 2 and 3) and two Tuesday midweek sides (Divisions 1 and 3). All five sides made their respective finals.

The club has five accredited coaches, who are more than willing to assist new bowlers or help to improve current members.

Lawn bowls attracts people of all ages. Last season we had members ranging in age from thirteen to ninety three. Bowls is a great way to meet people, make new friends and above all keep active. The club is always looking for new members, be they experienced or new to the game.

Our members look forward to seeing you on the green for the coming season which commences in October. Prior to and during the season, practice takes place of a Tuesday and Thursday evening commencing at 4.00 pm.

If you have any questions regarding bowls contact either the Head Coach Garry on 0413 089 292 or the Club Secretary Graeme on 0491 344 271.





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At Encourage Church, we are all about people. God commands us to love one another and by this shall all men know that we are His.

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God, our FATHER is: The Servant King

Have you ever considered that a 'good' king is a servant to his people? He holds his power and position for the betterment of his subjects. He is not above the laws he makes; he is subject to them. He always has his nation's best interests at heart and is willing to lay down his life for his people.

And isn't that also the description of a **GOOD FATHER?**

He serves his family. He, together with his wife, create a new culture for their individual family. They make decisions, and he enforces them for the betterment of his family. He, as a good example, is not above the decisions that he makes for His family. He would willingly lay down his life for his family.

God our Heavenly Father is also a GOOD FATHER. He serves mankind daily with oxygen, gravity and sunshine. He sent, Jesus, His only begotten son, as a servant King to us, to be our example. Jesus made Himself subject to all the laws that God has decreed (the many righteous, fair, truthful and sinless commandments) and kept them, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus showed He was willing to lay down His life for the safety of His people. John 10:11 states: **"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep."**

Christ went willingly to the cross to pay the penalty of sin so all who believe in Him may have eternal life see John 3:16.

God then sent the Holy Spirit to assist, support, guide and to empower us so that we could fulfil our roles here on earth, being made in His image.

Dads, this Father's Day as you are showered with love and gifts from your family, why don't you also receive God's gift to you of the Holy Spirit, to enable you to be the best Dad you can be to your family, and then make the decision to pass on the gift of Eternal life to them.

What a Blessing you would be to them!

"Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." – Mathew 6:10

Please feel free to contact either Pastor Marilyn or Pastor Tim at Encourage Church for more information. Our aim is to Encourage one another to be all we can be, in Life and in God. If you would like to know more about faith in Jesus Please contact our Church office Ph 5429 6327



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Uke-n-join in

We are seeking both new and experienced Ukulele players to form a weekly Ukulele practice group in Romsey.

This is intended to be a low cost, local, fun-filled experience for people of all ages.

If you are interested in a daytime, weekday Uke session in a local venue, please call Allan on 0418 581 885 to register your interest.

Guaranteed to make you smile in these testing times.



Christ Church Anglican Lancefield with St Paul's Church Romsey

Sunday Services:

Regular weekly Church Services are:

- **Romsey Church Service**
9am each Sunday.
- **Lancefield Church Service**
10:30am each Sunday.

As we are travelling through the month of August we see ourselves in another Covid-19 Lockdown. Our Parish is using the conference call system to gather together in the safety of our homes for our weekly worship. Parishioners are welcome to join us in a time for praise and fellowship. We pray everyone in Romsey and Lancefield and the wider communities stays safe.

St Paul's Romsey Op Shop:

Open on:

- **Friday**
12:30 - 4:00pm (winter time)
- **Saturday**
10:00am - 1:00pm

During a Lockdown we are directed to close the Op Shop for the duration of the Government lock down time period.

Donations of clean quality goods will be most welcome and appreciated at the St Paul's Op Shop. Items of clothing, bric -a- brac, craft and books can be left on Friday afternoon and Saturday mornings during opening hours. (except on Lockdown orders)

Owing to regulations we cannot accept electrical goods, prams, baby cots, mattresses, furniture or children's toys. Your ongoing support and donations are appreciated.



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*May God watch over us all
and keep us safe during this
testing time as we put our
faith and trust in Him.*



Staying Strong circuit classes Back in the Game modified indoor sports program

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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.

| Macedon Ranges Uniting Church

Worship during September

Sunday Worship is at 9am each week. These services are usually conducted by a Lay/Worship Leader.

The fourth week we celebrate Holy Communion this service is conducted by a Minister in the Partnership.

At this time, we are not in complete lockdown and can therefore attend worship services each Sunday completely following the Covid-19 rules; i.e., wearing masks and social distancing. Of course, if we go into complete lockdown again, then we are unable to worship together.

*Lord, help me to see the best
in everyone I meet today.*

*And thank you that you do
the same for me.*

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Supply Karen Eller

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Website: www.macedonrangesunitingchurch.org.au/worship-services

During this time of semi lockdown because of the Covid-19 virus, many of us may be feeling like this...

"I'm feeling low today, Lord. Waiting for a word of encouragement that doesn't come, for a gesture of understanding that doesn't seem to be there. I'm depressed. I've moped around for hours, and accomplished nothing. What can I do, Lord? Tell me, what can I do? There is nothing so terribly wrong with me, I know. It's just the accumulation of little things that quickly assume the proportion of bigger things the longer I brood. The advertising men have plenty of remedies to offer me. I should buy some new clothes, they say, or have a night out. (We can't do this) Or if all else fails, take a pill to pep me up. But is this the sort of help that I need, Lord? If this is what they say, what do you say to me?"

"As the father loved me, so I have loved you. Dwell in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will dwell in my love. Let my joy be in you, and your joy be full. For you are my friend, and I chose you to do a job for me."

It is just the remedy I needed, Lord. First, to be reassured about your love; then, to get on with the business of doing your will. I will give it a try, for your kind of joy sounds a bit like heaven to me."

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

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Non-urgent Crimes & Events
☎ 131444

Romsey
☎ 5429 5461

Fire Emergency 000

Bushfire Information Service
☎ 1800 240 667

SES (State Emergency Service)
☎ 132 500

Vic Emergency Hotline
☎ 1800 226 226

Nurse-On-Call
☎ 1300 60 60 24

Doctors & Chemists:

Romsey Medical Centre
☎ 5429 5254

Parkwood Green Clinic
☎ 5429 5800

Lifeline Medicals
☎ 5429 3543

Romsey Pharmacy
☎ 5429 5353

Lancefield Country Practice
☎ 5429 1362

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☎ 1800 278 462

Beyond Blue Info Line
☎ 1300 22 46 36

Cancer Council Helpline
☎ 13 1120

Sunbury/Cobaw Comm Health
☎ 1300 026 229

Diabetes Australia VIC
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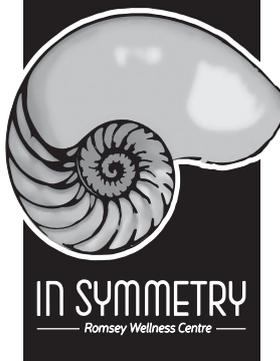
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| St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey

Current Mass Times

Sunday Mass

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

Romsey: 1st & 3rd Sunday

Lancefield: 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday.

Saturday Healing Mass

The Healing Mass will be celebrated at 10am in Romsey on the 1st Saturday of each month.

Baptisms

Baptisms are held at 2pm on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. Please contact the office for the next available date.

Sacraments

Due to Covid restrictions, children not attending St. Mary's School aren't able to join in with the Sacrament program run through the school this year; therefore they will be celebrated privately during the Sunday Mass.

Reconciliation and Eucharist are now closed but if you would like to book your child in for Confirmation, please contact the Secretary.

Should a parishioner want to go to Reconciliation, please contact Fr. Martin directly at Woodend on 5427 2690 to book a time.

Mass Bookings

As Mass numbers are restricted at this time, attendance at Mass is by registration only. Please contact the Secretary at lancefield@cam.org.au or by phone on 5429 2130 to reserve your place at the next available Mass.

Social distancing, hygiene protocols and QR code sign-in are all place at our churches. Please do not show up at Mass without a booking as you may be turned away. Thank you for your co-operation to keep our churches open.

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

For funeral arrangements, please contact Fr. Martin on 5427 2690 or by email at woodend@cam.org.au



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AGM and ELECTION

DATE: Wednesday 6th October 2021 @ 7:30 pm

VENUE: Lancefield Mechanics' Hall – Annex

PURPOSE: To elect a new Committee of Management (three (3) year term) responsible for the operations, management and development of the LMI facilities.

- All positions will be declared vacant.
- You are invited to stand as a candidate for committee membership.
- Nominations will be accepted prior to, or on the night.
- We encourage attendance and voting by the public at the election.

Further information can be obtained from our local DELWP (Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning) office or at the meeting.

For further enquiries, please contact the President, John Severson on 0414 407 034

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Romsey Primary School

What a month it has been... snap lockdowns and remote learning and then back to face to face learning all in a week.

We are so proud of how our students and staff have handled the last minute lockdown 6.0 and then also the last minute return to school.



- Our Multipurpose space and the refurbished 1/2 toilets were handed over to the school mid August. Mrs Andrea spent time preparing the STEAM space ready for her classes to start in the new space. It is a very exciting time for the school. The space looks fantastic and the students are looking forward to beginning their classes in our 21-century space.



- We are so proud and fortunate to have students who take responsibility for looking after our environment! Jenna, Piper, Paige, Imogen, Siobhan, Ivy and Leo all volunteered to pick up rubbish in their free time.



- The preps enjoyed using play dough during Art. Some of them made The Very Hungry Caterpillar after we read the story.



- Our School Captains were lucky enough to have a sneak peek at our fantastic new auditorium. This area features a stage with great sound, lighting and AV capabilities. It will be a great space for many purposes in the very near future.



- Fortunately, the lock down didn't prevent our 3/4s from attending their camp to Anglesea. They had such an amazing three days away and got to participate in some fun filled activities.

Light on a path of darkness

Every single suicide statistic speaks of immeasurable loss: somebody's life lost; hopes and dreams lost; love and connection lost.

And those who are left to grieve live with a loss as personal as the story of the one whose life has ended.

As our community continues to be impacted by suicide, Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group believes we can all play a role in supporting people experiencing a suicidal crisis and those who are bereaved.

This month MRSPAG is inviting members of our community to engage online over five days from Monday, September 6. The focus will be on self-care and checking in with others.

On Friday, September 10 - World Suicide Prevention Day – everyone is invited to light a candle in their homes at 8pm in memory of those lost to suicide.

MRSPAG chairperson, Steve Power, said the traditional walk hosted annually by the group held a special place in calendars across the Macedon Ranges and beyond but was not viable this year.

"We are hopeful this five-day campaign will not only provide an opportunity to remember those lost to suicide but also to unite and bring people together, even if online. It is a challenging time for many people with so many community events and milestones being cast aside as we grapple with this pandemic.

"We hope people will participate, wherever they are, in a covid safe way."

For more information on resources and support services for those bereaved by suicide and keeping mentally well, visit the MRSPAG website www.mrspag.com.au/other-support

If you need help now call Lifeline on 13 11 14 or text 0477 13 11 14 (6pm-midnight).

Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467

A community invitation to remember those loved and lost to suicide



MRSPAG
Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group

Monday 6th Sept - Friday 10th Sept

Join us online for self-care tips and mental health information. Light a Candle at home, 8pm on Friday 10th September - World Suicide Prevention Day.

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