

Romsey Golf Club Women's report

Late last year we welcomed Colleen to our membership. Colleen is a new player and is enjoying some coaching from Leila and some from the men at home as well.

Wednesday 19th February was our guest day with 9 holes Ambrose being played. The winning team was Colleen, Leila, Neryl-Lea and Kath and thankfully we finished before it got too hot.

Lunch was enjoyed with lots of chatter.

Thursday 20th: Travelling to Broadford for a 4BBB for the opening of the season, Kath, Wendy and Lorraine were shocked at the devastation of the fires on the countryside outside Kilmore and considered ourselves so lucky to have missed out on this ordeal. After the recent heat it was nice to participate on a pleasantly mild day with the occasional breeze later in the day. We sent 2 teams and Denise joined Lorraine earning a very good 41 points. Wendy and Kath had great playing partners who kept them entertained all day with their humour and they came in with 46 points to win the B grade trophy, and are now the proud owners of coffee making machines. The A grade winners came in with a score of 48. The course was dry with lots of run and surprisingly lack of grass in some areas. A good day was had by all.

Monday 24th Lorraine Kath and I went to Gisborne for their bowl. The course proved challenging with the bunkers and the super fast greens. We were either short of the green or over the back, but still an enjoyable day.

February 26th we played Stroke –Monthly Medal and the first round of the Silver Spoon. Kath Jekabsons won 95-26-69. and 29 putts. The course is in good condition with good dry grass cover, considering no rain for so long, and soft greens.

Thursday 27th: Lorraine, Wendy and I played in the Alexandra Bowl. The course was dry with lots of run and as usual the greens were tricky requiring a gentle approach. On the same day Leila, Kath and Denise supported Goonawarra in their bowl. They have now automated their entrance cards, which made an interesting start to the day, as they printed out their own for the day's play. The course was in excellent condition and they found it great to play on green fairway grass. The greens were large and assisted Kath with winning B Grade, with a score of 35 Stableford points. The bunkers proved to be friendly with several players in them together more than once. At the end of the day they checked in their own cards which saved the lady captain having to do this. The computer made any necessary corrections.

On a very warm Tuesday 4th March Leila, Denise and Lorraine travelled to Kyneton to play in their Irish Sixes. They thought that they played quite well but unfortunately a lot of other teams played brilliantly. They appreciated the lunch in the cool clubrooms after the game.

Wednesday 5th March was three club day but the women who turned up to play looked at the clouds and went home again. Meanwhile it was Captain & President's Day at Trentham. Kath, Lorraine, Leila and I saw black clouds as we travelled there but the day was perfect for golf, cloudy with no wind and mild temperatures. While we all enjoyed playing Canadian neither team combined well enough to win. Being early in the season it was good to catch up with players from other clubs.

The RWH 4BBB was played on Wednesday 12th March and won by Leila Beasley and myself with 49pts. Kath Jekabsons and Elaine Scanlon who came 2nd on the day with 43pts will also go on to play in the District final at Woodend on August 11.

Thursday 13th the brave Lorraine Wendy and I ventured to Woodend for their Salver. Perfect weather, no wind, mild temps and sunshine saw the course beat us. But each year we keep trying. Even though the pulley was working to pull us up the hill we still sat at the top to catch our breath before hitting off again. Views are worth the trip.

Recipe for this month Tuna and Cashew casserole

1 large can of tuna
1 tablespoon butter
2 tablespoons flour
300ml milk
¾ cup chopped celery
½ cup cashews
¼ to ½ cup cooked rice
1 small chopped onion
1 tomato
1 cup grated cheese

Drain tuna and breakup with a fork
Make white sauce—Melt butter over low heat add flour and cook stirring 1 minute
Gradually add milk off heat, and then continue cooking, stirring until milk boils and thickens. Stir in tuna.
Melt extra butter, sauté onion, celery and cashew nuts.
Place a layer of cheese in base of casserole (leaving sufficient cheese to sprinkle on top) then a layer of rice, tuna sauce and lastly vegetable mix.

Sprinkle cheese on top and garnish with tomato slices.

Bake in a moderate oven 30 mins or until thoroughly heated and cheese browned.

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Alpine Grazing

Many readers will be alarmed to hear the Napthine Liberal Government is again allowing cattle grazing into the Alpine national Park under the guise of a scientific study. This is despite the abundant evidence that no scientific, social or economic evidence exists to support it Victoria was the only state that still allowed cattle grazing in its Alpine National Park when cattle were removed in 2005.

These Alpine and Sub Alpine environments represent less than 0.1% of the Australian mainland. We do not have a lot of it and we need to protect what little we have.

For over 60years all the scientific evidence has shown that cattle damage the environment and do nothing to reduce bushfire threat. Cattle do not eat the dry woody vegetation that is fuel for fires, but they do trample moss beds and threaten rare native flora and fauna, spread weeds, and reduce water quality in streams and rivers. Currently cattle can still graze in the high country, just not in the National Park. The agreement for this trial is analogous to the argument the Japanese whaling industry use to justify their continued killing of whales.

Alpine National Parks are rarer than cattle, and should be above politics.

Warm regards

Joanne Duncan

State Member for Macedon

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Romsey Golf Club – Men's Report <http://romseygolfclub.net>

Saturday March 15th - Semi-finals Singles Knock-out & Stroke

The stroke field and the Algie Mitchell Singles Knock-out semi-finalists were eager to get out on to the course as wild winds and wet weather were predicted by mid afternoon; everyone was looking to be back in the rooms as soon as possible. The round began with clear skies with an intermittent southerly wind, this wind did come into play every now and then bringing a smile of relief or a grimace of chagrin to those it effected. The course had had a deal of golfing traffic over the last two weeks and the cover on the fairways was now flattening and beginning to thin out so relief, to a club length on the fairway played and a hand-span through the green, was given. The continuing dry now saw the beginning of serious cracks on some fairways so the odd unusual bounce came into play. The day's results were;

Winner; Bruce Robb - 93/30/63 from Keith Hocking - 93/26/67, Anthony Lakey - 92/24/68 & Bob McLennan - 82/11/71

NTPs went to; 1st Bob McLennan, 15th - Mick Nicholls & 16th - Steve Poulton
Algie Mitchell Singles Knock-out results; Jim Patton **D** Anthony Freeman 4/2 Andrew Laing **D** John Moody 20th

Next week's final will be;

Jim Patton **Vs** Andrew Laing

Saturday March 8th - Quarter-finals Algie Mitchell & Stableford

Another still, sunny day, perfect for golf and perfect for the club's quarter finals of the Algie Mitchell Shield and non-shield competitor's stableford. The ongoing heat and lack of rain saw the cover on the fairways beginning to deteriorate however the greens were holding up well and continued to give good value for attacking shots. A number of players were able to negotiate the increased run to record good scores in the stableford competition however the Algie Mitchell Shield match-play saw many close matches. On a good day for golf the results were;

Stableford winner; Keith Hocking (27) - 42 pts c/b from Bob Dwyer (24) - 42 pts, other good rounds came from Mal Mottram (17) - 40 pts and Chris vanDerVliet (25) - 38 pts.

NTPs; 1st - John Moody, 15th - Neil Jarman & 16th Pat Chisholm.

Algie Mitchell Shield Results were; John Moody **D** Steve Poulton - 19th Andrew Laing **D** Mick Nicholls - 1 up Anthony Freeman **D** John Laing - Forfeit Jim Patton **D** Pat Chisholm - 3/2

Next week's semifinals of the Algie Mitchell Shield will be Anthony Freeman **Vs** Jim Patton Andrew Laing **Vs** John Moody

Sunday March 2nd - DDGA Captains' & Presidents' Day - Seymour G. C.

The 2014 Dalhousie District Golf Association Captains' and Presidents' Day was held under clear, sunny conditions at Seymour Golf Club. Clubs were contesting "The Bill Chamley Trophy". The event is played as a 4BBB with each club in the Dalhousie District providing a Captain's and a President's pair. Defending champions, Romsey Golf Club, rose to the occasion to record a fine win with 84 points. The two Romsey teams; Bob McLennan/Tony Freeman (40 pts) and John Freestone/Ron Walker (44 pts) were very pleased to have defended the title won in 2013 when the event was played at Romsey.

Best individual team score M Mirabella/J Mirabella (45 pts) Broadford.

Our very proud team of John Freestone, Tony Freeman, Bob McLennan & Ron Walker

Saturday March 1st - Qualifying Round Algie Mitchell Shield - Stroke

A strong field teed off in the qualifying round of the club's oldest shield, The Algie Mitchell Singles Knock-out. The round began under clear, sunny skies with an inconsistent southerly breeze. The fairways again gave excellent run allowing many players to put themselves in a top position for their approach shots. The greens continued to hold and putt true so players could address their ball with confidence. Towards the end of the round the wind began to gust causing some problems for the final groups over their last few holes. On an excellent day for golf the results were;

Winner; John Freestone - 85/20/65 C/B (over the back 9 then the last 6) from both Steve Poulton - 93/28/65 and John Laing - 89/24/65 (John's not having much luck with these countbacks!) Other good rounds were from; Mick Nicholls - 89/22/67, Anthony Lakey - 93/23/70, Pat Chisholm - 85/15/70, Andrew Laing - 90/19/71 & Adrian Poulton - 96/25/71

NTPs; 1st - Pat Chisholm & 15th - Dave Richardson

Quarter Finals of the 2014 Algie Mitchell will be;

1. Steve Poulton **Vs** John Moody 2. John Laing **Vs** Tony Freeman
3. Mick Nicholls **Vs** Jim Patton 4. Pat Chisholm **Vs** Andrew Laing

Sunday February 23rd - Four Player Ambrose - 12 holes, Par 45.

16 teams lined up for the 6th Romsey Golf Club "Relay For Life Cancer" research fundraiser. Conditions were excellent for golf with clear skies and only a slight southerly breeze. It was an enjoyable round with much boisterous banter across the course as teams passed each other. At around 1.00 pm everyone sat down for a wonderful lunch before presentations were made and the multitude of raffle prizes were drawn. Sponsors of the

event were John Boyce (CIIC Insurance), The Nolan Family, The Romsey Fruit Shed and Hanging Rock Winery. All told \$1,515.00 was raised for the 2014 Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life. This money will be passed on to the Cancer Council of Victoria. Results were; **Winners;** The Dreamers - 44/8.6/35.4 from Spicks & Specks - 46/8.6/37.4 on a c/b from Wag's Warriors - 42/4.6/37.4. Encouragement award went to The Rascals - 60/10.6/49.4.

NTPs (Male/Female) 1st - John Moody, 8th - Keith Hocking, 9th - Mick Hunter & 10th - John Moody/Beryl Cole.

Saturday February 22 - Monthly Medal - Stroke & Putts

The February Medal began under over-cast skies with a southerly wind gusting to 40 Kph. On many occasions players found the wind both difficult to predict and extremely damaging to their shots with many balls pushed on to the wrong fairway or even out of bounds. The 10mm of rain that had fallen on Thursday had quickly been soaked up by the dry ground or siphoned away by the wind so there remained plenty of run on the fairways. It was a round where players who were able to keep the ball low and capitalise on the the extra run could really post a good score, however golfers who were able to consistently attack the flags were really in the running for the Medal. On a day when a fluky wind could restore a bad shot or completely destroy a good one the results were;

Winner and February Medalist; Ron Walker - 84/21/63 with runner-up Jim Patton - 91/21/69 on a c/b from John Laing - 94/25/69. Other good rounds came from Anthony Freeman - 91/20/72 and Steve Poulton - 100/28/72.

NTPs 1st - Steve Poulton & 15th - John Moody. **Least Putts;** Rob Rea - 26.

Some good news with the police contacting the club to inform us that the individual who had broken into our shed in December had been caught.

The club was recently successful in gaining a VicHealth grant to encourage senior and junior golfers.

Recycled water for the course is still high on the agenda. We are working closely with Western Water so that we have the opportunity to connect to the recycled water that has recently been provided to the ovals at Romsey Park

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Macedon Ranges Community news

Horses during and after an emergency

With the recent fires, we are all very focused on the safety of our horses. As part of the Macedon Ranges Equine Strategy, Council has established an Emergency Management Task Group to help develop fire ready information for horse owners and horse properties. Part of the task group's role will be to identify refuges for horses in the event of fire. However in the meantime, we are urging people to make their own private arrangements and look at relocating horses to safer areas on days of high fire danger. The Emergency Management Task Group is one of many appointed to work with Council to deliver some of the actions in the Equine Strategy. These task groups have been formed out of a new equine industry network, named "R.E.I.N." (Ranges Equine Industry Network) in partnership with members of the equine community. R.E.I.N. representatives represent a broad cross-section of the equine industry, including large and small businesses, clubs and riders. If you would like to receive regular updates about equine activities in the Macedon Ranges, please contact Leanne Davey in the Economic Development and Tourism Department on 5421 9617 or email ldavey@mrsc.vic.gov.au To find out more about the Equine Strategy, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/business/strategies

Come and celebrate Healthy Active People

Join us for a healthy lunch, cooking activities and giveaways on Tuesday 8 April to celebrate the achievements and success of the Healthy Active People Initiative over the past two years. With the initiative drawing to a close in April, it's time to acknowledge some of the achievements, including 73 programs and activities which have helped residents live healthier lifestyles. The program has tackled weight-related health issues and disease by increasing participation in physical activity and promoting healthy eating. It was funded by the Australian Government through the National Partnership on Preventative Health and began in September 2011. The celebrations will kick off at 12 noon at the Kyneton Mechanics Institute, Mollison Street. Everyone is welcome. RSVP by Friday 4 April via 5422 0206 or healthycommunities@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Adopt a cat or kitten from Council's new cat shelter

Cat lovers can adopt a new feline companion at a heavily reduced rate through Macedon Ranges Council's new cat pound and shelter, operating at Tony's Practice Veterinary Centre in Woodend. Council and Tony's Practice are working in partnership to re-home a range of desexed, vaccinated, microchipped, wormed and vet-checked cats and kittens. Council's Manager of Community Safety, Anne-Louise Lindner, said that many loving kittens and cats are available for a reduced fee of \$60 (from \$160) until the end of April 2014. "Adopting a pet not only gives the animal a second chance in life, but also gives the owner a long-term companion, which has many health and wellbeing benefits." "Overpopulation of cats is an issue across Victoria, primarily due to a high occurrence of feral, stray and 'partial owned' cats." "Finding a new home for these cats is key to protecting and enhancing animal welfare, as many are undesexed, resulting in unwanted litters and a poor state of health for these animals," she said.

Natasha Hanegraaf of Tony's Practice said that the new arrangements will keep local cat pound and adoption services within the shire. "We have partnered with Council to ensure these services remain easily accessible to residents in the Macedon Ranges," she said. Cats and kittens available for adoption can be seen on the Tony's Practice Facebook page, www.facebook.com/tonyspractice For cat adoption enquiries, contact Tony's Practice on 5427 9200. For lost and found cats, contact Council on 5422 0333

Gisborne Aquathon—Sunday 13 April

Tie up those laces and slip on your bathers, the inaugural 2014 Gisborne aquathon is almost upon us. Sport and fitness enthusiasts of all ages and abilities are encouraged to participate in either a mini, short or long course option. "Whether you're looking to get fit or knock out the competition,

now is the perfect time to begin training for the big day," said Gisborne Aquatic Centre Manager, Paul Ross. "Don't forget that if you're a runner but not a great swimmer or vice versa, you can enter as part of a team to tackle the swim and run sections of the race," Paul said. The mini course is suitable for any age group and first timers, consisting of a 500m run followed by a 50m swim (2 pool laps). The short course includes a 3km run and 300m swim (16 laps). Feistier participants can enjoy the long course, consisting of a 6km run and 600m swim (32 laps). Both short and long courses are completed in age categories. Team entries will be accepted for these courses only. Gisborne Mitre 10 is the official sponsor of the event and have provided \$450 in cash prizes. The first male and female long course winners will receive \$150 cash, while the male and female short course winners will receive \$75. Lots of spot prizes up for grabs for all participants, including vouchers from local businesses.

To enter, download an application form from mrsc.vic.gov.au/aquathon. For more information about training and participation, contact Paul Ross at the Gisborne Aquatic Centre on 5421 1452.

Rebuilding properties after fire damage

Residents whose homes or outbuildings were damaged by recent fires in the Macedon Ranges will have access to a faster, simpler permit application process to enable them to rebuild. Macedon Ranges Shire Council has introduced a range of measures to fast-track and streamline planning and building permit applications for fire-affected property owners.

Over 400 properties are estimated to have been affected by three separate fires in the region. Impacted towns include Malmesbury, South Gisborne, Riddells Creek, Darraweit Guim, Chintin, Springfield and surrounding areas.

Residents who need to rebuild homes or outbuildings will have fees waived for permit applications, and access to building plans (where available). Applications and enquiries from fire-affected residents or their insurance companies will also be prioritised and fast-tracked.

Applicants can access Council's building surveyor services at no charge in obtaining their building permit (excluding government statutory fees and levies), and Council will liaise with any statutory referral bodies to expedite their consent to a proposal to rebuild.

Council has also inspected locations where dwellings have been lost or damaged to advise on rebuilding processes and expedite the application process.

Council's Director of Planning and Environment, Sophie Segafredo, said that she hoped these measures would ease the difficult fire recovery process for residents.

"While it is not within Council's power to change planning controls, we are trying to streamline and fast-track the statutory planning process for residents in any way we can.

"Unlike the devastating Black Saturday fires of 2009, when the Victorian Government chose to relax planning controls, unfortunately no exemptions have been introduced for fires in the Macedon Ranges," she said. Ms Segafredo noted that the fee exemptions and procedural changes that Council had introduced were only for residents seeking to re-construct a dwelling or outbuilding in the same location and of a similar size to what had been destroyed by fire.

"If a landowner is seeking to alter the location, size or height of a building, their request will have to follow our usual processes to ensure statutory requirements can be met," she said. Council is also providing a range of other assistance to fire-affected properties including fencing, waste and asbestos removal, water tank cleaning and refill, and inspection of dangerous trees damaged by fire. For assistance, call 5422 0333.

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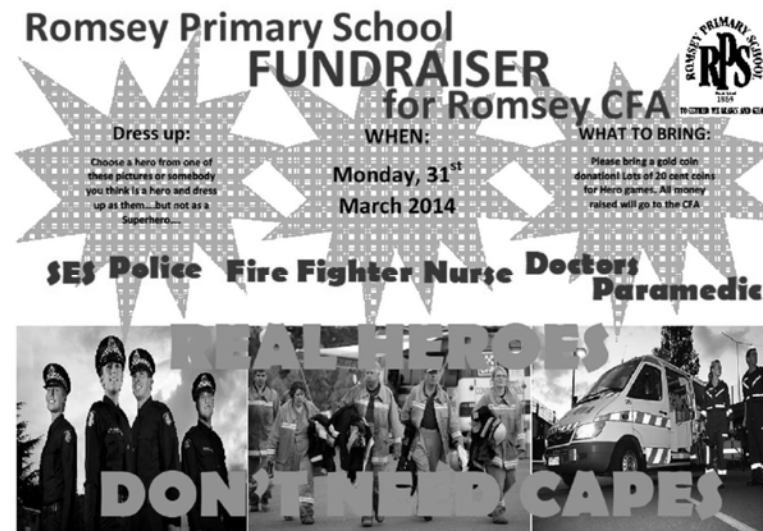
Sustainability

Romsey Primary School has commenced the ResourceSmart AuSSI Vic initiative. This is a Victorian Government framework that helps schools benefit from embedding sustainability in everything we do. Through ResourceSmart AuSSI Vic schools can take action to minimise waste, save energy and water, promote biodiversity and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It helps schools reduce costs while giving students the opportunity to learn about sustainability in a tangible and realistic environment. Initially we are collecting benchmark data for energy and water consumption, the waste we generate and the biodiversity in our school environment. The school then sets targets to reduce its impact and works towards becoming a more sustainable place. Last week two student leaders were selected from each class to start this journey. We look forward to making a difference within the school and to spreading the message to the community.

Student Leadership

Our senior student leaders attended a student leader's day at the Melbourne Convention Centre with Mrs Emond and Mr Devlin. The day was attended by students from many schools around Victoria. It was run by GRIP Young Leader and inspired the students to be a better leader. Students learnt about how to become a school yard superhero and about the qualities of leadership. Alice explained that she learnt that "a watermelon leader is someone who appears on the outside differently to who they are on the inside. A watermelon is green on the outside but red in the middle. A strawberry leader is red on the outside and red on the inside. That means that you can trust them. How they appear on the outside is the same as who they are on the inside. We also learnt that Berry stands for: B-be sure to do the right thing, E-for encourage others to do the right thing, R-refuse to lie, R-respond when you see something not right and Y-you overcome your criticism." Students returned to school with a deeper understanding of what it means to be

a leader and are looking forward to putting into practice the skills they learnt.



Gardening Program

Our Year 4s and 3/4LS continue to enjoy the gardening program and the responsibility of looking after the vegetable plots and the fruit trees and vines. This year we had a large crop of tasty plums and they were made into plum jam in readiness for our produce stall to be held later in the year. We also sent plums and other produce to the canteen as ingredients for various salads.



Cobaw Summer Sport

Senior students recently competed with local schools in cricket, softball and volleyball. All of our teams had a very enjoyable day, competing to the best of their ability, and displaying the high standard of sportsmanship that we expect of our students. Our cricket teams came second overall, as did our volleyball teams. Congratulations to our two softball teams who won their events and will progress to the next level at Swan Hill later in the year.

Footsteps Dance Program

Our year 5 and 6 students are currently participating in a 6 week dance program called Footsteps. The program consists of a variety of dance styles, and provides students with a lot of fun while challenging them and developing their performance skills. This program is a part of our Performing Arts curriculum.



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FARMING AREAS?

PEOPLE OF THE MONTH:

ARE ALL THOSE WONDERFUL PEOPLE WHO ARE WORKING WITH THE ORGANISATION BLAZE AID

BlazeAid was begun after the devastating Black Saturday fires, when Kilmore farmer Kevin Butler despaired of being able to restore the fencing on their 1500-sheep farm. His wife Rhonda put an ad in the local paper, asking if there were any people who could donate some time to assisting the couple, and from those first volunteers, BlazeAid was born. Volunteers are organised - by more volunteers - to assist in the removal of fire-damaged fencing (a dispiriting and onerous task if you have been burnt out) and then to rebuild the fences necessary to keep stock safe.

And these volunteers need to be fed – by more volunteers!

It is such a wonderfully practical 'love your neighbour' scheme; the essential Good Samaritan of Jesus' teaching, because, as Jesus indicated, the neighbour whom you must help (if you live by His teachings) might well be a total stranger to you.

BlazeAid volunteers come from all around the country to offer this practical support to those in need. But, while the 'hands-on' support is so important, the really critical support is the morale-boosting help given. To know that you are not alone, that someone is prepared to take the time (and money; volunteering means you are giving up something, many things, usually) to come and assist YOU is just the uplift some need to raise those spirits and get them started on the road to recovery.

Many of the volunteers are very grateful because they were spared from the recent fires, whilst some are retirees with mobility and time to help out. Others come from a farming background and know some of the problems they have seen on the land (and, yes, many of the pleasures, too) and others are simply folk who want to pitch in and lend a hand. Some of those at the base camp at Clarkefield are from Queensland and New South Wales and have their own mobile homes. One is a nurse from Geelong, who comes to help on her days off;

some helpers are unemployed and glad to work while waiting for employment elsewhere. There are all age groups represented and women and men go out to the farms to help out. Volunteers get their own breakfast at 7:00, then off to work. They pack their own lunch to take (see? not all beer and skittles!) Back by late afternoon to clean up, chat, etc and have their volunteer supplied evening meal.

SO, CAN YOU VOLUNTEER? Greg Duncan (BlazeAid number is 0431 438 375) is the present BlazeAid co-ordinator at Clarkefield and would be happy to hear from anyone who can give even a day's work. And, at least as important, he would love to hear from any groups who would volunteer to donate a meal. It is super easy, and your club – church, CWA, Red Cross, School Committee, Garden Club, Historical Society, etc, could make a real difference by giving him a call. Maybe you could rally just a couple of friends or perhaps your workplace could organise a roster...it really is super-easy, but so rewarding

AND THE WEATHER...

January, 33pts (8mm) of rain; February, 110pts (27mm) so it's shaping up to a dry start to the year. But – hopefully a wonderful autumn break is on the way with teeming rain—well, here's hoping so. Everything is beginning to look tired and dusty, with many trees beginning to change colour and some have shed many leaves in an effort to conserve moisture. The last of the summer produce here has been harvested (generously, of necessity, shared with the birds) and we look forward to that downpour so that we can plant the winter vegies. We have had few bees here this summer (and that's a worry) but at last some have come, particularly for the sedums which attract them in great numbers, and the rosemarys beginning to bloom. I love this change of seasons and no doubt it will be very welcome in the fire affected areas, where that green tinge will soon become new pasture.

HALL COMMITTEE: That kitchen upgrade is 99% finished and looking great. Really amazing, the uplift from a fresh-looking kitchen! Our local handyman has done a fabulous job. We're planning something special for the showing-off!

HISTORY: From the Minute Book.

We're living it, so the old minutes can wait till next time!!

BOLINDA HALL(Melways 610 J9: cnr Mullaly's and Melb-Lancefield Road): Don't forget our community hall is available for hire at very cheap rates. We want to see it used. That's why it was built! Great for adult or children's parties with lots of safe

outdoor space available. Excellent for corporate functions, with DVD/TV/data projection available.

BOL-DARRA (Bolinda-Darraweit) GARDEN CLUB:

Great start to our year with a fabulous Riddell garden to visit...twice!! We couldn't see enough the first time, so we pleaded to go back a second time to Brother John's amazing garden. He is a plant collector extraordinaire (OK, a collector extraordinaire) and has such a wonderful range of rarities to see – accompanied by a wonderful horticultural knowledge...and a generous heart to share plants and expertise! So we had two great days. We ooh'd and aah'd over roses, agapanthus, dahlias, shrubs, trees and wow! the cannas!! Some 10 foot tall, others dwarf and all shapes and colours and stunning leaves...Loved the one called Cleopatra, which can send up totally different coloured flowers and stems – from the one root! The hothouse has the most amazing range of orchids, bromeliads, etc, and Anna gave us a demonstration of repotting an orchid. Our 2nd trip gave us a wonderful viewing of the 100's of Belladonnas, from the whitest white, with no yellow in the throat, to the deepest reds – and the most glorious shapes and shades in between. One wonderful Brunsvigia out and some gorgeous Cardiocrinums. The highlight for some, though, was the afternoon teas – the first at the so-welcoming Bay Tree in Romsey (they easily catered for 20+) with a fabulous range of food and good hot coffee. Great people and service. On the second occasion we opted for a picnic under the Pinoak and had a fantastic Downton Abbey type picnic (Bro John is an avid fan!) Great food – sponges, cheese-cakes, fruits (figs with ricotta!) sausage rolls, slices (zucchini!) to die for. And Pam, Amber, Dan and Natasha dressed in fine Abbey costume, Elizabeth was decked in great style...and we all relaxed beautifully! Next meeting is to friend and neighbour Deb's new (overgrown, we understand) garden in Pipers Creek, on the 29th of March. April 26th sees us back at Bolinda. You are always welcome to join us. Not too much in-depth garden discussion – but wonderful fun in an open environment and always, afternoon tea!

Remember, you are always welcome to join us. We meet at Bolinda Hall at 1:30 for a chat and brief discussion session...and then we move off on our garden visit about 2:00. (Phone us first, if you haven't been before; we occasionally have earlier starts).
 'Bye for now **John and Ruth Green 54 285 347; 0415 256 911;**
janrgreen@hotmail.com

2 014 Macedon Ranges Junior Tournament

The 2014 tournament began on a clear, sunny day at Lancefield Golf Club. As everyone sat down to a hearty lunch committee members welcomed the players and their parents/friends. On behalf of the committee Anthony Lakey thanked tournament sponsors; The **Lancefield/Romsey Bendigo Bank, Drummonds Golf, Taylors Lakes, NewEarth Constructions and the Romsey Fruit Shed**, the tournament would not be possible without their support. Clubs represented at the event were; Rosanna, Bacchus Marsh, Neanger Park, Long Island, Lancefield, Waverly, Medway, Spring Valley, Sandhurst, Sunshine, Lake Gardens, Trentham, Yarra Yarra, Hidden Valley and Kilmore. All courses were effected by the ongoing heat and almost complete lack of rain. Players had to be able to manage each course carefully knowing that there was extra run on the fairways but that the flags could be attacked. Approach shots from the best position were at a premium.



Tim McCartney (Bendigo Bank) with 2014 MRJT Champions; Cameron John (Waverly) & Kristi Bilkey (Neanger Park)

Day One, Saturday March 8th – Lancefield G. C. Par 72

Age & handicap based groups. After a chance to sit down and enjoy lunch and catch up with fellow players the field hit off from the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 14th tees. The constant heat and lack of rain since Christmas meant that relief was given, to a club length on the fairway played and a handspan though the green. All players got good value from their drives with many finding themselves playing approach shots from much closer to the green than usual. During the round Kurtis Lynch and Cameron John gave a clear indication of both their ability and their intentions for the 2014 tournament. The greens were holding well and putting true so golfers with conviction got good results. The day's results were;

Scratch Handicap

Boys' U21 Kurtis Lynch; 73 Troy Linehan; 85/11/74

Boys' U15 Cameron John; 74 Ned Sullivan; 90/21/69

Girls' U21 Tahlia Holmberg; 82 Kristi Bilkey; 86/10/76

Day Two Sunday March 9th – Mount

Macedon G. C. Par 67

Handicap based groups. Another warm, sunny day, Mount Macedon was in the best condition of the three courses with a tinge of green on many of the fairways. The course proved a challenge, its many older trees caught some players with balls dropping straight down or bouncing into tough positions while others found themselves precariously close to the creek with difficult recovery shots to get up and down. The sloping fairways also forced players to think very carefully about where to land their ball and a number were very thankful for the local rule that gave a free drop from tree roots. The greens were in good nick and allowed players to putt with confidence however it took a few holes for players to recognise that at "The Mount" you always putt towards the mount. Again all players enjoyed the afternoon tea as cards were counted and the day's presentations made.

Day two results were; **Scratch Handicap**

Boys' U21 Tom Crawford; 74 Luke Rebbeschi; 75/11/64

Boys' U15 Cameron John; 77 Aashish Sudarsanan; 78/10/68

Girls' U21 Tahlia Holmberg; 74

Kristie Bilkey; 82/10/72

At the end of the 2nd round three boys and one girl stood well above the rest of the stroke field;

Cameron John; 74/77-151, Kurtis Lynch; 73/79-152, Tom Crawford; 80/74-154 & Tahlia Holmberg; 82/74-156.

In the handicap event leaders were; Luke Rebbeschi-139, Mitchell Ralston-143, Tony Chen - 146 & Kristi Bilkey – 148.



Ned Sullivan (Trentham) chips up at Mount Macedon

Day Three Monday March 10th – Romsey Golf Course. Par 72

Score based groups. The top group Cameron John, 151, Kurtis Lynch, 152 & Tom Crawford, 154 teed off under clear skies with no wind. Unless things went awry the

boys' champion would come from this group. Unfortunately overnight leader, Tahlia Holmberg 156, was unable to play so the girls' title was really between Kristi Bilkey 168 and defending champion Taylah Hodgson 173. Again the hard fairways gave excellent value for drives however this extra distance had to be tempered with canny club selection or players would overshoot and put themselves in a poor position for their 2nd shot. The greens were very receptive to well played wedges and generally putted very true. However there was some variation in speed; all players carefully watched others' putts to better gauge the speed of a green

The day's results were; Scratch Handicap

Boys' U21 Tom Crawford; 75 Kristi Bilkey; 86/10/76

Boys' U15 Cameron John; 76 Mitchell Ralston; 84/13/71

Girls' U21 Kristi Bilkey; 86 Tylah Hodgson; 87/6/81

Tom Crawford; 75 Kristi Bilkey; 86

MRJT Champions; Presented by Tim McCartney (Bendigo Bank)

Cameron John; 227 Kristi Bilkey; 254

Chris Gaunt Cup Presented by MRJT committee member David Muller Mitchell Ralston 251/214 c/b Luke Rebbeschi; 248/214, K. Bilkey; 254/22

David Muller with 2014 Chris Gaunt Cup winners Kristi Bilkey & Mitchell Ralston (Lake Gardens)



The 2014 tournament closed with many thanks to all three clubs for the use of their facilities and courses, to the organising committee, the sponsors and all those who prepared food and provided refreshments on and off the course. The committees and members of the three clubs were also thanked for their efforts on the courses and for opening their courses up for the tournament.



WGDD Captain Beryl Cole with Gary Watts Shield winners Kristi Bilkey & Tom Crawford (Bacchus Marsh)

The Macedon Ranges Junior Tournament will again be held over the Labour Day long weekend March 7/8/9, 2015

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Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA) UPDATE

Devastating Fires

The recent fires in the greater Romsey region have been devastating for many community members. Stock and property losses have had personal and financial impacts on many which will reverberate for some time. The CFA must be commended for its huge effort in both the so-called Gisborne South and Mickleham fires, as must all of the other individuals and groups who played vital support roles. As we roll into March, we hope the fire danger will start to abate. However, these fires have been a salient reminder of just how vulnerable our region is and of the importance of preparedness. RRBATA offers its sympathy and support to all of our community members impacted by these fires.

2014-2015: Big Years Ahead In Romsey

In addition to commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of the start of World War I and the one hundredth anniversary of Red Cross this year, next year marks the 150th birthday for Romsey Primary School. Many plans are being made in our community for events associated with these special dates. Such special events are important for community cohesion. RRBATA will do whatever it can to support the groups organising the commemorations and/or celebrations.

Light Up The Sky

Watch out in the May edition of the Romsey Rag for a complete round up of Light Up The Sky 2014!

Romsey Online

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.

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ROMSEY CWA

*A little girl was talking to her teacher about
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*The teacher said it was physically impossible for a
whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very
large mammal its throat was very small.*

*The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.
Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swal-
low a human; it was physically impossible.*

*The little girl said, 'When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah'.
The teacher asked, 'What if Jonah went to hell?'*

The little girl replied, 'Then you ask him'.

Romsey CWA ladies, at their last craft day made pencil and marble bags for the United Church's "Samaritan Purse" project.

There is not a lot on our CWA calendar at the moment, other than the Creative Arts Exhibition in Gisborne in early May and the CWA State Conference in Geelong in late May.

More information can be obtained on joining our Branch from our Secretary, Val on 5429 2311.



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5:15AM	Woodend Train Station	5:35AM

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Buses from Tony Clarke Recreation Reserve in Macedon will operate as a continual shuttle service with the first bus departing at 4:15AM and the last bus departing at 6:25AM. No booking required for this service.

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DEPART:	LOCATION:	ARRIVE:
4:15AM	Riddells Creek Primary	5:00AM
4:30AM	Romsey-Community Hub	5:10AM

Lancasterfield to Dawn Service via Romsey

DEPART:	LOCATION:	ARRIVE:
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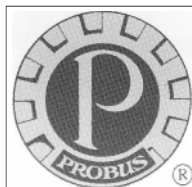
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**Monthly Meetings are held on the
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Persons interested in this club and wish to have more information please contact the President or Secretary at the above phone numbers.

Next meeting Thursday 24th April at 10am.

The Guest Speaker will be Rod Browning from the Bendigo Bank.

The planned outing for 16th April will be lunch at the Growling Frog Restaurant, Yan Yean.

On February 19th a full bus load of people enjoyed the beautiful Lotus and Water Lillies and had a wonderful day at the Blue Lotus Watergardens.

Our monthly meeting always finishes with morning tea,

which is usually followed by a guest speaker with an interesting topic.

Are you interested in Membership?

We meet once a month and we deal with the normal matters of a club, like correspondence, treasury, and discuss the last outing we had enjoyed, and most important, where we are going to next month, a short tour, a long tour, a lunch somewhere.

A few of our members enjoy

'Ten Pin Bowling' each fortnight at Watergardens (definitely non-serious) followed by lunch at a nearby hotel or club.



We also enjoy a monthly musical/film afternoon at a members home and Friday coffee mornings at a local café.



If you are retired, or close to retiring, come along and join us and learn more about what Probus can offer you to assist you in staying active.

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Please check out our website for information about the Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club rlprobus.org.au

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presented by the Lancefield & District Farmers' Market

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Join us for an intimate Sunday lunch in Lancefield with the talented spice man, Pieter Siebel, of Pete's Traveling Pans, the 'curry man' at Macedon Ranges Farmers' Markets.

Pete's Sri Lankan heritage will be showcased in an authentic Sri Lankan buffet, over a shared table in the wonderful old Mechanics Hall supper room. Pete will share his culinary skills as well as stories from his homeland. This is an event not to be missed! Tickets are strictly limited to 24 people.

MENU

Chicken mulligatawny

Curries.... Kalu Harak Mas curry - Black Beef curry
Kukul Mas curry - Chicken curry Kiri Malu - White fish
curry, Paripoo - Lentils Sri-Lankan style Vatakk Curry
- Yellow pumpkin curry Elolu Kiri Hodi - Mixed vegetables in Coconut, Vambotu (Eggplant) Pahi

RICE & ACCOMPANIMENTS Kaha Bath - Yellow rice, Coconut Roti, Beef pan rolls, Fish pan rolls
Coconut sambol, Lunu Miris, Seeni Sambol

Dessert.... Watalappam - Palm sugar and coconut custard, Fresh Fruit

\$45 per head. BYO drinks Bookings essential 0407860320

Payment is required at time of booking - direct deposit or cash to Lancefield Town House. A receipt can be issued upon request.

This is a community event presented with the assistance of the Lancefield Neighbourhood House.

Live4Life

Youth Mental Health First Aid training

Youth Mental Health First Aid courses will once again be available this year to parents, guardians, teachers or anyone who works with young people in the shire.

This free, award-winning program is offered by Macedon Ranges Shire Council and teaches adults how to help a young person who may be developing a mental illness or in a mental health crisis. Council was recognised with a 'Community' award in the 2012 Mental Health First Aid Australia Awards for the delivery of this course to parents and teachers.

Become a Youth Mental Health First Aider and you will be joining over 400 residents that have already been trained; creating a safer, healthier and more open-minded community for our young people.

To book your place or for more information, contact Laura on lgarner@mrsc.vic.gov.au or 5422 0337

Dates	Location	Times
15, 22, 29 May & 5 June	Sacred Heart College, Kyneton	6pm-9.30pm
22, 29 July & 5, 12 August	Gisborne Council office	6pm-9.30pm
20 & 21 October	Lancefield Neighbourhood House	9am-4.30pm
11, 18, 25 November & 2 December	Victoria Hotel, Woodend	6pm-9.30pm
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"Our project will see our Romsey Community Bank branch of Bendigo Bank operating from brand new, purpose-built premises right in the heart of the Romsey commercial business district on the western side of Main St," Mr McCarthy said. "I expect the project will create significant employment opportunities for building trades companies and suppliers in the local region, and I encourage them to register their interest as soon as possible."

Mr McCarthy said the invitation to local companies and suppliers was in line with the Community Bank's commitment to assist in the growth and development of local business.

"This is a very exciting time in the history of community banking in our region, and further demonstrates our commitment to 'bank-proof' Romsey and ensure that the Bendigo Community Bank model has an enduring role in the future of the town," he said. The project is being managed by building design company Bill Jacobs Pty Ltd. Trades and businesses which register their interest will be issued with tender documents at a later stage. Brief registration details should be emailed to info@billjacobs.com.au

Romsey Garden Club

The Romsey Garden Club continues to grow in both membership and our range of activities and outings. Recent trips have been to Bulla and to Lambley Nursery near Ballarat. A local "Look & Learn" in January was well attended. We have set our program out to June and will soon announce more events. Join us to discuss how best to succeed with gardening in Romsey. The Club welcomes new members so phone Christine on 5429 5891.

Life Circle Solutions

Coffee Shop Conversations.

Morning everyone, can you believe it's the middle of March already? My awareness of needing to get back on track is great, but now I am really busy, I find I am able to focus a lot easier, I am starting to shed a couple of kilos and feeling a lot better for it and with my increased energy can see the light at the end of the tunnel. I am still going round in circles, heading into overwhelm, is life getting in the way again?

So much to do: focus on my goals is what I need to do, set up some boundaries and prioritise, take action and stay on track. Time for a coffee in my favourite coffee shop.

When you look at people who are achieving and contributing fully to the world around them, it's tempting to believe a secret superpower is responsible. But the truth is, success isn't one big life-changing moment. It's a path, a journey, a habit, and indeed, a few simple disciplines. Setting goals, creating a plan, training yourself to take action again and again, course-correcting along the way, facing your fears and continuing to press on, celebrating your progress, however small, being grateful for all you have right now and have already achieved. So, I invite you to take a moment to ask yourself:

What is it you want to achieve this year?

1. What worked well for me last year?
2. What would I like to improve in 2014?
3. What is the one thing I would like to master in 2014?
4. What habits can you develop (or what steps can you take) to help you create even more success and actually achieve your goals this year?
5. What do you want in these areas of your life?

Romsey Red Cross

2014 the Australian Red Cross and the Romsey Red Cross Branch will celebrate their Centenary.

As part of our celebrations our branch will have a display at the The Hub in Romsey from Monday 28th April to Friday 2nd May 2014. On display will be a quilt donated to the Australian Red Cross by the people of Romsey around 1916 with many of their signatures embroidered onto the quilt.

Please come along and join in the celebrations.

**Coming events:
Blumes Fashions on May 23rd**

President:	Karen Hermann	5429 6658
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Let's break down what the **S.M.A.R.T.** acronym stands for.

*** Specific *** Make sure the goal specifies what needs to be done with a timeframe for completion.

*** Measurable *** Detailing progressive milestones along the journey. How will you know when the goal has been successfully met?

*** Achievable *** - Goal objectives should be realistic and actually do-able within your power and control.

*** Relevant *** - Your goals should be significant in helping you reach your desired result. make it even a little risky to set up a challenge so it is not boring.

*** Time-bound *** - Goal objectives should identify a definite target date for completion. It may also include the frequency of some steps of action that are needed for achieving the goal. Just remember a goal can be set daily, weekly, monthly, yearly, whatever you can cope with at the time.

Have some fun with this.

Signing off for now,

Gillian from *Life Circle Solutions* 0409801082

Romsey Primary School



Romsey Primary School in 1912

150th Anniversary Celebration October 24th and 25th 2015

Next year Romsey Primary School will reach a HUGE milestone when it celebrates its 150th anniversary. All members of our community who have a connection with the school—as staff, families who attended, past and presents students—are invited to share in this wonderful occasion.

But there is a lot of work to be done! A committee has been formed to organise a fitting weekend of displays, events and activities. Making contact with people from the past will be a very complex job, so we are asking you now to start letting your friends, families and acquaintances that this event is happening next year.

We will also be looking to borrow memorabilia and photos from the past relating to Romsey Primary School, so start searching out those old photos, uniforms, report cards, and any other items that could be used in displays about the school's past.

And last but not least, we would like to record and share some of the memories that our older residents have about the school.

If you would like to make a contribution please email the organising committee at romseyyps.150celebrations@romseyyps.vic.edu.au or contact the school on 5429 5099 and ask for Robyn Moore.

Keep watching the Romsey Rag for further updates about this event.



Macedon Ranges Community News. What's on at Buffalo Sports Stadium and Macedon Community Centre

Buffalo Sports Stadium in Woodend and Macedon Community Centre offers a range of sports, fitness classes and preschool programs for children and adults of all abilities. Both centres are managed and funded by Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

We are still looking for more teams to join our Mixed Volleyball Competition and Tuesday night ladies netball competition. For more information, phone 5427 3411 or buffalo@mrsc.vic.gov.au

2014 Great Macedon Challenge Ride/Run

Rotary Club of Gisborne are hosting the 2014 Great Macedon Challenge Ride/Run

Ride: 70km and 116km; Run: 15km

When: Sunday 4 May

Where: Macedon Community Centre, Waterfalls Road, Macedon.

For more information please contact Mr Barry Wills 0408 284 510 or www.gisbornerotary.org.au

MRBA Basketball

The Macedon Ranges Basketball Association capped off a terrific summer season with its Grand Final Day on Sunday 23 March at Buffalo Stadium. Congratulations to all the great players on the day and commiserations to those who missed out.

Registrations are now available online for the Winter Season which runs across Term 2 and Term 3. Competitions (including training for all junior levels) are available in Woodend for boys and girls from Under 10s right through to senior levels. Visit macedonrangesbasketball.net.au for more information.

ZUMBA

Zumba is coming to Macedon Community Centre in Term 2. What a fantastic way to get fit—exercise to music and groove yourself into shape. Classes are held on Wednesdays from 10am–11am.

Zumba classes are also held at Buffalo Sports Stadium on Monday and Thursday evenings from 7.30–8.30pm and Friday mornings from 11am–12 noon.

Register your interest by contacting your licensed Zumba Instructor, Karen Francis, on 0432 807 682.

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Kindergym Our new Kindergym teacher, Mrs Anna Shelper will help to develop your child's gross motor skills, coordination, balance, confidence and social skills through active play and organised activities.

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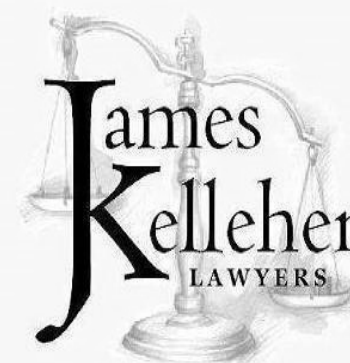
Fees: \$9.20 casual visit or 10 pass card \$85 (valid for six months). Tell your friends about this fantastic program.

Jane's Gentle Exercise Gentle exercise classes designed for the mature-age adult. Chair based and light weight class. Classes are held on Tuesdays, 10.30am–11.30am and cost \$5.70 per person.

Tell your friends and family about this gentle exercise class, all welcome.

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Tracey (President) - 0416 497 623
Natasha (Secretary) - 0421 289 137
Hannah (Treasurer) - 0401 085 125



WHERE: Sicilian Vespers,

119 Main Street, Romsey

WHEN: Thursday 17th April

TIME: 7.00pm

We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month to give women an opportunity to take some time out from their busy lives of an evening and stay connected.

Please come join us for a glass of wine & a chat!



TERM 2 2014 (Vic School Term)

MONDAY - New Mums & Bubs (Birth-18months)
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TUESDAY (0-5yo)	9.30am-11.30am
WEDNESDAY (0-5yo)	9.30am-11.30am
THURSDAY (0-5yo)	9.30am-11.30am
SATURDAY (0-5yo)	9.30am-11.30am

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You are most welcome to come to the Romsey Uniting Church Services and share in fellowship and worship

News from the Romsey Uniting Church: Easter:

A Good Friday Service will be conducted at Lancefield Uniting Church on Friday 18th April. This will be followed by the Stations of the Cross walk with other churches commencing at St. Mary's Catholic Church Lancefield.

Easter Meditation

In my imagination . . .

Lord, I sit by the roadside and see the excited crowd

waving branches as you ride majestically into the city.

My heart leaps for joy for you are my King.

I join in the crowd's hosannas and follow to the temple.

Lord, I sit in the temple.

I watch you and listen to you.

Your words touch me where it hurts.

It is as if you speak to me alone.

You judge me in the very House of God.

You accuse me rightly.

You reveal my meanness.

You sketch my meagre prayer life.

You expose my paltry giving.

Yet, you point me to the better way – I can go with you.

So I follow to Bethany.

Lord, I sit at Bethany and share the sheer joy of quietness with you;

the peace that this world cannot give.

I begin to understand what it is to wait on the Lord and renew my strength;

for I can see you draw strength for the task ahead, quietly trusting in the Father.

I am caught up in what you are doing.

I am convinced about your purpose.

So I follow back to Jerusalem and the upper room.

Lord, I sit at your Table.

I have been here countless times before.

You always welcome and feed me here.

It is bread and wine and body and blood.

It is death and life, peace and joy.

It is memory and hope.

In its simplicity I savour the sacrament and comprehend your love more fully.

So I follow to Gethsemane.

Lord, I sit in the darkness of Gethsemane.

I watch and wait and hear you pray:

"Not my will but yours be done."

What agony, I cannot fully know.

Yet here I better comprehend my own Gethsemanes.

But oh what weakness of the flesh comes on me even now, for though I follow thus far I find the limits of my love.

You go on alone

to stand alone before your judges,

your accusers,

your tormentors,

your murderers.

And I?

Sheer horror! I stand with those who make your death.

How So? Did I betray you? Did I deny you?

Did I accuse you? Did I judge you?

Did I scorn you? Did I torture you?

Did I?

I did! Heavy of heart I follow to Golgotha.

Lord, I stand at the foot of the cross and look up, tearful, ashamed, guilty of your death.

I have sinned but you have suffered.

I hear you pray, "Father forgive..."

Our eyes meet.

I see you take my place and faith is forever forged.

My guilt is absorbed in your love.

I follow to the garden and the grave.

Lord, I await your victory;

the power of a love that cannot die.

Sinner by Saviour justified.

Hallelujah! 'Tis Easter day!

Lord I behold the bursting of the barrier.

Christ triumphant!

My Lord and my God.

All glorious, my risen Redeemer.

My hope in life and eternity.

Lord, this is not imagination.

This is reality.

Your resurrection assures me I am released.

I, too, am raised,

death to life,

doubt to faith,

despair to hope,

darkness to light,

dishonour to glory.

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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Daily Bible reading guide based on the Revised Common Lectionary

Services during April, 2014

6th 9am Worship Service led by the Worship Team

13th 9am. Worship & Holy Communion Service conducted by Rev. Adrian Pegler

20th 9am Worship Service led by Maureen Postma

27th 9am Worship Service led by Alistair Davison

Other activities during April

2nd 7.30pm Pastoral Care Committee

8th 7.30pm. Worship Team at Lancefield

9th 1.30pm UCAF

The Romsey Red Cross Unit hold its meetings in the Romsey Uniting Church meeting room.



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The CoM is now busy organising the fitting of the doors our Bendigo Bank's grant has allowed us to purchase. These new doors will add to both the security and overall appeal of the Institute. If we can stretch our funds we will also attend to the windows above the doors in the supper room. These old windows have not closed properly for many years making the supper room and the kitchen much colder than necessary during winter. We are working closely with the Neighbourhood House to organise an antiques fair later in the year. Please keep an eye open for further details.

The RMI website is now online. It is in its early stages but we will gradually add to the content to make sure that it represents both the history and the current life of the RMI. The web site can be accessed at; <http://romseymechanicsinstitute.com/> If anyone has photos or other information that might add to the website please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss what is available. Old photos and documents can be scanned and uploaded to the website. Contact may be made at; secretaryrmi@gmail.com.

This year the Mechanics Institute of Victoria (MIV) is holding its Regional Forum in Kilmore. The RMI will be represented at this meeting and we hope to learn much from both the MIV and the other Institutes who attend. We will also take the opportunity to get our minute books digitised and preserved for posterity. We have minutes of meetings going back to 1865 when the 1st meeting to organise a Mechanics Institute in Romsey was held.

The CoM strongly believes that we are here to serve the needs of the communities of Romsey and surrounding districts, so if you have a function coming up please consider the RMI.

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go" is the
call..1..2..3.. I start
counting my right

foot striking the ground again. Just one more minute so plan on lifting the pace a little after 40. About 80 strikes is a minute with this 'strides' session. 41..42..lift now.. I hope Lisa is watching the time, I can feel I will be ready for a break soon. 80..81..come on Lisa..82.. 'whistle'. Ah, you beauty, I slow to a walk breathing heavily. The fifteen runners turn back down the gravel road to regroup and the banter begins.

My mind returns to thinking about things other than rhythm and foot placement and I remind myself that this is a three minutes recovery, not a walk, so I break into a slow jog down the gentle slope. Funny, it seemed like a reasonably steep uphill going the other way.

It's 6.40pm, the air is cool, there are forty odd kangaroos in the adjacent paddock watching our Intermediate Running Group. It's smell the roses time before Lisa's next whistle.

I'm no athlete, just a 66 year old bloke trying to keep healthy and doing it in great company.

The Start Running Groups are booming with the milestone 10km run on April 27. These runners are real achievers with this 10km target occurring after just thirteen weeks of progressive training. The club is growing with the support of Cobaw Community Health. Visit our website to learn more about our Start Running or Intermediate programs at www.macedonrangesrunningclub.com or email macedonrangesrc@gmail.com
Lindsay Sharpe

Stronger anaphylaxis policy now protects all Victorian students

Minister for Education Martin Dixon today announced new guidelines that will mean all schools – including Catholic and Independent schools – must comply with the Victorian Coalition Government's Anaphylaxis Guidelines. Mr Dixon said that there was an important role for both parents and school communities to play in protecting the health of students at all schools.

"Following the tragic death a student several years ago, Victorian government schools implemented policies to protect students at risk of anaphylaxis," Mr Dixon said. "Today the Coalition Government is going a step further and extending those policies to every Victorian school – not just government schools. Victorian schools are now leading the way nationally in providing support to students with severe, life threatening allergies." The Royal Children's Hospital Department of Allergy and Immunology Director Professor Mimi Tang said the new guidelines were a major step forward for anaphylaxis management in Victoria.

"The Royal Children's Hospital Department of Allergy and Immunology has worked closely with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development in updating the Ministerial Order and guidelines," Prof. Tang said. "These important changes will improve the current standard of allergy and anaphylaxis management in schools."

Mr Dixon said the new guidelines and Ministerial Order state that all schools must have an Anaphylaxis Management Policy if they have a student enrolled who has been diagnosed at risk of anaphylaxis.

The new guidelines come into effect on 22 April – the first day of Term 2. As part of their policies, all Victorian schools will now be required to:

- ☐ ensure staff are trained in anaphylaxis management;
- ☐ implement prevention strategies to minimise the risk of an anaphylactic reaction;
- ☐ have backup Epipens in first aid kits for general use in an emergency; and
- ☐ develop an Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan for every student at risk of anaphylaxis.



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A BOY WAITS FOR THE BUS

There's an old story of the boy who stood on a sidewalk, waiting on a bus. A man walking by spotted the boy and gave him some gentle instruction. "Son," he said, "If you're waiting on the bus, you need to move to the street corner. That's where the bus stops for passengers."

"It's OK," said the boy. "I'll just wait right here and the bus will stop for me."

The man repeated his argument, but the boy never moved. Just then, the bus appeared. Amazingly, the bus pulled over to where the boy stood and the child hopped on. The man on the sidewalk stood speechless. The boy turned around in the doorway and said, "Mister, I knew the bus would stop here, because the bus driver is my dad!"

When you've got a family relationship with the bus driver, you don't need a bus stop. If your mother is an Australian Senator, you won't need an appointment to slip into her office. If you've given your heart to the King of Kings, you're in a royal family of unspeakable proportions.

Easter is a good time to contemplate what your actual relationship is with Jesus. What is your relationship to the one who loves you so much that He allowed Himself to be nailed to a cross and suffer inexplicable persecution. He was punished for all of your past, present and future sins, so that you would never have to be - if you choose to accept what He has done for you.

Q. Why did Jesus do this?

A. Jesus loved you so much that He would rather carry your sins and be punished and persecuted for them, than live life without you for Eternity.

What is your relationship to Him? Is He YOUR Lord and Saviour?

Easter Sunday Service – 10am 7 Mitchell Court Romsey
(* No Evening Service on Easter Sunday)

**If you would like to know more about faith in Jesus
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A tourist is a person who is visiting a place for pleasure; this can mean visiting another part of the Macedon Ranges to where we live. So come on become a tourist in the Macedon Ranges.

Some upcoming events in the Kyneton;

Saturday 12
Kyneton Farmers Market
St Pauls Park, Kyneton
8.00am – 1.00pm
Enquiries: (03) 5422 1025

Sunday 13
Taste of Kyneton Food and Wine Festival
Kyneton Botanic Gardens
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Saturday 19
Zonta Trash & Treasure Sales
Kyneton Community & Learning Centre
8.00am – 12.00pm

Saturday 19
RM Begg Annual Easter Fair
In the grounds of Duck, Duck Goose & Larder
17 Pipers Street Kyneton
A great place for a bargain, which included home baked goods
Trash and treasure and much more.



Upcoming – Open Day and Fete May 18th

Committee for further information.

Contacts Jacaranda Room –
Kym, Kim and Catherine (03) 54295294
Acacia Room – Liz and Kay (Tanya assisting)
(03) 54296076



Woolworths Earn and Learn

Thanks to the wonderful efforts of our kinder families and the community we redeemed almost 4000 points in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program in 2013. With these points the Kinder was able to order new resources for the classrooms including puzzles, twig chips and branch cuts, left and right handed scissors. These new resources were delivered to kinder in February and the children are having a wonderful time with them.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

During the term the teachers will be working on sustainability in the Kinder and discussing recycling with the children. They would like to make the classrooms rubbish free and would really appreciate parents' help in putting food into reusable containers and minimizing the use of plastic wrappers and packaged foods.

Be Sun Smart

Please remember to be sun smart and apply sunscreen to your child before kinder and to send a hat, either bucket or legionnaire style. Hats are required for outside play, if you don't already have one we have a great selection of bucket and legionnaire hats available for \$10 each.

Pancake Day

The Acacia and Wattle classes participated in Pancake Day during the first week of March and had a terrific time making pancakes and eating them.

Uniforms

Our uniforms have been selling like hotcakes and we thank you for purchasing uniforms. The kids look great in their uniforms and it also helps them get ready for school. Kinder t-shirts, jumpers and hats are available for purchase at any time. Order forms are on the table in the kinder foyer and can be placed together with payment in the correspondence box. We also have drink bottles and Kiddy Kutter Knives and Peelers available for purchase.

Pavers

We are getting expressions of interest from families about running another paver fundraiser. These pavers will add to our footpath out the front and are a great addition to the Kinder. The kids get a real kick out of seeing their paver at kinder too. Order form are available from the Kinder foyer and should be returned to the correspondence box outside Acacia Room. Pavers will be \$25 each and can be drawn or printed. For examples of each please check outside Kinder at the front footpath.

Working Bee

This year we are going to have our Working Bee in the April School Holidays on Sunday the 13th of April starting at 10am Hope you can come down and give us a hand around the yard.

Open Day and Fete

We will be holding our annual Kinder Open Day on Sunday May 18th this year. If any parents have a small craft type business and would be interested in holding at stall at the open day please contact the Committee for further information.



Gisborne Singers – April 2014

The Gisborne Singers are now into their final rehearsals for their next concert. This will comprise excerpts from Bach's St Matthew and St John Passions and Vivaldi's 'Gloria.' The choir will be supported by two professional singers—Alexandra Flood as Soprano and Lotte Betts-Dean as Contralto. They will appear with a hand-picked chamber orchestra. Patrons in Gisborne and surrounds will be delighted to know that we have at last found a venue in Gisborne suitable for our concerts. This is the Church of Christ new auditorium on Saunders Road and will be the venue for the first concert on Sunday 6th April starting at 3 p.m. This will be followed on Sunday 13th April with a performance at St Paul's Anglican Church in Kyneton also commencing at 3 p.m. In traditional style both concerts will be followed by afternoon tea.

For bookings go to our website--gisbornesingers.org.au or telephone Robert on 5428 7033

Tickets are also sold at the door unless sold out prior. Booking is recommended.

Patrons should note that we shall bring back the highly acclaimed Mozart's Requiem and selected Mozart items as our final concert to be held on Sunday 16th November at St Ambrose Church Hall, Woodend and finishing with a flourish at our new home base at Church of Christ, Saunders Road, Gisborne on Sunday 23rd November. Both performances commence at 3 p.m.

The Gisborne Singers will also be performing at the Anzac Day ceremony in Gisborne on Friday 25th April 2014.



St Mary's Primary School Lancefield

Pancakes at St Mary's

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a time of prayer, fasting and giving to others. This is a very important time of year for all our students, as they prepare to celebrate Easter. Pictured cooking pancakes are Ella Marr and Tamzyn Meader, while Prep buddy Lukas Cichy watches on.



St Mary's Student Leaders & SRC

Congratulations to all our Student Representative Council (SRC) classroom representatives. Pictured below are our SRC members and our School leadership group.



Back Row – Nikki Cusack, Kate O'Sullivan, Ivy Harrop, Lachlan Giles, Ethan Beer and Declan Rix

Middle Row – Ashleigh Kent, Jack Manton, Daniel Azopardi, Maclaren Forbes and Madeleine Smith

Front Row – Edie Langman, Ava Binney, Maisie Wilson, Eliza Janky and Grace Marr



Learning Lots at St Mary's

Samara Dol and Charlie Knott love being in Grade 1/2. Charlie's favourite thing to do is to write stories and Samara is currently enjoying reading "The Wishing Chair".

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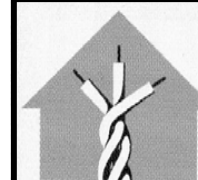
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Western Water treatment system changes for Romsey

A change in Romsey's water treatment system, due to occur during April, means customers may temporarily notice a stronger chlorine taste and smell. The water will remain safe to drink although there may also be some slight discolouration during the changeover period. Western Water is still managing the after-effects of an incident in February when someone diverted five million litres of water from the transfer pipeline connecting Kerrie Reservoir to the Romsey Water Filtration Plant. Victoria Police is calling for anyone with information on this to contact Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000. At the time, Romsey residents were asked to limit their water use to essential needs while the flow of water through the transfer pipe was restored. Western Water would like to thank Romsey residents for their help and patience during this time. Romsey's water supply system now needs some adjustments and maintenance, including a change in the way the water is disinfected with chlorine to ensure it continues to be safe to drink. Leaving water to sit in a jug for a few hours will reduce the chlorine taste. Western Water will also provide a mobile water tank in Romsey with water from a different supply system, where people can fill containers. We will also refund the cost of bottled water purchased during the changeover to people who provide receipts. For more information go to westernwater.com.au or call 1300 650 422. You can also follow Western Water on Facebook for updates.



Romsey Neighbourhood House Inc.

Check Out **Marvellous March**
And get involved!



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Office hours: Monday ,Wednesday and Friday 10am to 1pm

It has been a hot start to the year and I hope you and your families have remained fire ready and safe. Please remember that the Romsey Library in an official" Hot Day Out "centre if you need somewhere to keep cool on declared Extreme Heat days.

We are pleased to announce the commencement of our new "Morning Tea Group". So if you've ever been curious about the Neighbourhood House or would like to meet others and find out more about your community COME ALONG

Newcomers to the
area are especially
welcome

Morning Tea Group

Fridays at 10am,
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.....At A Glance.....

Yoga.....Monday.....7-8:30pm\$20 Casual/\$25 in full.
Yoga.....Thursday.....7_8:30pm.....\$18 Casual/\$25 in full.
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Craft group.....Tuesday..... 12-30:30pm.....\$ Gold coin.
Art Group.....Friday.....7:30-9:30pm.....\$Gold coin.
German Conversation Group..3rd Monday..11:30-1:30pm \$Gold coin
Garden Club.....3rd Tuesday (Can Vary).....\$2
Bus Trip (To Epping Plaza) 14th March...\$10...bookings essential.

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Welcome to the neighbourhood. It's 10
years since we opened our doors so why
not get involved?

Lunch And Learn

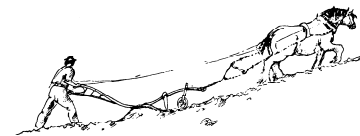
*****IDEAS PLEASE*****

On the 3rd Wednesday of the month during school terms community members are invited to bring a plate if you can and share lunch together while listening to an inspiring talk. If you have any ideas for speakers or topics you would like to learn about let us know.

Jars for Jam mmmm....

Thanks to the generous donation of Jars, as we head for the preserving time of year we have Jars waiting to be filled with pickles ,conserves, jams and jellies, so drop in during office hours if you need Jars!

Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.



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FROM OUR NEWSPAPER COLLECTION

March 20th 1884: [School Picnic]

A fine day welcomed the excursionists who made the trip to Lancefield. The first train arrived shortly after 9 am, quickly followed by three more. It was estimated between 3000 and 4000 adults and children had arrived. The station was adorned with evergreen branches and flowers and a 'Welcome to Lancefield' sign. There was a band to lead the visitors to the Park. A sports program had been arranged as was a schools' cricket contest, in which the Clifton Hill boys were victorious. The children were allowed to play as they wished, and Mr. Galbraith kept some occupied in a delightful flutter with rides around the park with his well-bred ponies and trap.

Several coppers were kept on the boil for tea making. Every tree had families and friends sharing a picnic. Through the generosity of Messrs. Foy, G. Jeans, A. Wilson, C. Maher, Galbraith, Parks, Graham and others there was an abundance of milk, in fact some 300 gallons was disposed of for tea making and fresh country milk for the children. Mr. James Lockwood sent a lorry laden with foods and wines of almost every description. It seems hundreds availed themselves of his hospitality.

A one o'clock the local committee invited the 'Collingwood Board of Advice' and some of those present to luncheon at Mack's Hotel, where following the meal a few toasts were drunk and responded to.

Mr. J. Levens, remarked as senior member of the Collingwood Board of Advice he had attended every picnic in connection with the schools, and in his opinion there was no place like Lancefield for such an event.

In the evening the children were mustered safely and dispatched by the special trains, loud cheers being given as each train left the station.

This is an extract from the article and there are many more interesting items for perusal at our Courthouse Archives. The courthouse is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday and arrangements can be made to visit at other times or for a special purpose by contacting Robyn on 0418 172 659. Our Secretary Shirley can be contacted on 0402 248 540. Seymour Cottage will be open to visitors on 27th April between 1pm and 4pm.

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A HISTORICAL FILM

At the March meeting of the Macedon Ranges Film Society, the audience was entertained by the clever writing in the film *The History Boys*.

Based on a play by Alan Bennett, the film stars Richard Griffiths as the redoubtable character Hector, the General Studies teacher at a fictional Grammar school. The film centres around the education of eight young male students, all vying for acceptance at Oxbridge. The boys need a little polish before entering such august institutions and Hector, with a good blend of wit and gravitas, goes all out to achieve the best he can for his boys. The resultant film is fast-paced and witty with some deep insights.

On Wednesday, April 9th, a 2007 Israeli film will be screened. *The Band's Visit*, directed by Eran Kolirin, won eight Israeli Ophir prizes awarded by the Israeli Film Academy. The plot involves the arrival from Egypt of the Alexandria Ceremonial Police Orchestra, consisting of eight men. They have been booked by an Arab cultural centre but through a miscommunication, the band takes a bus to a town in the desert. Here, they must face the challenges as they arise.

The Macedon Ranges Film Society meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Woodend Community Centre. Film notes are provided and for those who wish, there is supper, kindly supplied by members, following the screening. Enquiries about membership must first be made by visiting the website - mrfilmsociety@gmail.com - or by phoning Christine on 5429 5452 or Lorraine on 5427 0921.



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Fire restrictions still in force

Summer may have officially ended on 28 February but that doesn't mean fire restrictions have! District 02 Operations Manager Craig Brittain said "Although we have received rain across the district, some parts remain extremely dry and are still a fire risk". "As there has been minimal follow up rain, no decision has been made yet on lifting restrictions in the immediate future in the Local Government areas of the City of Bendigo, Mt Alexander, Central Goldfields or Macedon Ranges." He also said "Preventing fires is something that every member of the community should see as their responsibility" and went on to add that "Fire Danger Periods are based on local conditions and take into account fuel moisture, fuel loads, grassland curing, weather and rainfall."

Each summer Crime Stoppers Victoria works with the emergency services, media and local communities to raise awareness and encourage reporting of bushfire arson through the zero tolerance campaign. Don't forget if you have seen something or know something then say something by contacting Crime Stoppers confidentially on 1800 333 000.

Mr Brittain went on to say "members of the community need to remember that burning off cannot be carried out under any circumstances during the Fire Danger Period (FDP) and property owners and works managers are reminded that they need to apply for any permits well in advance if they are planning to carry out essential work during the Fire Danger Period."

The Fire Danger Period means fires cannot be lit in the open air without a written permit from the CFA.

Schedule 13 Permit:

This permit allows you to burn-off grass, weeds, or other vegetation during the Fire Danger Period.

Schedule 14 Permit

This permit applies to other uses of fire not covered by Schedule 13, such as industrial burning or cutting, or burning deceased stock.

Note that both Schedule 13 and Schedule 14 permits become invalid on days of Total Fire Bans.

As a final statement, Mr Brittain commented that "Fire restrictions remain in force for a very good reason – to prevent fires from starting." If you are unsure then please contact the CFA or your local council.

The *Total Fire Ban Districts* map and a *Can I or Can't I* brochure which explains what is and is not permitted both during the fire danger period and on days of total fire ban, are two of the best sources of information you should have.

These publications and much more information are available from –

Your local CFA brigade;

Vic Emergency website – www.emergency.vic.gov.au
Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667;

Downloading the free FireReady smartphone app at <http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-and-incidents/cfa-on-your-mobile.htm>;

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Then Jesus was LED BY THE SPIRIT into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

Matthew 4.v.1.

INTO THE WILDERNESS FOR OUR SAKE

We are now into the third week of the season of Lent when Christians, throughout the centuries have observed a special time of self-discipline, following in the footsteps of Jesus as he walked out into the desolation and loneliness of the Palestinian wilderness. The prayer for the First Sunday in Lent reminds us that "It was for our sake" that He did so. There in prayer and meditation for forty days and nights without food He thought of His future ministry as planned by God the Father in obtaining sinful mankind's salvation. Then the devil came to tempt Him to take a different course than the one planned by God. God's plan was the Way of the Cross, suffering and death, then Resurrection and Glorification. The devil is always there to turn us away from the plans and paths that God has planned in advance for us, so we should always bear in mind that Jesus has been there before and He is always there through the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen us in our daily walk.

APRIL 2014 DIARY. SERVICE TIMES -

9.00am : St. Paul's Romsey Main Street .

Holy Communion

10.30am: Christ Church Lancefield. Chauncey Street .

Holy Communion

Sunday 6th April. Passion Sunday

Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration

Fresh vegies..fruits etc. as well as non-perishables for Anglicare supplying Melbourne's needy.

Sunday 13th April: Palm Sunday

Remembering Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Thursday 10th April: A.M.S. (Anglican Men's Society)

Christ Church Hall Lancefield

Thursday 17th April: 1.30pm

Romsey Guild meets at Mrs. F. Carter's home, Monegeetta. All Welcome. Enquiries Glenice Mitchell 5429-6418

Thursday 17th April: 7p.m. St. Paul's Romsey

Maundy or Holy Thursday. Holy Communion

Friday 18th April, 9am.

Good Friday Liturgy at Christ Church Lancefield
Combined Churches Walk of Witness— Lancefield

Saturday 19th April 7p.m:

Easter Even—Christ Church, Lancefield.
New Fires Service

Sunday 20th April: EASTER DAY

9 am. St. Paul's, Romsey

Holy Communion

10.30 am. Christ Church, Lancefield

Holy Communion

Saturday 3rd May:

9am: Romsey Guild Street Stall outside I.G.A. Romsey

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Lancefield Romsey Lions Club

Our Lions have been very busy throughout the last month helping with meals at the fire proving ground at Romsey last Month, we served thousands of meals to the wonderful CFA, Helicopters pilots and SES, Paramedics and Police and with the help of so many other organizations. It was really great to see the towns' people (Romsey and Lancefield) rally together and help where needed in such hard times.

Lions club meets twice a month; 2nd Tuesday of the month a Business meeting, and the 4th Tuesday of the month, a Dinner meeting. Anyone interested in finding out more about Lions and our projects is encouraged to ring me and come along to one of our meetings. Please let me know beforehand that you would like to attend, **you are not obligated to join.** You will be most welcome.

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