

Romsey Golf Club

Ladies Report

Romsey Ladies won the Broadford Bowl. Thursday 15th September on a fine sunny day with no wind (perfect conditions) Lorraine Robb, Jan Harver and Beryl Cole with a combined 121 stableford points triumphed on the day. The course at Broadford was also in excellent condition with a fair bit of summer run. It was a very excited three-some travelling home with mobile phones spreading the news. Then the visits started, bubbles with our playing life member onto another member for another quick drink then on to our other life member then a lap of honour at the bowling club. Once the town was informed then we could go home.

Other monthly results.

24 August on a fine sunny day that was too much for all of us and results are unprintable Kath won the Stableford event.

31 August the weather was again kind to us and Beryl won with 35pts.

7 September Lorraine with her new clubs gave a demonstration of how to play and came in with a 69 nett to win the stroke competition and Monthly Medal.

14 September and Lorraine's clubs still working well saw her with a net 74 win the days stroke comp.

8 September Kath and Beryl played in the Kilmore tournament and our scores would have been better if we could stay on the greens. (Chipping from side to side adds to the score).

Kath and Denise travelled to Melton Valley to play in a 4BBB tournament. The course played well with lots of run if you stayed on the fairways. Mostly we managed to avoid the water hazards or escape with being able to retrieve wayward balls. The company was friendly and we had an enjoyable day.

The ladies are starting a Saturday competition on 8 October and welcome all ladies to play with us. Be there at 12mid day for a 12.30 hit off. New members are also welcome and if you find 18 holes daunting we can accommodate you with a 9 hole game.

The Romsey Birdies garage sale was successful and we thank everyone who donated goods to sell and all the people who came along and got some good bargains. At the end of the day we still had goodies left so have decided to have another go at raising more funds for our Relay for Life team on 24 September and I will report on that next month.

Our other news is the results from the re rating of the course. The women's course has been rerated as a par 71 with a UGCC of 74. This may see some change to our handicaps in the future.

Beryl Cole 54295411



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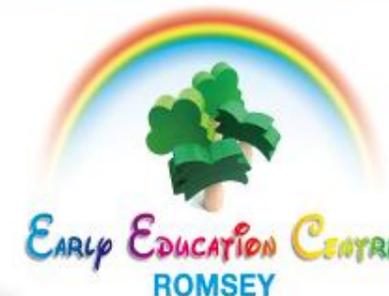
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on the fourth Thursday in each month.

Probud is a mixed club for men and women

There is a guest speaker at each meeting.

We have an outing on the third Wednesday of the month.
(Either a trip or luncheon)

Friday Morning Coffee

Musical Afternoons each month.

Ten Pin Bowling each fortnight.

Persons interested in this club and wish to have more information please contact the President or Secretary at the above phone numbers.

The outing for October will be a bus tour to Beleura House
at Mornington on Wednesday 19th October, 2011

Our October meeting will be held on
Thursday 27th October, 2011.



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WINNER of ROMSEY LANCEFIELD ROTARY RAFFLE

The Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club held a raffle over four weeks with one prize: a brand new trailer filled with red gum wood. Local businesses and residents from Lancefield and Romsey purchased many hundreds of tickets at \$2 each to support Rotary's work in the local community.

The winning ticket (No 0589) was drawn by local Councillor Joe Morabito and ably assisted by President Dennis Ness outside IGA Romsey.

As the picture shows John Rankin (Romsey) was the winner.

Thanks to all Rotarians who participated over the last few weeks with selling Raffle Tickets and working the BBQs. President Dennis Ness, (PP) Diane Powell, Anne Collins, Theresa Ness, Shane Pettingill, Dr Greg Powell, (PP) Peter O'Rourke, Vicki Pettingill (friend of Rotary), (PP) Mark Shepherdley.

Special thanks to IGA Romsey, Romsey Stock Feeds, Sunshine Trailers, Frosts Saw Mills, Craig Jamieson and Theresa Ness from Goonawarra Pharmacy and Sicilian Vespers Restaurant for their ongoing support.



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Rotary meets weekly at Soltan Pepper Restaurant (Main Street Romsey)



MORE REVEG FOR DEEP CREEK

The Deep Creek Landcarers from Lancefield/Romsey recently enjoyed a wonderful morning planting out trees along the Romsey escarpment with students from Salesian College and members of both Western Water and Melbourne Water. "We had a productive morning, and the lunch was well deserved", said Landcare President John Anderson.

The four groups have been working together for over a decade now to enhance the biodiversity of the Deep Creek and they get together annually to plant trees along the Romsey escarpment.

"The Deep Creek Landcare Group members enjoy tree planting, and one of the benefits of membership is that we offer local indigenous trees to our members at a remarkably good price", so says Deep Creek Landcare Group Secretary Hayley Goodman.

All members are welcome to the regular meeting held at 8pm on the second Monday of the month in the Lancefield Mechanics Institute, unless that day is a public holiday. John says that he likes to keep the formalities down to under an hour so that the members can finish up with a pleasant chat over coffee.

New members often come along to pick up a few tips about planting local species. Come along, join on the night and enjoy the conviviality that landcare can provide.

Have a look at the Group's website at www.deepcreeklandcare.org.au
Just come along, or to join and order some trees give John a call on 5429 1170, or call Hayley on 0409 936814.

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<http://romseygolfclub.net>

Saturday August 20th - 4BBB Stableford Guest Day

A good field hit off on a still, sunny, late winter's day in the 4BBB Stableford competition. Despite the warm day another 20+ mm of rain during the week meant the course was very wet with casual water on almost every fairway.

The day's winners were Anthony Lakey & Sharon Carroll - 46 points from Mick Nicholls & Les Gaunt - 45 points.

NTP went to 15 Mat Hall and 16 Kev Milner. The LPA again went to Mat Hall, his performances over the past few weeks would indicate that he seems to have this element of the weekly competition stitched up.

Saturday August 27th - Monthly Medal (Medal of Medalists) Stroke & Putts

The good weather brought out a strong field to compete in the August Monthly Medal and the 2010-2011 Medal of Medalists competition. It was especially good to welcome back a number of members who had been travelling through Australia or overseas. The August Monthly Medal and Medal of Medalists, winner was Les Gaunt with a fine 79/9/70 from Kev Milner 82/10/72. Least putts went to Bob Dwyer - 29 on a count back from Rob Rea, Dave Richardson, Les Gaunt & Mat Hall.

NTPs went to 15 - Mat Hall and 16 - Les Gaunt.

The 2011 Dalhousie Country Week team was announced during the week and Romsey Golf Club has three representatives, congratulations to Mat Hall, Daniel Wright and Mat Thornton.

Saturday September 3rd – Round One - Club Championships.

Winds, gusting from the north and then the south, played havoc with scores during the first round of the 2011 Club Championships. The course had dried out quite a deal however many balls still plugged so "relief through the green" was given. Good performances came from;

A Grade Stroke; Mat Hall – 79, **Handicap** – Les Gaunt 82/9/73

B Grade Stroke & handicap – Graeme Clement 89/19/70

C Grade stroke & handicap – Mick Nicholls 98/30/68. Mick was also the day's winner.

Saturday September 10th - Round Two Men's Club Championships.

The recent GolfVic re-rating confirmed our new course layout, par 72, with an ACR of 72.

Rain at the end of the week had again softened the course and strong winds, moving from the north to the west and to the south made for a difficult 2nd round of the club championships. However a number of players were still able to record excellent scores. The 2nd round leaders were;

A Grade

Stroke; Dean Jones - 83, 75 - 158, Les Gaunt - 82, 77 - 159 & Daniel Wright - 83, 78 - 161

Handicap; Les Gaunt (9) 82/73, 77/68 - 141, Mat Thornton - (6) 83/77, 80/74 - 151 & Dean Jones (2) 81/83, 75/73 - 154,

B Grade

Stroke; Graeme Clement - 89, 93 - 182, Bob McLennan - 91, 88 - 179 & Craig Wood - 95, 89 - 184

Handicap; Graeme Clement (19) 89/70, 93/74 - 144, Bob McLennan (15) - 91/76, 88/73 - 149 & Craig Wood - (17) -

95/78, 89/72 - 150

C Grade

Stroke; Anthony Lakey 105, 98 - 203 & Mick Nicholls 98, 105 - 203, John Freestone - 102, 102 - 204 & John Laing - 108, 109 - 217

Handicap; Mick Nicholls (30) - 98/68, 105/75 - 143, Anthony Lakey - (28) - 105/77, 98/70 - 147 & John Freestone (22) - 102/80, 102/80 - 160.

The day's winner was Les Gaunt, 77/9/68 from Anthony Lakey 98/28/70. The only NTP - 15 went to Matt Hall. On another issue club Captain M. Hall again rose to the occasion to regain the LPA with a sensational lime green ensemble, topped off with a pair of stunning white shoes.

Saturday September 17th Round Three Men's Club Championships.

Warm, sunny conditions and strong winds from the north made for an enjoyable, if challenging third round of the 2011 championships. The leaders hit off in the final group and the lead changed on the 1st hole with Jones and Gaunt dropping shots and Wright picking up a birdie. The lead continued to change throughout the afternoon with scores all square as they turned for the back nine. By the 14th Jones had picked up a two shot lead however Gaunt and Wright attacked on the two par three to peg him back with a birdie each. Good tee shots down the par 5 17th set up chances of birdie for all three. Gaunt and Wright made theirs while Jones lipped out for a par. It was all square going up the 391 m par 4 18th. Gaunt and Wright drove to the corner while Jones found himself in the trees and had to chip out sideways. Gaunt's 2nd shot found the middle of the green while both Jones and Wright unluckily bounced off the green giving very difficult shots to get up and near the hole, neither could not stop their ball and both rolled off the front. The round finished as Gaunt put in a 3 m birdie putt to claim his 4th Club Championship

The day's winners were;

A Grade

Stroke; Les Gaunt 238 from Daniel Wright 240
Handicap; Les Gaunt 211 from Mat Thornton 225

B Grade

Stroke Bob McLennan 274 from Graeme Clement and Craig Wood 276
Handicap Graeme Clement 219 from Craig Wood 225

C Grade

Stroke Anthony Lakey 294 from Mick Nicholls 307
Handicap Anthony Lakey 210 from Mick Nicholls 217

NTPs went to 1 – Bob McLennan, 15 Mat Thornton and 16 – Dean vanDenHeuval

John Jeffries Shield – Best overall nett – Anthony Lakey - 210

Laurie Thomson Shield – Best nett by a player 18 and under – Dean vanDenHeuval - 229

Peter Scanlon Shield – Best nett by a player 55 and over – Anthony Lakey - 210.

The day's winner was Lakey 91/28/63 from Gaunt 79/9/70, vanDenHeuval 89/19/707, John Laing 101/30/70 and Kev Milner 83/13/70

Wood Chop Is Back at The Lancefield Show

On the third Sunday in October the roar of chainsaws from Lancefield Park can mean only one thing – the Lancefield Show Woodchop is back! In addition to the country's fastest hot saws, this year's woodchop will have more events than ever before, as well as axemen in blistering form fresh from the Royal Adelaide and Melbourne Shows.



Local businesses are continuing to show the support for this fast paced family entertainment with many new businesses putting their hand up to sponsor the event. One of these businesses, Red Door Books of Lancefield will sponsor the aptly named, Jack and Jill Sawing event, which will boast the biggest field of male-female sawing partners outside of the Melbourne Show.

The North Western Estate Agents' Hard Hitting Victorian Title will be an exciting spectacle of strength and speed where the World Champion, Laurence O'Toole, will fight to maintain his dominance in this state championship event.

There will be something for everyone at this year's woodchop including sawing, juniors, the country's best axewomen and veterans. Axemen also worth taking the time to see will include World Champion David Coffey, Victorian Under 18 Champion Brayden Meyer, and Romsey local Blake Meyer recently named the best junior and overall axeman of the Royal Adelaide Show Woodcutting Competition.

Events will run every 10 minutes and there will be professional commentary throughout the day. With more than 40 axemen planning to attend, you can expect an exciting, world class event at your local Lancefield Show.

For more information go to www.woodchopping.org or email cvaa@live.com.au

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2011 Woodchop Events

Lancefield Bakery 250mm Novice Standing Block

An event for beginning axemen of all ages and a perfect opportunity to see up and coming talent.

Lancefield Take Away 300mm Novice Underhand

Keep an eye out for Victoria's top seeded Axewoman, Adele Deverell, cutting against the fellas. There is a good reason she is in the Australian Women's Team, and this event is it!

Brad Skinner Plumbing Junior Chop

Whilst competitors in this handicap event are under the age of 18 don't be fooled by their age. Axemen will include Australian U21 team champion Brayden Meyer, who was the winner of every open event at last year's Lancefield Show.

Vivian Lindner Memorial 250mm Open Standing Block

This event sponsored Shane Lindner, is a memorial to the late Vivian Lindner (nee Meyer) who was the only sister to six Meyer brothers and a committed contributor to the behind the scenes running of the sport. Last year's saw a record breaking 17 members of the Meyer family compete at the Lancefield Show with many set to return specifically for this event.

Romsey Mowers 300mm Open Underhand

Axemen will be rearing to go as they compete for the chainsaw first prize, donated by Romsey Mowers.

PM Tree Lopping Hot Chainsaw Race

Not your average chainsaw event. These hotted up chainsaws will roar into action throughout the day. Not to be missed.

Romsey Self Storage Veterans Underhand

With axemen from the golden years of woodchopping, it is not unusual for competitors to be well into their seventies. See if you can pick the former "World of Sports" competitors.

North Western Estate Agents Hard Hitting Victorian Title, 300mm Standing Block

For something a bit different, this event requires axemen to cut through their log in the smallest number of blows in addition to the shortest time. Axemen from all over the state will be vying for championship points. Look out for the World Champion in this event, Laurence O'Toole, who is known for cutting through a 'foot block' in less than 12 blows.

Lancefield Motors Two-Man Relay (300UH / 250SB)

This two-man event will see one axeman cut an underhand log and another cut a standing block, one after the other. With a final field of 16 axemen, this event is well worth a look.

Red Door Books Jack & Jill Sawing

Jack and Jill went up the hill and came down with a cross cut saw. Don't miss the only event that specifically requires women competitors or Jills to be part of the pairings.

Frost's Sawmill Double Handed Sawing

Faster than a standard chainsaw but a bit more work. This cross cut sawing event will host state champions as well as James Deverell and Blake Meyer, the fastest Under 21 sawing pair in Australia.

Lancefield Hotel Single Handed Sawing

Watch Royal Show and World Championship finalists as they saw through the timber log on their own. Great to watch and an event that certainly makes you appreciate the advent of the chainsaw.

New waste collection service helps residents to 'bin better'



We have improved and expanded our garbage and recycling service. Council is extending its service to include all rural areas in the shire. This is part of our plan to increase recycling across the shire, while improving access to our services. If you currently do not use the service, you can now apply for a weekly garbage and fortnightly recycling collection for only \$215 a year. Please call 5422 0333 to register.

If you already receive a Council waste and recycling collection, you will see a significant improvement in the quality and reliability of this service, thanks to the introduction of our new contractor, Wheelie Waste.

For more information call 5422 0333



We are improving access to our services while increasing recycling across the shire - helping us move towards ZERO WASTE.

Council has improved and expanded its waste and recycling collection service: not only is there a new garden bin collection for residential properties, new contractor Wheelie Waste will also provide an improved and extended service to all residents across the shire.

"Through the new contract with Wheelie Waste, we are now able to offer our waste and general recycling collection service to virtually every property in the shire," said Mayor Henry McLaughlin. "Council is offering this service for only \$215 a year – that's \$18 a month for a regular weekly collection. But most importantly, the service extension means we can increase the collection of recyclable materials across the shire. Up to 65% of recyclable materials still goes into landfill – so we encourage everyone in the Macedon Ranges to use our service and fill their recycling bin correctly," he said.

If you live in a rural area, you may see a truck collect both your garbage and recycling bins at the same time – this truck is split in two compartments, to keep your garbage and recyclables separate.

"We also encourage residents who have received a green garden bin to start recycling their garden clippings, as Council audits show that up to 20% of garbage truck contents consists of recyclable garden materials," he said.

The fee for the garden bin service, which is being provided to designated residential properties, is \$1 per week or \$0.50 per week for pensioners.

"These initiatives are in line with the Victoria Government's Toward Zero Waste strategy, which requires Council to increase the amount of waste that is recycled in the shire from 35% to 65% by 2014," said Mayor Henry McLaughlin.

Council's new contractor, Wheelie Waste, aims to employ local people and use local industry wherever possible, and will have an operational base in Woodend.

"The new contract with Wheelie Waste will result in a significant and visible improvement for residents in the quality and reliability of our waste collection service," said Mayor Henry McLaughlin.

As part of the new contract, during October Council aims to repair or replace all damaged bins put out on the day of collection. There will also be a more rapid turnaround on the repair or replacement of damaged bins after October.

If you currently do not receive a Council waste and recycling collection but would like to take advantage of this service, please contact Customer Service on 5422 0333 for an application form.

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Romsey Primary School News

Digital Learning Prep ICT Project

The students of Prep CM are excited to be participating in a study by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development entitled "The Contemporary Literacy of Preps" this term. As part of this project the preps have had focused lessons that are designed around the safe and responsible use of technologies, finding and selecting information, critical and creative thinking and evaluation. Embedded in the project is an emphasis on effective communication and collaborating beyond the classroom walls. The inquiry topic of "Living & Non-living Things" has been an excellent vehicle for the preps to demonstrate their learning. To celebrate the conclusion of this project the students with the help of their parents took a photo of a farm. All their photos were displayed in an exhibition in the gym for parents and the community to enjoy.

The Ultranet

We have been recognised by the Loddon Mallee Region as a school that has embraced and supported the implementation of the Ultranet. To support this project we have been granted \$5000 to extend and further develop our teacher's expertise. Two Ultranet coaches from the region will spend 10 days working with our teachers and students next term. Our school will be available as a host school for visits by other schools' leaders and teachers. The focus for our project is on using the Ultranet to improve student learning in literacy. Early in this term the Ultranet coach for Macedon Network supported Mrs Emond and Mrs Dettmann. These teachers have been training their colleagues and students and many students have become experts and taught other classes various skills. The Victorian Government is fully committed to the continued implementation of the Ultranet as an online student-centred learning environment that supports quality learning and teaching and connects students, teachers and parents. We look forward to our continued success in this area.

Video Conferencing

We are also pleased to announce that we have recently had delivered two sets of video conferencing equipment. One has been installed and we are awaiting the installation of the other. One is part of the funding we received for The Learning Neighbourhood and the other is being paid for by the region in recognition of our continued excellence in this area. We are excited about being able to have this advanced equipment available to all students.

A Great Day for Our Preps and Their Dads

Just before Father's Day the preps were very excited to invite their dads and other special guests along for breakfast at school, and to share some of the great work they have been doing in the classroom. For the dads and grandfathers who came along, it was a wonderful opportunity to visit the school and find out just what happens in the prep area. Thank you to the many visitors who made the time to come along on this special day. We hope you had an enjoyable morning. Thanks also the staff who organized breakfast.

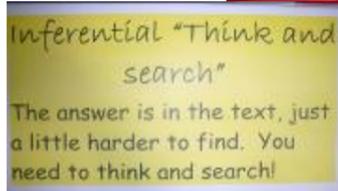


Our Whole School Approach to Teaching Reading

This term, as part of our whole school approach to reading, daily explicit instruction is being provided to all students in developing questioning strategies to both actively construct meaning and to monitor comprehension. Questioning is an important strategy in developing comprehension. Fluent readers actively and strategically engage when reading by asking questions. This helps them to focus their reading, delve deeper into the text, clarify meaning, and critically reflect on what they have read.

It is through asking meaningful questions that students learn to monitor their comprehension. Smart readers recognise when they are losing meaning, whether it be at the word, sentence, or text level, and are able to ask questions about what strategies they need to use to help them comprehend.

Some of the questioning strategies our students are using include asking before, during and after questions, locating answers to literal questions in the text, thinking and searching to answer inferential questions, making and recording wonderings, grandma reading, partner reading and question webs. The pictures below are a sample of what is happening in classrooms as our students develop their questioning skills and abilities.



Prep Enrolments for 2012

Prep enrolments for 2012 are open. Enrolment packages have been delivered to Romsey Kindergarten, Lula Mays or can be picked up from the school's office. Parents need to bring the enrolment forms to the office along with your child's birth certificate and immunization record. If you know of a family whose first child is beginning school next year it would be helpful to inform them of this information. A school tour with the principal can be organised by phoning the school on 54295099.

Romsey Uniting Church

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Minister Rev. Dr. Avril Hannah-Jones: 5429 5351

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You are most welcome to come to the Romsey Uniting Church

Blessing of Emergency Services.

The Sunday@Six Service on Sunday 30th October will commence with a tea at 5pm followed by a service to Bless the Emergency Services before the Bush Fire Season.

A Knock at the Door

"When Jesus came ashore, he saw a great crowd; and his heart went out to them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he had much to teach them."

Mark 6: 34

"When they came ashore, Jesus was immediately recognized; and the people scourged that whole country-side and brought the sick on stretchers to any place where he was reported to be."

Mark 6: 54-55

"Here I stand knocking at the door:

Revelation 3: 20

A knock at the door;
It's another request for help.
There are so many calls on my time, on my purse, on me.
"Could you go to see someone who's lonely?"
"Will you give, that a child need not starve?"
"Our committee would like you to help"

Is there never an end to it, Lord?
Can I never sit down and just say, "I've done my bit.
It's somebody else's turn now."

"I've my own concerns to attend to," I'd like to say.
But I guess that applied to the Good Samaritan, too.

And maybe these are my concerns.....
Dare I turn aside, when really I know very well
There is something I could do to help, if I cared to try.

At times, Lord, you longed for a rest.
But the crowds pursued you.
The sick stretched out desperate hands.
And you put their needs before your own.

I will answer the door.
I may not be able to help
But I dare not ignore the knock.

Is it you, Lord, who knocks at my door?

*Conversations with God by Joy Merritt
(Published in 1971)*

Church Services during October 2011

2 nd	9am.	Worship Service
9 th	9am.	Worship Service and Eucharist conducted by Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones
16 th	9am.	Worship Service conducted by the Worship Team.
23 rd	9am	Worship Service conducted by Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones
30 th	5pm	Combined Service at Mt. Macedon. Sunday@6 Blessing of Emergency Services

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16 th October	Working Bee 10am- 2pm
29 th October	Family Fun Day 10am -2pm
8 November	AGM 8pm – 9pm

4yo - Transition to school

All 4 year old groups have visited Romsey Primary School twice during the last month. Most children have enjoyed the excursion, trying 'school work' and found it to be a positive experience going to school. Students from grade 4 and 5 have also visited the kinder fortnightly – reading stories to the kinder children. They're great experiences for both the kinder and school children.

Family Fun Day 29th October

Our annual Family Fun Day is fast approaching. The kinder will be open to all to come in and see how the kinder works, meet the staff and enjoy the fun activities on the day. Parents and families can further assist- bake a cake or slice to be sold at a cake stall on the day (nut free and ingredients need to be listed). Spread the word - we are planning a jumping castle, face painting, fairy floss and plenty of fun activities! Light refreshments will be available. **Family Fun Day 29th October 10 – 2pm**

Working Bee- 16th October

Our next working bee is the 16th October with an extended time now from 10am-2pm, so if you can help out at all during this time, we would really appreciate your assistance! With the Family Fun Day the following week it is a good chance for some gardening and general maintenance so the grounds are looking fantastic. Tree planting and paver-laying is also to be completed on the day. You might like to watch your paver being laid, or even help lay it! Put it on your calendar **16th October!**

Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM is to be held on Tuesday 8th November 2011 from 8pm-9pm.

Enrolment packs and parent handbooks for 2012 enrolments will be handed out on the night. It is also a great opportunity to join next year's committee - a fantastic community group. If you are good at handling money (treasurer), possess leadership qualities (president, vice president) or organizational/secretarial roles (secretary) being part of a group that is active in achieving great results for children at kinder can be very rewarding. Please consider volunteering for the benefit of the kinder and your child!

Prehistoric past visits kinder

Dinosaurs are all the talk at kinder, following a visit from the Victoria Museum, where the children were taught about fossils and dinosaurs. Fascinated, the children listened very well and contributed with plenty of questions and comments!

Wising up with water

Western Water visited the kinder and encouraged the children to learn about water conservation and its importance. It's never too early to learn about water and its importance – the children were eager to start and participated well.

Romsey Primary School news cont.

What a Way to End the Term!

The school was a hive of activity right up till the end of term, with three major events involving Preps, Year 1 and 2 classes, and our Year 6 students.



The Preps were proud to show off their photographic skills by hosting an exhibition of their own works on the theme "On the Farm" for parents, family and friends. This was the culmination of their term 3 studies of living and non-living things, and followed an excursion to a farm in Bundoora.



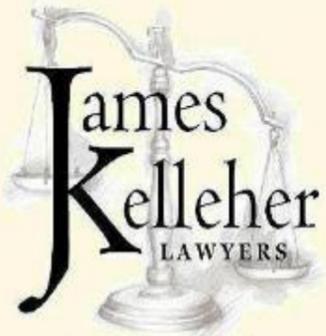
The Year 6 students also held a special event entitled "An Evening for East Africa." Not only did they highlight their term's work on Australia, they also raised awareness of the plight of disadvantaged people in East Africa. This was also a fund-raiser for *Medecins Sans Frontieres*, an international medical aid service. Parents were most impressed with the students' efforts, and \$365 was raised on the evening.



The students from Years 1 and 2 dazzled the kindergarten children and their parents, as well as their own special guests with 3 amazing performances of "Fractured Fairytales" - a play written by teacher Erin Moore, in which many familiar fairytale characters meet under unusual circumstances and learn what kindness and friendship are all about.



Thank you to all the staff who instigated and supported these events, and to the parents and others who came along to celebrate our students' achievements, and to help behind the scenes. Congratulations to the students for their hard work and the fantastic results they achieved because of it.



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A Rochford couple had a dream to buy a motor home and travel Australia. Instead they are making the same dream for other people come true. Jodie Rogers and Michael Cricelli have put their plans on hold for the time being whilst they expand their once home based business. Custom Built Motor Homes Pty Ltd has ventured only a short distance from home to town, now located in Park Lane Romsey.

"We specialise in Bus to Motor home conversions" Michael said. "We also undertake repairs and maintenance and supply and fit all sorts of products to existing motor homes, caravans, camper vans, RV's even horse floats and horse trucks" Michael says "We have found with the current world events, people are less inclined to travel overseas, instead choosing to pack up and explore Australia." We have built motor homes and modified/repared motor homes not just for the "grey nomads", people from all socioeconomics use our services," Jodie said.

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The Australian Personal Property Security Register was due to commence in May, then October this year and now, will commence in early 2012. It will affect most businesses and it is worthwhile looking at the impact of these new laws as soon as possible. Financiers, Lessors and Suppliers will need to make sure that they do not lose their rights over assets which they have secured. Buyers will need to make sure that no one else has an interest in the item they are buying.

The new register will replace most traditional securities including bills of sale and company charges. Banks and other lenders will be taking great interest in this register as it will provide them with greater clarity about the lending risk of your business.

That's all the theory but what does this really mean for your business? If you are currently owed money for the goods & services provided you may have a retention clause that states that the goods and services do not pass to the purchaser until full payment is made. From February, if your interest is not registered, no longer will that retention stand as it now does and, in the case of a debtor's business failing, you will have no more right to your goods being returned than any other creditor.

By correctly securing your interest on the register you are increasing the likelihood that you will collect either your goods or the cash value of the goods in the event of business failure. If you've ever had a customer or client's business fail you will know exactly how difficult it is to ever recover your money or goods, let alone the administrative & emotional pain – this register is now the governor for determining whether you stand at the front of the queue or if you are well down the line like many other creditors. In many cases correct registration of your interest may mean that you even stand in the queue ahead of both the banks and the tax office.

This is a very real issue that is coming up for businesses and if you are not fully aware of your position you may be putting both your business and, by extension, your personal assets at risk. A system similar to this has been operating in New Zealand for a number of years and some horror stories are now coming out for business owners who thought everything was OK but found out otherwise when it was too late.

So, what can you do as a business owner between now & February. Review your business operations and model and determine where there is risk and then take the necessary steps to protect yourself and your family. Mistakes in this area could expose your risk to many thousands of dollars not to mention the impact on you and your family personally.

McMahon Osborne Group has teamed with a firm of commercial lawyers to support businesses and business owners who may be exposed to this risk. This dedicated team can conduct a comprehensive review of your business risks and provide a complete action plan to protect you. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity you can call Karen on 03 9744 7144 or email karen@mcmahonosborne.com.au who will facilitate a costs proposal specific to your business.

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News from **Bolinda & Monegeeta**

All The (Freezing) Fun Of The Fair... (September 11th)

Well, our Daffodil Show and Spring Fair has come and gone – on one of the coldest and bleakest days of the year! Despite the squalls, hail and biting wind those brave souls who ventured out still had a good day. The Hall looked wonderful, with a great display of daffodils and other flowers and some fantastic artwork. The Open Daffodil Section was won by J. & R. McConnell, Sue Frost won the Intermediate Section and R. Green won the Novice. We were delighted to have a number of entries in our new Junior Novice Section (especially for school children) with Ethan Dettmann winning that aggregate. Bolinda Primary School won Best Bloom in the Intermediate Section, with a perfect bloom of 'Jetfire'. Barbara Slimmon won the Cut Flowers Section and Pam Amezdroz the Floral Art. Darraweit children had a fantastic range of different art on display (and some amazing blue chook eggs) and Bolinda children had some 'wow!' constructions – horses, planes, homesteads...you name it, it was probably there. Doug Bryce had a wonderful display of daffodils and also other bulbs for sale.

The weather caused lots of cancellations, but still our stalwart locals manned a range of stalls – plants (with some lovely Hellebores and Cerinthe a feature), produce (honey, eggs, grapefruit, olives were popular), barbecued hamburgers and sausages, and wonderful morning and afternoon teas. A new one was the Fairy Floss – delicious, and booked for next year! It takes a lot to dampen the Bolinda spirit! It was really great to have the Primary School back at the Fair, with a range of delicious cakes, etc, on sale – don't miss that stall next year. An enthusiastic band of young and capable parents are really promoting a great school community. Unfortunately, the Allen Sound System could not be set up in the wild weather, so our entertainment program was curtailed. Our local MP Joanne Duncan, opened the proceedings in the Hall, with her usual good community spirit.

The children, as children do, made a great day of it, despite the cold. We were disappointed that our Lions Train could not make it at the last moment – one driver was chosen as Kyneton's Daffodil King and the other had a motorbike accident the day before the Fair (he is recovering well) and it was impossible to get replacement rides at the last minute. Continuing squalls made the ground too wet and dangerous for our Picnic Races; it was too wet for colouring and related activities, and even for our Recycled Water Man. But the kids loved the lambs (and the lambs loved the kids!) and some kids spent most of the day there. Our weatherproof tractor driver made many circuits of the oval with his hay-rides, and the Archaeology Dig still yielded many treasures. The fabulous Sunbury WoodTurners were back, amazing us with their skill and generously giving away many wooden whistles- the children were rapt, and no doubt the parents were too!

All in all, we cleared over \$1200, which is excellent considering the day. Our Raffles (side of locally grown lamb and other meat cuts) was won by B.Dettmann, R. Phillips, C.Hanns, D.Frost and G.Shepherd. Enjoy! We thank our generous donors of prizes, discounts etc – Frosts Sawmills, Romsey P.O., Riddell Bakery, Riddell Supermarket, Webbers Nursery,

Doug Bryce. And those wonderful Hellebores from P.O. Farm at Woodend (look them up!) AND A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED, PACKED UP OR SUPPORTED!! We have our celebratory dinner at 'Seasons', Riddell, on Friday 16th of September.

Vale, Derek Rae

We would also like to acknowledge here the wonderful support given to our Spring Fairs past by the late Derek Rae. Even when he could no longer drive, he attended the Fair on his pushbike. Last year, his stories, his cars and most of all, his delightful piano playing, were greatly appreciated by all at the Fair. He had even bigger and better plans for this year with cars, photos and especially music recitals; well, it's a good way to go, still planning ahead and enjoying life. Thanks, Derek for your lifetime of community support, including a record number of years in the CFA.

Bolinda Primary School News...

Students (and staff!) had a most successful day at the Spring Fair with quite a few getting prize cards. All students won a 'Dinosaur Pet' for their stunning Constructions on display in the Hall. Students from Grades 4-6 were on camp in the Pioneer Settlement at Swan Hill from 14th to 16th of September and Grade Prep to 2 students visited Darraweit Guim Primary School for a great day of socialisation activities on 14th September. And – a Hot Dog lunch was held for the last day of term!

Congrats to Jayden, April, Luke, Cassie and Kendall for a Mathletics Achievement Award for Outstanding Results in Concept Mastery.

Parents and Friends - Well done to all organisers, helpers and bakers for a great Cake Stall at the Fair! 'And the good-will communicated by active participation in our community' (Tom C., Vice-Pres, School Council).

Bol-Darra Garden Club

We have a great little Garden/Social Club which meets monthly, visiting local gardens, or going further afield. It's a good way to pick up garden hints and advice and to collect some plants. Our day is always followed by a good afternoon tea! (Some of our members don't even garden, but like the eating part!) Next meeting is on October 29th in Darraweit Road- all are very welcome. (54 285 347 or 0415256911 for enquiries)

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Red Cross - Romsey

On behalf of the Romsey Red Cross Unit I would like to thank the people who supported our Fashion Parade and the Romsey IGA for their donation to the Hamper Raffle. We would be delighted to welcome any new members. Your support would be most appreciated.
Isobel Hood - President - 5429 5502



The new look *Macedon Ranges Family Newsletter* was launched in the first week of Term 3, 2011 and has been very well received. Thank you to all our contributors, readers and new subscribers!

The *Macedon Ranges Family Newsletter* is a free publication produced quarterly at the start of each school term. The aim of the newsletter is to provide relevant and up to date information that is useful to local families, specifically those with children aged from birth to eight years old.

To receive a copy of the newsletter...

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The newsletter is available in the first few weeks of each term. We hope you enjoy the newsletter!

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Portrait fundraiser

The Lancefield-Macedon Ranges Relay for Life Team, Angels and Demons, is having a Portrait Photography fundraiser on the weekend of November 5 & 6. Sessions will run from 9am to 5pm on Saturday and 11am to 5pm Sunday at the Uniting Church Hall, Pohlman Street, Romsey. Bookings and payment of \$20 must be finalised by October 24. This cost covers one 8"x10" portrait. Relay For Life will receive \$15 from every booking.

Several portrait packages will be available to order on the day including canvas art and images on disc.

To secure your session time, ring Darlene Baker on 54295186 or Libbi Baker on 0400503855.

Early support for cancer event

It is a massive challenge for a relatively small rural region but with six months to go until the next Lancefield-Macedon Ranges Relay For Life, organisers are encouraged by early registrations and two new committee members.

Fundraising efforts are being ramped up for the 10th anniversary, which will be held on the weekend of March 5 and 6 at Lancefield Park. More than \$130,000 is needed to reach \$1 million in fundraising since the event started in 2003.

The 2012 event was officially launched in Woodend on September 7, with the organising committee delighted to welcome four new team registrations on the night, bringing the number to 15 and bucking the trend of past years for most teams to leave registration until as late as on the day of the Relay.

Relay For Life is the major fundraiser for the Cancer Council. Proceeds are used for cancer research, education, advocacy and support services.

Spirit of the Relay winner for 2011, Donn Gray, of Romsey, urged those at the launch to continue their involvement and help share the load of organisers. Team Captain Melissa Barclay is bringing youths to the Relay for the fourth year, enthused by a strong sense of community and an opportunity to contribute to the cause.

For more details and to register a team or individual, or to make a donation, visit the website www.relayforlife.org.au and follow the prompts to Lancefield. Alternatively ring Melissa McCarthy on 0438 831 427 or email tmac31@bigpond.net.au. More information can also be obtained from the Cancer Council Victoria on 1300 65 65 85.



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An interesting piece in the Romsey Examiner of 6 November 1891:

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The Society will be in attendance at the **Lancefield Agricultural Show on 16th October.** This year we will be featuring the Mechanics' Institutes from the old Romsey Shire. This will be our History Week effort as well.

We will be taking part in the **Romsey Festival on 26th November**, between 4 and 6 p.m. We will have a full range of memorabilia for sale.

It is good to see the Band Rotunda finished and the new garden furniture in place. Well done to the Street -Scape Committee.

We are hoping to be able to have a special Christmas break up this year.

The Courthouse has been extremely busy over recent times.

There has been a great deal of work happening at the Cottage as well.

The Society received a \$500 grant from the Macedon Ranges Community Grants and this will be used to put together a history of all the schools that have operated within the Old Romsey Shire since approximately 1860. This will be an on-going project for sometime.

The AGM will be held on 22nd November at 7.30 p.m. at the Lancefield Courthouse, all welcome.

Contact details for the Cottage are Sheryl on 0419 597 947 and the Courthouse is Robyn on 0418 172 659.



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Romsey Community House Inc.

Annual General Meeting
Monday October 10th at 4.30pm.
At the Romsey Hub
96 Main Street, Romsey.

Gas Heating

Well with spring coming so are a few warmer days, thank heavens. We can nearly all stop worrying about buying, cutting, stacking and burning wood to keep warm for another year. With the price of wood going up every year and the availability of good dry wood diminishing, it is now time to stop and think is it really worth the time and money, just to stay warm. Natural gas has been available in most parts of the Romsey/Lancefield district for a little while now yet I am amazed at how many households and businesses have yet to take advantage of the cheapest resource we have left. With power bills rising and water bills rising, natural gas is becoming the preferred energy source for most things.

There are a number of options available when it comes to heating your home with natural gas from Ducted Heating, new ranges of space heater options as well as the increasingly popular gas log fires. I have just taken the opportunity myself to install a Gas Log Fire into our existing open fire place at home. Installation of a gas log fire can be as simple as removing an existing wood heater and replacing with a gas log fire or they can be installed into most existing brick or masonry fire places with little or no extra fluing required.

Let's be honest as pleasing as it is to have an open fire place in any home they rarely get used unless they are the sole source of heating for a house. So put an end to lugging dirty pieces of wood through your nice clean house and contact Spiffy's Plumbing & Irrigation to discuss which option best suits your needs.

Simon Smith

Message from Mayor, Henry McLaughlin, Macedon Ranges Shire Council

As Mayor I am seldom involved in straightforward issues and more often than not deal with challenging items that reinforce that our world is anything but black and white. Balancing this role, I occasionally have the privilege of witnessing and experiencing firsthand the tremendous spirit that exists throughout the Macedon Ranges within the various community groups.

One such recent experience was an invitation from Malmsbury Primary School to award badges to their three house captains and the eight members of their junior school council, ages 5 through to 12.

Amongst other duties, the Malmsbury Primary School junior school council have some input into school expenditure. When asked what budgetary items were being considered at present they advised that a slide was quite high on the list. All eight members agreed, and as an example of constituent consultation we quickly put it to the approximately 80 students for a show of hands – support was unanimous.

Although those coming up through the ranks at Malmsbury Primary School may be a little young for the 2012 Council elections, I am more than confident that with what I witnessed at Malmsbury and other primary schools I have visited, there are many future Councillors, and Mayors, amongst us.



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I wish the school community all the best with the slide fund-raising and would love to attend the opening ceremony. Thank you for the invitation, Malmsbury, to visit a great little school in a great little town.



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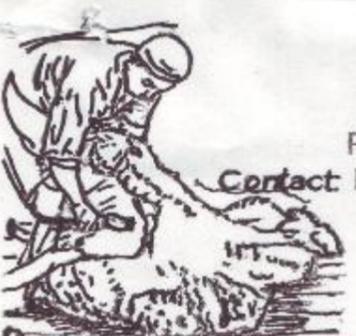
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Which international artist will be performing at Hanging Rock on 18 February 2012? (got a challenging trivial question? CrHenryMcLaughlin@bigpond.com)



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Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA) UPDATE

New Membership Package Finalised

The RRBATA Committee of Management recently revised the RRBATA membership package making it increasingly attractive for Romsey region businesses to get on board with their representative organisation.

The membership subscription of \$50 per calendar year will include the following:

- Networking opportunities between members and with governmental bodies (including Macedon Ranges Shire Council).
- Free General Listing on Romsey Online (www.romsey.org.au).
- Reduced fees for special events (e.g. Business Breakfast)
- Quarterly Newsletter

RRBATA is encouraging all local businesses – whether shop-front, tradesman or home based – to consider getting on board!

Bank of the Future Briefing

At the time of going to press, RRBATA and LBATA were to be briefed by the Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank on Wednesday 21st September 2011 in relation to its “Bank of the Future” project at 105 Main Street. RRBATA is looking forward to being part of the extensive community discussion regarding some of the more specific elements of this potentially exciting new initiative for Romsey. An extensive report on this event will be included in the next edition of the Rag.

RRBATA – 2012 and Beyond

Just a reminder that the Annual General Meeting is approaching, scheduled for Monday 17th October 2011 at 7.30pm at the Romsey Community Hub. RRBATA's purpose, in addition to facilitating communication between its members, is to promote business and tourism in the region. With new businesses having opened in Romsey, and the imminent development of the old stockfeeds site into a bank and retail complex, this is an exciting time. RRBATA stands ready to advocate for its members during this period and invites all members (and those businesses wishing to become members) to consider active participation by attending the AGM. Please contact the Jenny Stillman (President – 0412 349849, jennystillman@optusnet.com.au) or Joanne Hagan (Secretary – 0432 320553 hages10@optusnet.com.au) if you have further enquiries.

Romsey Online Update

RRBATA is continuing its review of Romsey Online to ascertain whether its appearance and function can be further improved. RRBATA's Committee of Management recently agreed to conduct a survey of users and listing businesses/organisations to ascertain feedback to assist the site's ongoing development. The website is an important resource for both local residents and potential visitors to our town as well so it is important that a fresh appearance is maintained. Feedback regarding the website is welcome so please email your comments to info@romsey.org.au.

Remember - For RRBATA members, a General Listing is now included in their membership subscription. Listing for other businesses is very affordable, and community groups can list their contact details or events and news at no cost.

And don't forget, *ANYONE CAN BE A REPORTER!* Whether it is sporting results, photos, reports on events etc, the website is

waiting for your “news”. Please ensure a note of consent from people featured in any photographs accompanies your submissions. Remember, the website is only as good as the information fed to it at info@romsey.org.au.

Thinking About Membership?

RRBATA is only as good as its membership. Consider being a beneficiary of the exciting initiatives planned ahead by becoming a RRBATA member so as you can be heard!!

Membership Enquiries:

Joanne Hagan (Secretary) Phone: 0432 320553

Email: hages10@optusnet.com.au

Next RRBATA Function: Annual General Meeting

Monday 17th October 2011 at 7.30pm

Romsey Community Hub.

Would you like to understand more about bushfire risk in your area?

Do you have ideas on what can make your community safer, and on what you need to prepare?

The Macedon Ranges have been identified as one of the highest bushfire risk areas in Victoria.

A new **Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee*** has been established for the Macedon Ranges, to help the community with fire prevention, preparedness, response and recovery. A key outcome for this committee is to develop the new **Municipal Fire Management Plan**, drawing on local knowledge and community input.

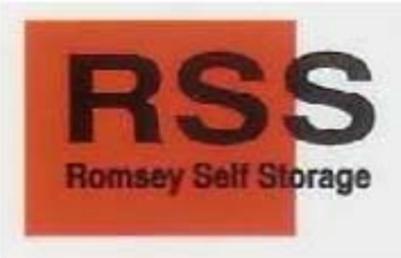
If you would like to know more, and start building your skills and confidence to live in a bushfire-prone area, please come to one of the following community workshops:

Woodend Community Centre	Macedon Jubilee Hall
Date: Monday 17 October	Date: Monday 24 October
Time: 7.00pm – 8.30pm	Time: 7.00pm – 8.30pm
	Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House
	Date: Saturday 22 October
	Time: 10.00am – 11.30am

To register, email jdoyle@mrsc.vic.gov.au or call 5422 0333 by **Friday 14 October**. For more information, visit www.mrsc.vic.gov.au

*The Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee is a whole-of-community approach representing agencies across state, regional and local levels, including: Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Country Fire Authority, Police Victoria, Department of Sustainability and Environment, Department of Human Services, Parks Victoria, HVP Plantations and Western Water.

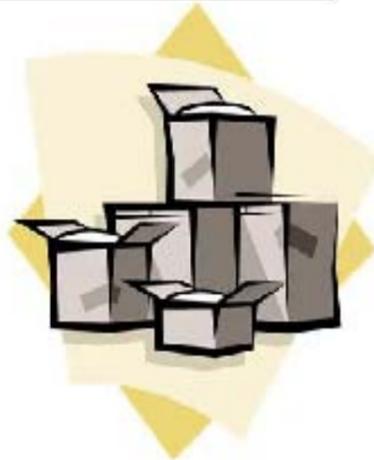




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Australia Day Awards and Events 2012

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“The Australia Day awards are an opportunity to recognise members of our community who help make the Macedon Ranges the great place that it is,” says Mayor Henry McLaughlin. “If you know someone who selflessly gives of themselves to the community, avoids recognition and seeks no praise, then we want to know about them.”

Awards are presented to acknowledge both people and events which contribute to the vitality of our region, our communities and our lives. You can nominate either a person you look up to and admire for their achievements and contributions to their community, or an event which made you proud to live where you live.

“Together let’s find the heroes of our communities and give them the recognition they deserve,” says Mayor Henry McLaughlin.

Categories include:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Achievement
- Community Event

Australia Day Festivities – from Baynton to Bullengarook

Many towns in the Macedon Ranges host Australia Day celebrations. Some start early, some finish late. Last year you could have enjoyed a treasure hunt and free barbeque breakfast at Gisborne, a game of cricket at Woodend followed by Romsey’s ‘skate-off’ and Idol talent competition then ending with a run in the Baynton Gift.

On Australia Day 2011, celebrations were held in Baynton, Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey, Tylden and Woodend.

Council offers grants of up to \$500 to community organisations interested in conducting Australia Day Celebrations. If you would like to put your town on the celebration map we would love to hear from you.

Application and nomination forms are available at all Council Service Centres, at www.mrsc.vic.gov.au or by contacting Trudy Campbell on 5422 0320. Applications and nominations close on Friday, 4 November 2011.



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Ita Buttrose appears by arrangement with Saxton Speakers Bureau

TRUSTS REMAIN BENEFICIAL

There have been some significant developments in the last few months across the breadth of statute, case law and the Australian Taxation Office position on trusts, including:

Removal of the low income tax offset for minors receiving un-earned income

Changes to income streaming requirements

Tightening of rules regarding unpaid present entitlements to corporate beneficiaries

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Shopping "local" for gifts, whether for a wedding, anniversary, engagement or birthday, has never been easier! New ranges of pressie ideas have arrived in-store, including stunning acacia wood serving boards, salad bowls, and servers. Cuttings is renowned for its special, complimentary gift wrap service and lovely selection of gift cards. Delivery can also be arranged if needed. Travel no further than Cuttings in Romsey for all your gift giving needs.

Speaking of gift giving, the Christmas season is not far off.... We will again be hosting our annual VIP Christmas Preview Nite in late October. All our customers know and look forward to this special nite, where we launch our stunning Christmas stock and decorations; many of which are exclusive to us only! The shop is fully decorated for the festive season, and champagne and nibbles are enjoyed by all! The event is by invitation only, to our extensive mailing list. If you would like to be one of the first to preview Christmas at Cuttings, please pop in-store or ring today to join our mailing list. Invitations will go out in a couple of weeks, so don't miss out!

Finally, we now offer 24hr online shopping on our new website www.cuttingshomewares.com.au

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The Annual General Meeting for the *Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association Incorporated* will be held on Monday 17th October 2011, commencing at 7.30pm at the Romsey Community Hub.

Members and Guests WELCOME.

Enquiries: Joanne Hagan (Secretary) ph. 0432 320553,

Email: hages10@optusnet.com.au

The PASTOR'S PARABLES

By Marilyn Hunter – Senior Pastor Living Word Christian Church

God Hidden in People

Once God promised an elderly lady that he would visit her that day. So she got ready... She scrubbed and cleaned and polished and dusted and put everything in order. Then she sat down and waited for God to come. Suddenly someone knocked. She raced to the door and quickly pulled it open and what did she see but just a poor beggar standing outside. "No, not today," the lady said, "for heaven's sake get along with you... I am waiting for God to come any minute now... I can't be bothered with you." The beggar left as hungry as he had come. A bit later there was another knock. The lady opened the door even faster than before. A poor old man stood there. "Sorry," said the lady, "I can't take care of you today." With that she slammed the door in his face. Quite a bit later someone again knocked at the door. Again it was a ragged hungry beggar. She sent him off empty-handed and sat down to wait. Evening came on and still there was no sign of God.

Finally she went to bed with a heavy heart. She dreamt that the good Lord had come to her and said,

"I came to you three times today and all three times you threw me out."

Jesus said "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35 - (NIV)

If you would like to learn more about God and His unconditional love for us feel free to join us at either of our Sunday services, Mid week Life groups, or contact us at our Church office on 5429 6327 We would be happy to be of assistance to you.

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Gardens Open in Riddells Creek

Spring is a great time to lift your head from the weeds, get off your knees and go see other peoples' gardens. You will be inspired, impressed and invigorated, returning to your own garden with new enthusiasm. I say all this because there are three gardens open for **Open Gardens Australia** in Riddells Creek over the weekend of the 29th and 30th of October from 10am to 4.30pm.

Melanie Kinsey's garden 'Nangkita' at 19 Gap Rd covers .3ha and includes an exotic plants area, a native area, vegetable garden and orchard. There will be plants for sale.

Also open will be 'Parnda Ngunya' at 21 Garde Place a floriferous paradise of 1.4ha with an ornamental lake and waterfall owned by Dr Stephen Newton and his wife. There will be plants for sale there too with all proceeds going to Breastwest.

Lastly 'Nardoo' at 1361 Kilmore Rd is 1.2ha of sweeping lawns, large garden beds, lovely views and garden sculptures by owner and author Dr Paul Carter and his wife. Entrance fee is \$6 per adult at 'Nangkita' and \$7 per adult at the other two gardens. Children are free. For more details see the Open Gardens guidebook available at all newsagencies.

Personal comment and Reflection: God's Grace among us.

Rev Bill Carroll,
Interim Vicar,
Anglican Parish of Lancefield & Romsey.

As a Minister, I have the opportunity to attend many Wedding Receptions.

Typically, as I enter the reception room, the first thing I do is look for the board containing the seating arrangements. Mostly, I am placed on a table that is situated toward the back of the room, next to the table where the band adjourns for refreshments. I usually wear a clerical collar with my dinner suit.

This means that as I meander across the room toward the assigned table, the guests freeze suspecting the minister is coming to sit at their table.

As I pass their sense of relief is obvious.

Finally, arriving at the assigned table. My table party consists of people like, Uncle Jim, a retired Police Officer, Sam, the family accountant, Trish, the bride's long lost girlfriend, and a distant cousin from Liverpool.

They are polite but uncomfortable, as they try in vain to mask their misfortune.

Without fail, the guests proceed in turn to announce "I am not religious" or "I'm spiritual but do not go to Church".

We end up, however, having a wonderful evening, my companions say in all sincerity that they enjoyed my company and that they were surprised to discover I am perfectly normal.

Sure we had some laughs, but the wedding experience reminds us that the public image of the Church leaves a lot to be desired. For some people, the main stumbling block is summed up by the question, "If God is a loving and powerful God, why do bad things happen?" From Auschwitz to earthquakes, the history of suffering represents a serious judgement on the God of Christianity and requires a major shift in thinking from a God "as a power over us" to God "as grace among us"

But surely, if the cross has taught us anything, it is that God feels for us and with us in our suffering.

And for us, Jesus is a potent and impassioned symbol of hope, and with God's grace, we can move forward with hope.

A Notice to Romsey Rag Contributors

There is an increasing trend for contributors to the Romsey Rag to submit material in pdf format. Because of the nature of the equipment used to print the Romsey Rag, this format does not always produce clear print results. For some items it works well, for others it is not satisfactory. If at all possible please send your articles in **word document format**, with **any graphics in jpeg or clip art format**. This not only makes for better quality printing, it also allows us better editing capability. This request is printed on the front page and page 2 of the Romsey Rag, and we do not accept responsibility if you are unhappy with printed material that is submitted in a format other than the requested formats.

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MASS TIMES

Saturday:

6.00 p.m. Lancefield

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month:

8.00 a.m. Lancefield and 10.00 a.m. Romsey

2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday of the month:

8.00 a.m. Romsey and 10.00 a.m. Lancefield

RECONCILIATION

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For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

REGULAR EVENTS

SVDP Drop-In: First Thursday of each month, 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey. All welcome to come for a game of cards/chat and free lunch.

Spiritual Guidance: Last Tuesday/Wednesday of each month

at the Presbytery, 27 Chauncey Street, Lancefield.

John Stuart, Counsellor and Guide. Appointment necessary. Tel: 5429 2130 for more information.

In the Navajo rug there is always an imperfection woven into the corner. And interestingly enough, its where "the Spirit moves in and out of the rug." The pattern is perfect and then there's one part of it that clearly looks like a mistake.

Perfection is not the elimination of imperfection. That's our western either/or, need-to-control thinking. Perfection, rather, is the ability to incorporate imperfection! There's no other way to live: You either incorporate imperfection, or you fall into denial. That's how the Spirit moves in or out of our lives.

Richard Rohr

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St Marys Parish Primary School Lancefield/Romsey.



Book Week

On Wednesday the 24th of August we had a book week celebration day. We kicked off with a parade followed by activities related to Book Week. The students and teachers came dressed as a book character or in a national costume.



First Eucharist

Congratulations to all the children in parish of Romsey/Lancefield, who completed the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

It's certainly a very special event in their lives. As Catholics we are able to share the bread of life with Jesus and each other at the Mass on Sunday.

Thank you to Louise Newnham, Joanne Reuther, Shelly Thrum, Sue Gale, Rosalie Baldwin and Erin Pearson for preparing the children. Thank you to Fr George for making the mass very special for these children.

Parish Feast Day for Mary.

On Wednesday 7th Sept we celebrated the birthday of Mary with a mass at Lancefield. Fr George told us that Mary's parents were Joachim and Anna. They had a daughter who was the light of the world and Mary said 'Yes' to God.

On Sunday the 11th, year Prep, 1 and 2 families' attended the Parish Feast mass at 10 am at Lancefield. Following the mass there was a BBQ and a cuppa at the school hall. It was a great opportunity for Parish families to come together and celebrate mass.

Footy Day:

The SRC has decided to hold a footy day fundraiser next Friday the 16th so come along supporting your favourite team and help raise money for the people in East Africa.



From the Romsey Branch—CWA

Another of my funnies:

Deep in the back blocks of Kentucky a hillbilly's wife went into labour in the middle of the night, and the doctor was called to assist with the delivery. Since there was no electricity, the doctor handed the father-to-be a lantern and said, "Here, you hold this high so I can see what I'm doing.

Soon a baby was brought into the world. "Whoa, there," said the doctor, "don't be in such a rush to put that lantern down, I think there's another on the way".

Sure enough, within a minute or so, he had delivered a second baby.

"Hold that lantern up, don't put it down, there's another one on the way." said the doctor. Within a couple of minutes, he had delivered a third baby.

"Hold on, don't be in a hurry to leave the lantern, it seems yet another one is coming." cried the doctor. The hillbilly scratched his head in bewilderment, and asked the doctor, "Do you reckon it might be the light that's attracting them?"

August and September have been busy months for the ladies at the Romsey Branch of the Country Women's Association. Cookery aprons and chefs' hats were made at our Craft Days, and delivered to the Romsey Primary School.



Five beautiful pink damask tablecloths and six cushions were completed and delivered to the Caladenia Nursing Home in Kilmore, as well as more items finished for our local kindergarten. In the next month or so, we hope to get another three art smocks done for this kindergarten, as well as seven of the same for the Bolinda Primary School.

Encouragement Awards have been donated to the Primary Schools in Romsey, Bolinda and Clarkefield for students heading off to secondary education next year. Our ladies are invited to attend each of these schools to present these awards at their end-of-year functions.

Catering for judges at the Sunbury Show is on our agenda, as well time to get together to make items for sale at our Street Stall in November. We also have another day organised for October and a full report of this special day will be given in the next issue of the Romsey Rag.

The Lancefield Spring Show saw a number of our ladies enter floral, craft and cookery items, with great success in winning award certificates. Kyneton's Daffodil Festival was also represented with many of our members manning the "Pre-Loved Treasures" stall. Income from the many stalls CWA support is divided up and each Branch is well rewarded for the hours spent having a fun time.

As you can see, we don't sit around and vegetate. There is always something to do and somewhere to go. Lancefield's Red Cross luncheon with guest speaker telling of his 2,000 km hike with his wife, through France and Spain was inspirational. They walked on average 35 km per day, slept and ate in proper accommodation each night and the whole journey took place over 80 days. Romsey Red Cross held a Fashion Parade and Sale presented by Kay's Fashions and this was followed by yet another luncheon. Our ladies 'shopped till they dropped' and all were delighted with their purchases.

Ladies, how about joining our great CWA Branch. Details can be obtained from:

Branch Secretary, Val. Telephone 5429 2311.

Thank you to the CWA from Romsey Primary School for making our aprons—the children in our cooking group love them and they are getting lots of use!

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1st Romsey Scout Group

As term 3 draws to an end, and looking back over 2011, 1st Romsey Scout Group has been quite busy with both our cubs and scouts attending camps and outings, and learning new skills to achieve their badges. They have enjoyed being an active part of our community, participating in events such as Australia Day, Anzac Day and the Relay For Life, and fundraising at our local Blue Light Disco.

Recently there has been an increase in numbers in our cubs and scout groups and we would like to welcome our fellow Lancefield Scout Group members.

Thank you to all our supporters and contributors to our successful grant applications, with which we have upgraded equipment, obtained a new marquee and much more.

If your child is between 8 and 15 years of age and wants to learn new skills that they can use throughout their lives, earn badges, attend camps and experience fun and adventure, all within a safe environment, why not join us at 1st Romsey Scout Group. All enquiries: Phone Heldi on 0419 534 718 or Felicity on 0447 596 214

Scouts and Cubs Leaders Needed

1st Romsey Scouts Group is looking to expand, so we need YOU!

- Are you a mum or dad or grandparent involved in scouts or not?
- Do you have around 3 hours spare per week?
- Do you enjoy interacting with children? (Note: A Working With Children Check is required)
- Do you have skills you could teach our cubs and scouts eg. knot tying, camping etc.?

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The Mount Players Theatre Open day!

Sunday 16th October 11am-6pm

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Little Big Shots Film Festival

Featuring a program of short films to amaze and delight kids; Little Big Shots showcases the best in filmmaking for children - and sometimes even by children - from Australia and around the world. The films screening in Little Big Shots inspire discussion of cultural diversity, language, emotional intelligence and human values and are guaranteed to make kids laugh and think. A great outing for kids aged 2-5 years.

No bookings required.

For further information please call 1300 88 88 02.

This Children's Week event is presented by Macedon Ranges Shire Council (Early Years Services and Cultural Development Services Units) in partnership with the Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.



22-30 October 2011



Date: Wednesday 26 October 2011

Time: 2.00PM – 3.00PM

Venue: Kyneton Town Hall, 129 Mollison Street, Kyneton

Cost: Free

A NOTE FROM THE MANAGER

Greetings from the Romsey Recreation Centre.

I am excited to be back from my 12 month maternity leave position, and eager to get back to improving services, programs and facilities at the Romsey Recreation Centre.

We are excited to announce that the stadium floor is going to be completely replaced over the summer Christmas break. This job will take about 6 weeks to complete, and will cost Council approximately \$90,000. We hope there will be little disruption to users, and will inform patrons of dates as they are confirmed.

I would like to welcome new staff member Jesse Grae. Jesse is running the junior basketball competition and is doing a great job in this role, with the basketball program attracting huge numbers of kids. We would also like to welcome Heather Daw to the cleaning staff. Heather will join Dot to assist in keeping the centre clean and safe for you all.

We are looking forward to a great second half of the year. If anyone has any suggestions or issues please contact me to discuss. I am available at the centre on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Alternatively, my email is ckennedy@mrsc.vic.gov.au. We are here to provide programs for your community and welcome your input.

Christina Kennedy

Leisure Service Coordinator
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ENROL NOW

Goal Kick Under 10 Coaching

We are now taking enrolments for our under 10 coaching program. Held Friday nights from 4.15pm. This 45 min program teaches the basic soccer skills and game sense. Bookings are essential. Program starts October.



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Mixed Indoor Soccer Competitions

We are taking enrolments for our summer seasons of indoor soccer.

Under 10's Competition Monday
Under 12's Competition Friday
Under 15's Competition Monday
Seniors Mixed Competition Friday
All competitions will begin in October.

Basketball

We are currently taking enrolments for our summer seasons of basketball.

Aussie Hoops Under 10's Tuesday
Under 12's Competition Tuesday
Under 15's Competition Tuesday
Senior Mixed Competition Wednesday
Senior Men's Competition Tuesday
All competitions will begin in October.

Squash Competition

The Macedon Ranges Squash Club run the squash competition at the Romsey Recreation Centre. This competition runs Tuesday night. An enjoyable social night out. Anyone interested in playing should contact Bill Hutcheson on 0488 348 898. Players of all abilities are welcome

Senior Mixed Netball

We are taking enrolments for a summer season of Mixed Netball. Competition to be held on Thursday nights. Will begin in October

Ladies Daytime Netball

We are taking enrolments for a summer season of Ladies Daytime Netball. Competition to be held on Monday Mornings. Starting soon. ENROL NOW!

REFEREES NEEDED

We have paid positions available for soccer, netball and basketball referees. Anyone interested should contact the centre by October 3rd, 2011.

SQUASH COURT HIRE

We have two squash courts available for casual and regular hire. Racquets & balls available from reception. Bookings are essential. For available times contact centre staff.

OCCASIONAL CARE

Rebecca Wilson is now taking enrolments for term 4 at the Romsey Occasion Care. Romsey Occasional Care is a fully licensed childcare program, operating out of the Romsey Recreation Centre. Rebecca's Friday morning session includes a kids sport and fitness session and a music class. Great value for an amazing program. For enrolments or more information please contact Rebecca on 0409 407 696.

FITNESS CLASSES

Ladies Circuit Training

Ashley Petran runs women's circuit fitness classes 7.00pm Monday and Wednesday, and 9.15am Wednesday. Ashley is also available for personal training. For bookings and enquiries contact Ashley on 0401 075 165.

Boot Camp Classes

The Traynors are back! Melanie and Anthony have started boot camp classes again in Romsey, and are operating from the centre on Tuesday nights. Contact Melanie on 0430 370 361 for more information.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Fitness Made Fun

Children's fun fitness classes. For all ages and abilities. 6-8yo 3.00pm, 9-12yo 4.00pm. Monday and Wednesday of the school holidays (26th September – 5th October). Bookings required by 20th September. Call Ashley for more details on 0401 075 165 or at home on 5429 6479

PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Kids Can!

Kids Can is a fun themed physical activity session especially designed for 3-5 year olds. Each 30 minute class will develop social skills, hand eye coordination, sports skills, balance, gross motor skills flexibility and confidence. 10.00am Fridays. Starts October 14th. Bookings essential.

Zonta Fashion Parade

Excitement is building in Kyneton as local models and fashion houses prepare for the Zonta Club of Kyneton's annual "Stepping into Spring" Fashion Parade to be held at the Kyneton Town Hall on Wednesday October 12.

This fabulous evening of fun, food and fashion is always eagerly anticipated by women from near and far as an opportunity for a night out with friends while choosing something interesting for their Spring wardrobes!

As well as the parade of outfits there will be musical entertainment by local artists, a two course dinner and a continuous raffle with a wealth of prizes generously donated by business houses in Kyneton.

The fashion parade is the major fundraiser for the Zonta Club of Kyneton. The proceeds go toward the club's support of young women through scholarships at local primary and secondary schools, the Young Women in Public Affairs Award and the Young Women's Career breakfast.

So call your friends, make a table of ten and book now so you don't miss out! Tickets are \$45.00 per head and must be purchased by Friday October 7. Bookings can be made with Nancye Peucker at Jetset Kyneton, 20 High St Kyneton. Phone 5422 1777.



Club President Margaret Lynch admiring some accessories that will be in the parade

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The annual Romsey Street Festival takes a new look at the old, with vintage, classic and unique cars, bikes & vehicles, this Spring.

With vehicles and engines to tempt the faint hearted, coupled with unique arts, crafts and market stalls to inspire you.

Tempt your senses with fine wines and culinary delights from the Macedon Ranges Region.
Experience the gallery of arts, culture and entertainment at Romsey.

Saturday November 26th
Main Street, Romsey
4-8pm

Do you have a Unique, Classic or Vintage Vehicle?
Join the Show and Shine and share your passion at the Romsey Street Festival
Do you have a Vintage or Classic Craft, Skill, Product or Service?

Showcase it at the Festival on 26th November 2011

Vehicle Registrations, Stall Holder Bookings and General
Enquiries can be directed to Vanessa Meredith
P: 5429 6532 or E: romseyfestival@gmail.com



**Program
Term 4
2011**

Romsey Community House Inc.

PO Box 418, Romsey, Vic 3434
Email: romseyhouse@bigpond.com
Ph/fax: 03 5429 6724

Health, Fitness & Wellbeing

Walk Together Program

Tuesday's 9.30am - 10.30am. Meet Eileen at the Lions Park, near the creek.

Yoga

If you are interested in joining our new Yoga Group in Term 4 please call Romsey Community House to register your interest.

Gentle Exercise for Over 50's - \$5 per class

Every Monday 10am - 11am. These classes are designed to be fun and are specifically tailored to meet the capacity of each participant. Includes Balance, Mobility, Bladder Control and Joint pain. Chair based exercises also available. Register now. Cost \$5 per class

**join us after class for a cuppa and morning tea (\$2/ Gold Coin Donation)*

Social & Creative Activities

Shakra Dance - for Adults

Wednesday 5th October 6pm-8pm \$20 per class

Introduction to Sound - for Children

Expressive Dance Movements

Saturday 8th October 10am-12noon \$15 per class

Introduction to Sound - for Adults

Expressive Dance Movements

Friday 7th October 6pm-8pm \$20 per class

Line Dancing

Mondays 9.30am - 10.30am at the Mechanics Institute Hall.

Cost: \$6 per class. Open Age.

Craft Group

Thursdays 10.30am - 12.30pm. Come and practise a variety of crafts including; quilting, card making, knitting, smocking, embroidery etc. .Gold coin contribution on the day.

Art Classes

In Term 4, 2011 we will run an 8 week course for children commencing on Thursday 13th October finishing on Thursday 1st December, and a 9 week course for adults commencing on Thursday 13th October finishing on Thursday December 8th.

Adult (Daytime): *Develop your own work with guidance..*
Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm. Term Cost: \$100

Children 6 - 8yrs: *Screen printing a t-shirt, Christmas decorations and cards*

Time: 3.45pm - 4.45pm. Term Cost: \$60

Children 9 - 15yrs: *Screen printing a t-shirt, Christmas decorations and cards*

Time: 5.00pm - 6.30pm . Term Cost: \$90

Adult (Evening): *Develop your own work with guidance..*
Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm. Term Cost: \$100

For all bookings call the Romsey Community House.

Art Classes Adults and Kids

Painting classes for Adults using Oils and Acrylics.

Draw Mythical Creatures - Children aged 5-11

Paint Animals using Acrylics - Children aged 8-14

Portfolio Preparation - Year 11 & 12 Students

Call Tanya on 0400 053 829. Classes are held at Romsey Community House.

Writers Group

Meets on the 2nd Friday of each month 9.45 - 11.45am. We share our work and ideas whilst providing encouragement, feedback and support. Gold Coin contribution. Phone Jack 5429 6095 or Lila 5429 3732

Games/Social Group

We are looking to start up an all ages social group that meet once a week to play a range of card games, chess, scrabble, Drafts and any other games you enjoy! If you are interested in either joining or running this group call Romsey Community House on 5429 6724.

Open House

Our 'Drop in Room' is open to the public any week day 9.30am - 5.00pm. Enjoy a quiet cuppa alone or socialise with friends. Gold coin donation.

Hey De Ho Classes for Kids

Come and join Erin for lots of fun. Ages 6mths - 5yrs.

Phone: Erin 0417 137 003 or email:

erin.kalinski@heydeeho.com

Pre-Accredited Courses

Computer Basics 1

Learn the basics of Microsoft Office Word 2010. This is an 8 week course that will commence in Term 4 on Tuesday 18th October from 12.30pm- 3pm . Cost \$165.00 / Concession \$60.00

Minimum Numbers Apply

Computer Basics 2

Build your knowledge around computers, Microsoft Office and Word. This 8 week course will commence in Term 4 on Thursday 20th October from 12.30pm- 3pm
Cost \$165.00 / Conc \$60.00.

Minimum Numbers Apply

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

This 5 week course will be held on Tuesday evenings 6.00 - 8.30pm Cost \$150. Concessions not available.

Minimum numbers apply.

Quickbooks Advanced

Know the basics but wish to take it to the next level? This class is being offered as a flexible delivery two day course. Minimum numbers apply.

For All Bookings & Enquiries

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**New Tourism
Macedon Ranges
Committee Formed**

The official Regional Tourism Association, Tourism Macedon Ranges, has introduced a new skills-based committee to work with regional partners to support the local tourism industry.

The association has adopted a new model for its committee in an effort to represent the entire tourism industry as well as a broad cross-section of townships across shire. It is driven by a group of individuals with an impressive range of expertise and skills. The group will help deliver the recently released three year Daylesford Macedon Ranges Regional Strategic Plan and the recently adopted Macedon Ranges Tourism Industry Strategy.

"It is an exciting and challenging time for the tourism industry at present, with economic impacts affecting the way people spend

their leisure time," said Committee Chair, Patrick Bell. "With a prime location and some quality product, the Macedon Ranges is in a good position for industry growth and development," he said.

The committee members are: Patrick Bell (Chair – Gisborne), Barbara Nixon (Deputy Chair – Gisborne), Bill Balcam (Treasurer – Lancefield), Danielle Phyland (Secretary – Council), Dr Kelly Cassidy (Kyneton), Dr Maxwell Winchester (Woodend), Steve Brendish (Macedon), Sandra McGregor (Pipers Creek), Shane Clifford (Macedon), Emily Blades (Romsey), Mark Brown (Gisborne), Jo Hagan (Romsey) and Ryan Marsh (Student Cadet).

The committee also includes two Macedon Ranges Shire Councillor representatives, Councillors John Letchford and Neil Manning.

"Tourism is very important to our local economy, accounting for 16% of jobs and injecting \$175 million into the economy. The region's profile is growing in leaps and bounds. With successful businesses supported by amazing events such as Rod Stewart at Hanging Rock, the industry will continue to thrive," said Councillor Letchford.

"The new committee is an exciting step for industry development in this region. Tourism Macedon Ranges has a strong partnership with Council, and moving to an expanded skills-based board will give the group the capacity to assist with delivery of a range of key projects," said Councillor Manning.

Tourism businesses are encouraged to register on Council's business database so they can be represented by Tourism Macedon Ranges. They are also invited to attend to a *Tourism Industry Networking Function* to launch the new approach and meet the new committee. This event will be held on 5 December at Campaspe House and is an opportunity for businesses to share their ideas with the committee and meet other local operators.

To confirm your attendance and register your business, call 5421 9638 or email ecodevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

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