

Romsey Golf Club Womens Report

After making changes to the course we were re-rated back in November and the new rating eventually came through. We are now have a slope of 121.

Wednesday 16th April was the first day we officially played the new course. Wendy was the winner with 33pts.

Wednesday 23rd: With a few away still after Easter the women at home played par. Not a favourite game. Well done to Elaine who won with a -2.

Thursday 24th With Easter well celebrated it was off to Alexandra for their bowl. We found some run still on the course and with the fine day scores were good and Alexandra with their local knowledge won their own bowl. Romsey ladies Kath, Beryl and Lorraine enjoyed the day and Lorraine played well enough to get a Dalhousie point.

Wednesday 30th April was the monthly medal. The day was cold but the rain held off. A couple of women found the empty dam very sticky—one of them not once, but twice! A slow learner. Elaine won 109/34/75

Monday 5th May was round 4 of pennant at Kilmore, and our last round. We needed to win to have a chance of getting into the finals but only managed to square the match with Trentham.

May 7th : Pinehurst was played on a very green course and in little bursts of sunshine. It is a fun game but some tactics can be applied (but only if both players are concentrating). After much laughter Kath and Wendy were winners and as planned we headed out to Soltan Pepper for lunch which was enjoyed by all.

May 8th. It was 1 degree and foggy when we arrived at Yea. The sun came out and the fog cleared as we were starting. The women with t-shirts on were feeling pretty smart as it was 27 degrees when we left to come home. Goulburn Water had left the sprinklers on all night. (The joys of recycled water). It was a very wet course and a pleasure to finish. A few people scored well but the majority of the field struggled to score. Lunch as always was good.

Monday 12th May was the last game of pennant for which we had the bye and were hosting at Lancefield.

Tuesday 13th : Lorraine and Kath were invited to Goonawarra for their Captain and Presidents day. They played a version of Texas Ambrose with a couple of ladies from Goonawarra, and enjoyed the game and I'm not allowed to tell what Kath did.

Wednesday 14th was the beginning of the three rounds of club Championships. The course is really looking good and we had

sunshine with a slight cool breeze. I was the winner of the stroke round with 99/23/76.

Thursday 15th : Wendy and I played Stroke in the Broadford tournament. It was a pity my good play from the day before didn't continue. The course was still dry with lots of run, very unusual or this time of year.

Recipe for this month

Chewy Carrot, oat and walnut slice.

125gm melted butter
1 cup firmly packed brown sugar.
1 egg
1½ cups rolled oats
¾ cup coarsely chopped walnuts
1 medium carrot finely grated
¾ cup plain flour
¼ cup SR flour.

Preheat oven to 180°C

Line slice tray with baking paper.
Combine butter sugar, egg, oats, nuts and carrot in medium bowl stir in sifted flours
Spread into slice tray and bake about 30 mins.

Meanwhile make the lemon glaze:

Mix 1 cup of icing sugar with 1 egg white and 1 tablespoon of lemon juice.

Drizzle over hot slice and bake about 5 mins or until a crust forms.

Cool slice in tray before cutting.

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Romsey Golf Club – Men's Report

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Saturday May 17th - Stableford

Another round that began under overcast skies with the threat of rain but in the end everything cleared and players enjoyed an almost perfect round. The recent warmer weather and the heavy dews again saw good growth across the whole course. The weather has also been perfect for many of the 500 odd trees the club has planted over recent years. They have thrived and are now getting up to a height where they both make players pay for errant shots and where they are beginning to provide some shelter from Romsey's gusting winds. On a generally good day for golf the results were;

Winner; Dave Muller (14) 36, On a C/Back Andrew Laing (19) 36, and Mal Mottram (15) 35.

NTPs; 1st Dave Muller 15th Ron Walker 16th Pat Chisholm.

Saturday May 10th - Stroke

Light drizzle was falling and there was quite a chill in the air as the field hit off in the club's stroke competition. Rain and heavy dews during the week again saw the fairways softening, this combined with the cool air saw many good shots falling well short of their intended destinations. The drizzle let up after the first hour and the remainder of the round was played in very pleasant conditions. The greens had handled their first serious frosts quite well and continued to hold and putt true. Despite the generally good conditions many players found it extremely difficult to play to their handicaps. The day's results were;

Winner; Mal Mottram - 85/15/70, from Bob McLennan - 82/11/71 and Dave Muller 86/14/72.

NTPs; 15th - Andrew Laing and 16th Mal Mottram

Sunday May 4th - Rd 5 Pennant - Woodend Golf Course

This was a must win for the Romsey boys, even then a few other results had to go our way. The Woodend course was in top nick but the steady breeze and the early rain/drizzle certainly made for a hard start to the round. The Romsey team battled well to take their match against Broadford 5/2 but Woodend was able to prevail against Trentham and so end our hopes of a final. In the end this year's results reinforce the fact that to get through to the final teams must win when playing at home. The final will now be **Woodend Vs Kilmore**, venue to be decided. We wish both teams all the best as they play for the Div 3 Handicap Pennant on Sunday May 18th.

Romsey D Broadford 5/2 (Wins; Rob Rea - 3/2, Neil Jarman - 19th, John Freestone - 3/4, Sharif Abdul-Sayed - 3/2 & Dave Muller - 3/2. Losses; Pat Chisholm - 4/3 & Ron Walker -1down)

Woodend D Trentham 6/1

Kilmore D Lancefield 4/3

Saturday May 3rd - Ambrose

Players took to the field under overcast skies with rain threatening, luckily there was virtually no wind. Fortunately the rain held off for the first 45 minutes then came down for the next 45. As the weather cleared the temperature dropped and there was the odd shower here and there for the remainder of the round. Wet gloves and slippery grips seemed to effect some groups however the top three groups did not seem to have these concerns. The course was again in good nick; fairways keep improving and the greens continue to putt true. It was wonderful to see Les Gaunt back on the course after a four month lay-off caused by a serious shoulder injury. On another challenging day the results were;

Winners; Andrew Laing, John Freestone & Ron Walker - 70/9.75/60.25 from Les Gaunt, Bob McLennan & Tony Freeman - 67/6/61

NTPs; 1st - Bob McLennan, 15th - John Laing & 16th - Anthony Lakey

Sunday April 27th - Rd 4 Pennant - Romsey Golf Course

A strong wind moving between the south and the east made the initial holes quite a challenge and a number of players found themselves OOB on either the 1st or 3rd. However the day settled and everyone enjoyed both the course and the beautiful, sunny autumn afternoon. The matches were generally close with almost all going down the the final few holes. To progress to the

final Romsey will need a great victory against Broadford at Woodend next week

Lancefield D Romsey - 4/3 (Wins; Rob Rea - 3/2, Neil Jarman - 3/2 & Jim Patton 2/1. Losses; Andrew Laing - 1 down, John Freestone - 2/1, Ron Walker - 2/1 and Pat Chisholm - 3/2)

Woodend D Kilmore - 4/3

Broadford D Trentham - 4/3

Saturday April 26th - April Medal - Stroke & Putts

The round began under overcast skies and by the time the first group was halfway down the first fairway the rain came down. A steady northerly wind also added to the complications of the day. Early in the round wet gloves and slippery grips saw many players lose control of their shots often ending up under trees forcing them to drop shots and severely damaging their chances of winning the April Medal. About 45 minutes into the round the rain began to peter out and a little sun poked through the clouds leading to a much better second half of the round. Despite the cool nights, the fairways show steady growth with generally good cover and the greens, whilst a little slow because of the rain, continued to putt true. On another challenging day the results were **Winner and April Medalist;** Dave Muller - 86/15/71 from Anthony Lakey - 94/22/72 and John Laing - 97/22/75.

Least Putts; Sharif Abdul-Sayed - 25

NTPs - 16th - Rob Rea

Friday April 25th - Stableford.

Players assembled at 12.00 pm to commemorate ANZAC Day; Taps and Reveillie played by local musician Rob Smithies and a minute's silence before hitting off in the club's Anzac Day stableford competition. The field took to the course on a still sunny afternoon and on a generally excellent day for golf good scoring was expected. Whilst some players feel well below their handicap a couple showed the way.

Winner; Steve Poulton (26) - 42 pts from Sharif Abdul-Sayed (19) - 39 pts

NTPs went to 1st - Steve Poulton and 15th - John Freestone

Monday April 21st - Ambrose

The round began under overcast skies with a gusting northerly wind. When the sun came out the afternoon warmed up quickly but the wind soon moved the clouds along and things cooled down just as quickly. The gusting wind also proved quite a challenge. On a generally tough day for golf results were quite good. **Winners;** Bob McLennan, Bill McKee, Andrew Laing & Sharif Abdul-Sayed - 67/8.5/58.5 from Tony Freeman, Anthony Lakey & Steve Poulton - 73/11/62

NTPs; 15 - Steve Poulton

Saturday April 19th - Stableford.

A strong field assembled for the club's Stableford competition. Conditions were again excellent with almost no wind and the sun shining through for most of the afternoon. Recent rain, heavy dews and mild sunny days had seen good growth across the course and for the first time in a number of weeks the fairways had been mown. The recent growth provided good lies so relief was no longer needed. Renovation works to some tees and new turf on others saw a number of unusual tee locations causing some wry smiles/grimaces. On another good afternoon for golf the results were;

Winner; Dave Muller (15) - 40 pts from Anthony Lakey (22) 39pts, Andrew Laing (19) 37pts, Bob McLennan (11) 35 pts and John Moody (12) 35 pts.

NTPs went to; 16th Dave Muller

Over recent years RGC has been in discussions with both the Shire of Macedon Ranges and the Department of Environment and Primary Industry concerning some of the large, old pine trees in Romsey Park. In late April an arborist inspected the park and noted dead/dying trees and dangerous branches before presenting a list of work to both MRSC and DEPI. It is expected that these removal and pruning works will be completed before the end of the financial year. Our thanks to Graeme Oxlade (DEPI) and Graham Treadwell and Michelle Patrick (MRSC) for their efforts to get this project moving.

Community News

On Tuesday 29 April Macedon Ranges Shire Council representatives were joined by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education, Senator Scott Ryan; Rob Mitchell MP, Member for McEwen; and Rob McIntyre, President of the Romsey Sporting Association to celebrate the completion of the Romsey Sports Precinct Project.

The \$5 million project included the construction of two new pavilions and significant upgrades to bowling, cricket, netball, tennis and football facilities within the Romsey Park precinct.

The project was funded by Macedon Ranges Shire Council (\$466,662), the Australian Government (\$3.3 million), the Victorian Government (\$500,000) and local user groups.

"The precinct now provides modern, accessible facilities for all ages to enjoy, including two new sports pavilions, a synthetic lawn bowls rink, cricket nets, a new sports oval, plus the tennis and netball courts," said Mayor Cr Jukes.

"Sports grounds and recreation reserves are a hub for community activities and provide important infrastructure for people to come together, particularly in small towns like Romsey.

"These new facilities will cater for growing demand for sport and recreation opportunities in the growing township. They will benefit the wider community, plus local user groups including the football, netball, cricket, bowls and golf clubs," he said.

Groups that will benefit from the improved facilities include:

- Romsey Junior Football Club is expanding and will use the new oval and associated improved facilities for both training and home games.
- Romsey Football Netball Club fields three football and netball teams, and will benefit from the new pavilion and netball court.
- Romsey Cricket Club expects to increase in size in the near future and requires additional ovals.
- Romsey Tennis Club will benefit from the tennis/netball court upgrade which will provide a potential overflow facility.
- Lancefield Romsey Little Athletics Club will benefit from the new oval and pavilion at the new joint use sports ground.
- Romsey Primary School can make use of the new joint use sports ground adjacent to the school.
- Romsey Golf Club will benefit from improved general infrastructure at Romsey Park.
- Romsey Bowling Club will benefit from a new replacement green.
- Romsey Scouts will benefit from improved general infrastructure at Romsey Park.
- The wider community will benefit from improved playground, carparking and public toilets at Romsey Park.



ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Education Week: Scientists Do Amazing Things

The highlight on Science during Education Week fitted well with our school focus on sustainability. In our atriums and classrooms there were displays of beautiful posters and facts on water, waste, biodiversity and renewable energy. Families enjoyed doing a range of experiments, looking through microscopes, guessing mini-beasts hidden in boxes. Students used their passports to collect facts on water, energy, the carbon footprint and biodiversity. Families enjoyed the sausage sizzle Parent Club provided and were able to purchase a coffee during the evening. Our class parent representatives were invaluable helping with displays, manning stations and generally helping out.

Other Education Week activities included a Mother Daughter evening for years 5 and 6 girls, Romsey library visits for preps and selected 5/6 students. The senior students were privileged to hear local writer John Marsden speak. On the final day we recognised the importance of Walk to School and though it rained many students with family members enjoyed their walk.



Links with Romsey CFA

Members of the Student Council attended the Romsey CFA Turning of the Sod to announce the construction of a new fire station for our community. The students who attended spoke with Amanda Millar, a Member of Parliament, and other special guests and she informed the students that she mentioned our school in a State Parliament address because of all the work we did during the recent bush fires. The school was pleased to have Trevor Wilson the Captain of the Romsey CFA and fellow member Craig Jones as guests at a Monday assembly. On behalf of the students, Student Councillor Oliver Plunkett made an excellent speech and presented Trevor with a cheque for \$734 which students raised last term with the Heroes Day and their collection of donations from local businesses. The school was delighted to receive a beautiful framed photo of the fire truck with the banners our students made for the fire fighters and the helicopters on the new oval.



Celebrating Mother's Day

Each year our prep teachers make a special effort to help their classes pamper their mum for Mother's Day. These mums thoroughly enjoyed being spoilt by their children when they were invited to their classrooms. When the Mums arrived the lights were dimmed, relaxing music was playing and the tables were decorated with scented candles and flower petals. Mums relaxed while their children massaged their hands and back, brought them afternoon tea and generally fussed over them. Mums were very grateful for the special effort Mrs Holland and Ms Seddon made to make them feel special.



The 5 Keys to Children's Success and Wellbeing

We have hosted another You Can Do IT presentation by Margaret Milne. This time we invited junior sporting groups to extend the understanding of the benefits of this social emotional program for children. We are grateful for the ongoing sponsorship of the Romsey Lancefield Community Bank. Parents identified with anecdotes of children's behaviour and received helpful support with the challenges of being a parent.



News from the Lancefield Men's Shed

Lancefield Men's Shed: May to June
The Men's Shed continues to grow with many new members joining the 'fellas' for a BBQ lunch and lots of chat on Wednesdays. We continue to have men working but all jobs are quiet activities such as sanding and painting, to allow for the very important talk that is shared amongst the men. This is a key principle of Men's Sheds to promote friendship and support –

Lancefield Men's Shed is proving to be most successful at this. Come and join us – ring Graham on 0400321131, or just call in! (The shed is situated in High Street Lancefield next the Primary School – you can't miss it!!)

Another important role of the Men's Shed is to connect with the communities of Lancefield and Romsey. We have commenced a series of activities with the local primary schools, to come to visit the shed and to participate in small projects. Our first, with nine senior students from Lancefield PS was fun for both the students and for the men who participated. Our plan is to make nesting boxes and pencil cases.

This activity together with our other community projects is keeping us very busy.

Cheers
Graham Knell

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SATURDAY: 9.30am-11.30am Open
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Pop into Playgroup and join in the fun. Liz on Tuesday's, Leighann on Wednesday's and Kaye on Thursday's are available during these sessions. Craft Activities will be organised for each session.

Monday's AM, Thursday's PM and Saturday's Am are 'sign in' sessions at the Hub front desk. If you would like to co-ordinate one of these session then contact Leighann to organise.

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Work Begins on New Romsey CFA Station

A new CFA station at Romsey will better support firefighters and increase community safety, Minister for Police and Emergency Services and Bushfire Response Kim Wells said today. Turning the first sod at the fire station site in Stawell Street, Mr Wells said the new station would strengthen the brigade's capacity to respond to emergencies.

“The new \$600,000 station will provide a significant upgrade that will ensure the brigade is well equipped to continue performing its critical work protecting lives and property. Victoria's firefighters deserve the best tools available, and this new station will improve the brigade's ability to respond more efficiently and effectively to emergencies.”

Mr Wells said construction of the new rural fire station is expected to be completed by September 2014.

“Local brigades, like Romsey are the backbone of the state's emergency service response and the Coalition Government is committed to ensuring they are provided with the resources and support they need to do their job. The new station will replace a smaller fire station and will provide improved facilities that cater to the needs of a growing community for many years to come. It is also pleasing to note that the Romsey brigade is contributing funding to the project, which will have an additional motor room bay so that three vehicles can be housed in the station, alongside a larger meeting room.”

Minister Wells was joined by Member for Northern Victoria Region Amanda Millar and Liberal Candidate for Macedon Donna Petrovich at the event. Ms Millar said construction for the new Romsey fire station marks a significant new chapter in a proud tradition of service to the community.

Stevie's Scam School - Don't Be Caught Out!

Loddon Mallee residents reported 119 scams to Consumer Affairs Victoria last year, with the highest number of reports coming from the Greater Bendigo area. Australians lost more than \$93 million to scams in 2012 - but the real figure is likely to be much higher, because so many scams are not reported. People living across the Loddon Mallee can get handy tips to avoid common scams by watching a fun, informative series of short videos called Stevie's Scam School, developed by Consumer Affairs Victoria.

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THE WEATHER

258pts for April and the growth is visible everywhere. Especially good to see the burnt areas responding so quickly with that film of green thickening daily. Colours of autumn seem to have been more vivid this year and the pinoaks especially, have been a deeper shade and retained the colour for much longer. The oaks in our drive are only now beginning to respond to the season – just a few leaves turning yet - and they will retain that wonderful tawny color for a couple of months, lengthening our autumn season to cover at least four months. I travelled to Liquidamber Valley (thanks John Spring for the tip) and was enthralled with the amazing shades of the liquidambers, from the deepest maroon/purples, through the reds and oranges to the yellows. Unfortunately, I once again broke my resolution not to collect any seeds. There was a young man there also collecting the seedpods – gardeners just can never leave the looking ahead and planning for the next year's crop of even better and brighter seedlings.

Though there are some things we don't get round to – but with good results! I have picked some broad beans this month – May! – because I didn't get the bed cleared last year and some self-seeded. I love broad beans, and I'm now realising that it is probably possible to have them all year. Maybe other gardeners have already discovered this, but I'm looking forward to trialling the idea by planting some seeds each month.

HALL COMMITTEE:

Time to complete the Centenary Year and we have chosen to again have a dinner and take the chance also to give thanks for the kitchen upgrade, made possible by a grant from the Macedon Ranges Shire. Please let us know if you are able to come. We'll have a good old-fashioned celebration and include some photos of our district events. We'd love to see you there with us!

HISTORY: From the Minutes Book.

What was the hard-working committee doing in June, 2014? Congratulating themselves! 'The result of the last Ball was as follows: Receipts Pound 5/2/6; Expenses Pound 1/0/0, music; Balance Pound 4/2/6. Members expressed much satisfaction at such a successful entertainment.' Apparently all went well at this Ball; the previous entry for the Ball planning, had noted: 'A long discussion took place concerning the misbehaviour of some person at the last entertainment and it was decided that in future we endeavour to have the police in attendance.'

BOLINDA HALL(Melways 610 J9: cnr Mul-laly's and Melb-Lancefield Road): *Don't*

forget our community hall is available for hire at very reasonable 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: A great time was had by us all (as expected!!) at Anna and Nic's. The size of the garden and the amount of produce that Anna and Nic deal with is just amazing. For example, most of us plant a dozen or so plants of broccoli – not the 100 plus plants that are splendidly growing in their garden! The production keeps the extended family and friends fed all year, with Anna kept so busy turning all the produce into frozen/dries/pickled/preserved goodies for the lean times. We enjoyed grapes and persimmon, amongst other delights, straight from the tree; we marvelled at the beautiful glowing burgundy of the celosias (cockscorn) and their grotesque shapes; loved the heady perfume of the perfumed roses; admired the healthy trees that Nic had grown from seeds collected from our Williamstown visit last year. And the 'simple Italian afternoon tea' of all sorts of pizzas (wood oven), Easter specialties, fruits and sweets—we almost had to be thrown out.

The month of May sees us looking at bamboos, and June is an all day trip to Ballarat, to visit the Botanic Gardens and a nursery. Lunch too, of course. *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 sometimes start earlier)*

PS: Looking for a gardener who bought some plants at the Getting Riddell Right Fair at Riddell Lake, in February – and forgot to pick them up later (as I've done myself, on occasion!). We've still got those plants for you - give us a phone call and we can deliver them.

PEOPLE OF THE MONTH:

Still so impressed with the whole BlazeAid culture. Our wider area was so devastated by the fires this year – and it is so easy to simply forget the on-going hardship faced by some folk, as we just get on with our own lives if we were not directly impacted. John and I were lucky enough to attend a function and meet Rhonda and Kevin Butler - who started the BlazeAid movement in 2009 when their property was affected by the Black Saturday fires. They sum it up as the quintessential Australian spirit of 'Mates helping Mates', They were devastated by a natural disaster, they called for help and received it – and they realised others could do with the same help that they received. That's easy; someone else said it, 'Do for others as you would have them do for you'. It is such a simple concept – many folk have even a little spare time and can help someone along the way. To know that you are not alone after you have been impacted

by a natural disaster is so powerful, and has, in itself, undoubtedly saved many lives. There has been the need for assistance constantly since the movement started with fires, floods, tornadoes in Tasmania, Queensland. Western Australia, Victoria, South Australia; last year saw 14 bases around the country, 5 bases this year. 3000 properties have been helped.

It is a totally grassroots movement, dependent on volunteers. No government funding, though a small private foundation grant is at present being used to support Lyn, the control/logistics 'centre' of the movement. But before the grant, Lyn did it on a totally voluntary basis – and will continue in the same way when the grant expires! Another lynchpin of the organisation are the base co-ordinators, and Chris and John are filling that role at Clarkefield at present. They are the people you will speak with when you volunteer. Their role is amazing – all the local organisations including teams, placements, catering arrangement, record keeping, purchasing, etc, fall on their very capable shoulders. And one of their most difficult tasks is ensuring that all other volunteers are respected and valued - and that is not always so simple when there is a range of temperaments to consider!

CLARKEFIELD BASE STATISTICS
 (Covering the Gisborne, Riddell, Darraweit, Springfield, etc areas)

To 17/5/2014: that's 75 days; Camp opened 3rd March, 2014

Volunteers: Total 69 (this week) Days in all 1374

Properties: Registered 81; Started 64; Completed 23

Fences: Cleared 81.2 km; Rebuilt (this is the one they are especially proud of!) 53.8km

HOW YOU CAN HELP? I'M SURE MANY WOULD LIKE TO HELP, EVEN FOR A 'ONCE-OFF' BUT ARE NOT SURE HOW...RING BLAZE AID ON 0431 438 375

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- Perhaps your interest group would like to prepare the evening meal for the volunteer teams? PHONE: 0431 438 375
- If you would like to contribute just part of an evening meal (eg prepare carrots, or mashed potatoes, or greens, or a soup, or sweets, etc, we can use your help on the Bolinda Community team. Just give us a call on 0415 256 911.

'Bye for now John and Ruth Green 54 285 347; 0415 256 911;jandrgreen@hotmail.com



Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA) UPDATE



LORD MAYOR OFFICIATES: "LONE PINE" PLANTING CEREMONY AT ROMSEY

IN a simple but impressive ceremony at Romsey on Sunday afternoon, Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Cr Ted Best, planted a tree of special importance to the Romsey-Lancefield sub-branch of the RSL — a pine directly descended from the famous "Lone Pine" on Gallipoli.

Although the rich, red soil in the plantation alongside Main Road near Romsey State school and the terrain at Gallipoli are worlds apart, for a brief time these present at the tree planting were given a brief insight of the event's some 25 years ago and their significance today.

Dramatic rain threatened to mar the ceremony, attended by a representative gathering of RSL members, Romsey shire councillors and staff, and a number of townspeople and visitors.

The tree, which was grown from a cone obtained from the original "Lone Pine", is a sturdy two-foot high



Romsey Lone Pine Project – RRBATA Supports Romsey Lancefield RSL

RRBATA Committee of Management has decided to support the RSL's Lone Pine Project by providing solar illumination for a soon to be unveiled commemorative plaque and seating at the site adjacent to the former Romsey Primary School. This tree was planted in 1970 as a seedling from an original Gallipoli Lone Pine at Melbourne's Shrine of Remembrance.

The site is a significant focus for upcoming World War I commemorative activities and will be a streetscape feature for both our local community and visitors to our region.

Experts show how its done

the reaction of an observant audience of school pupils in the drill hall last week, it foretold rivals the established sports in

the various holds and counter-holds demonstrated with remarkable precision.

Guardian sportswriters were not in the thick of things.

The judo displayed was an eye-opener and the way

struction from the experts during their visit.

At the conclusion of the demonstration, Peter Blomberg thanked the instructors for visiting Kyneton, and said he was sure the visit had been beneficial.

HONORED
In reply, Cr Best said he was honored to come to Romsey and help.

He referred to his position as former chairman of the parks and gardens committee of the Melbourne city council.

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"LONE PINE" PLANTING

Cr Best related the "Lone Pine" background, and how the city council was encouraging the spread of these trees by sending seedlings obtained from the tree at the Shrine in St Kilda Road to various centres.

Before planting the tree, which Mr Alston handed over, Cr Best said it was an occasion to remind everyone never to forget the symbol of the reason the tree was planted.

Mr Laing assisted Cr Best in placing the pine in the ground on its elevated position.

During the ceremony the sun burst through the heavy cloud cover, and the drizzle evaporated at the right time.

A minute's silence was observed by all present in remembrance of those who gave their lives at Gallipoli.

After the ceremony, the

Lord Mayor and his wife were guests at afternoon tea provided in the RSL hall in Barry Street.

The sub-branch, which has about 40 members, was particularly pleased with the attendance at the ceremony. Mr Jack West told the Guardian.

WEATHER FORECAST

The special forecast issued for Kyneton and district by the Bureau of Meteorology is as follows:

Tomorrow: Rather cold with a shower or two, but long and fine periods. Moderate to light southwest to southerly winds.

Outlook Friday: Fine and cool.



Streetscaping Forum

RRBATA is currently in the early stages of organizing a community forum for later this year to discuss Romsey's streetscape and how it could be enhanced. Stay tuned for further details in upcoming Rags.

RRBATA Business Breakfast

The Annual RRBATA Business Breakfast will be held on Friday 1st August this year so please pencil the date in your diary. Stay tuned for further details in the August edition of the Romsey Rag.



Romsey Online

RRBATA is moving forward with its upgrade of the Romsey Online (www.romsey.org.au) website in conjunction with Lancefield's website development. This will enable some sharing of back end information whilst both sites have a flavour specific to their own town. It is hoped this will be beneficial to both local community members as well as prospective regional visitors.



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.



Kicking Goals for Fire Recovery

A community versus emergency services footy match will be held on Sunday 6 July from 12 noon until 4pm at the Romsey Recreation Reserve in honour of fire recovery.

All Macedon Ranges residents—both fire-affected and not—are invited to come along and enjoy live music, entertainment and a footy match that pays tribute to the significant impact that the February fires had on our community. A team of nominated emergency service volunteers will battle it out against a team of community members, with a few celebrities thrown into the mix.

The football match is being organised by Macedon Ranges Shire Council, who will be meeting with community groups over the next few weeks to draft teams.

More details about the event will be announced soon in local newspapers and on Council's website, mrsc.vic.gov.au. If you would like to get involved or nominate a player, contact Karen Dunstan, Fire Recovery Officer on 5422 0217.

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Cyclists' Safety Campaign Survey

A large peloton of cyclists turned out on Anzac Day for a memorial ride, organized by Metro Velo, to commemorate the day and also celebrate success of the Bike Safe Macedon Ranges road safety campaign. The billboards are now gone from our roads but we hope that everyone will remember the simple message to "Pass Cyclists with Care" delivered by the campaign.

In order to assist Bike Safe evaluate the effectiveness of the campaign we are inviting everyone: drivers, cyclists, anyone who uses the roads in the region to take a couple of minutes to complete our on line survey. We are interested to know what was effective and what could be improved. The results will inform us as to how we should approach future campaigns aimed at improving the safety of all cyclists using our roads, provided we are able to obtain funding, to deliver them.

To complete the survey type this link into your web browser

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BSMRcampaignfeedback0514> or you can connect to the link via our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/BikeSafeMacedonRanges>.

The survey is open until 8 June 2014.





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**Monthly Meetings are held on the
fourth Thursday at 10am in
St.Mary's Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey.**

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

At the May meeting Robert Barry presented a DVD "Friends of Nepal" containing wonderful photography and interesting stories. It also tells how some friends have supported the girls of a Nepalese Tour Guide.

Next meeting Thursday 26th June at 10am.

- Our Guest Speaker will be Sally van Gent author of a book titled "Clay Gully – stories from an apple orchard". The book is complete with illustrations and recipes. Sally will bring a tasting from the book for us to try.
- The planned outing for 18th June will be lunch at Pitruzzello Estate, 25 Deverall Road, Sunbury. Car Pooling will be arranged.

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. Our monthly meeting always finishes with morning tea, which is usually followed by a guest speaker with an interesting topic.



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.

**All we want to achieve is a day of enjoyment and friendship.
Please come and have a look at what we do and who we are.**

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

Macedon Ranges Running Group Update.

What a busy time it's been. The 5km SRG milestone has been reached and well done to the 105 runners that competed. Such an amazing thing considering many of these runners had never run before they started the SRG program. The 10 km run coming up on the 27th of April will be the next amazing milestone. We would like to congratulate Sally Piper in receiving her life-time membership. She has been such a driving force in this club. Thanks again for your true running spirit.

The date for our spring SRG has been set for September 1st. So if you ever thought about giving running a go this is the ideal opportunity to have a crack and join an inspirational bunch of runners, moms, dads, daughters and great friends. I have been running with the Riddell running group for over a year now and it's been one of the best times of my life. We do things we think we can't, and achieve goals we thought we couldn't. My second marathon is coming up soon, I would not have been able to achieve this without the efforts of our very dedicated leaders and friends.

I'd also like to say a big thanks to Cobaw Community Health that have come onboard, together we are striving to improve the communities health, fitness and wellbeing. Well done to all the "Run for the Kids" participants. So keep running and we'll see you all soon. Travis van Niekerk, MRRG committee member.



Enquiries: -

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Tracey (President) 0416 497 623

Natasha (Secretary) 0421 289 137

Hannah (Treasurer) 0401 085 125

Romsey Region Women Network

**Want to Connect with some great
everyday Women**

Our group aspires to connect women in our rural communities in a warm & welcoming environment. It's a great way to meet new people in the area & have some laughs.

**WHERE: Sicilian Vespers,
119 Main Street, Romsey
WHEN: Thursday 19th June
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.



FILM SOCIETY LOSES ITS MEMORY!

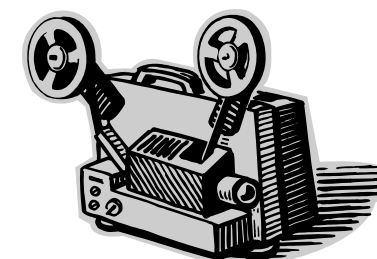
At the May meeting of the Macedon Ranges Film Society, members were asked to concentrate on the film being screened and marvel at our ability to make memories. Guy Pearce who plays Leonard Shelby in the 2000 film, Memento, has trouble with this. He can't make new memories and since he is determined to track down his wife's killer, this becomes very difficult indeed. He relies on a system of hand-written notes, tattoos and Polaroid photos. But does this work?

The MRFS aims over the course of a year, to show films of different genres and June's film, Mary and Max, is a far cry from Memento.

This 2009 film is a claymated feature film from the creators of the Academy Award-winning short animation Harvie Krumpet. Writer/director Adam Elliot employs the voices of Philip Seymour Hoffman, Toni Collette, Eric Bana and Barry Humphries in this charming tale of unlikely friendship between two lonely people, an 8-year-old girl living in Melbourne and a 44-year-old man living in New York.

The Macedon Ranges Film Society meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7pm in the Woodend Community Centre. Film notes are provided and for those who wish, there is supper, kindly supplied by members.

Enquiries about membership must first be made by emailing mrffilmsociety@gmail.com or call Lorraine on 5427 0921 or Christine on 5429 5452.



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150th Anniversary Celebration October 24th and 25th 2015

Work continues on the planning of our 150th celebrations.

The arduous task of putting our old enrolment documents onto a spread sheet is nearly half completed. This will allow us to identify all the families who attended the school over the past 150 years. By publishing the family names in the Rag and on the internet we are hoping to make contact with as many former families as possible.

We will also be seeking to make contact with former teachers and other staff so that they can be included in the celebrations.

Thank you to the handful of people who have so far contacted us with offers of help and items that could be used for display.

If anyone has photos, particularly from the 1970s and all years preceding the 70s we would love to hear from you!

A FaceBook page has been set up for our celebration—please join it and make your contributions on line, as well as watching for details as they emerge.



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

Buffalo Sports Stadium in Woodend and Macedon Community Centre offer 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. For more information, phone 5427 3411 or buffalo@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Limited places available for dance classes in Woodend

Are you looking to enrol your child in our very successful and popular dance classes? We have limited spaces available in our Studio 2 Mix classes at Buffalo Sports Stadium on Mondays from 6pm–7.15pm. This class is for 8–12 year olds and includes ballet, tap jazz.

Your child may prefer intermediate Tap and Hip Hop classes, which are held on a Thursday at Buffalo Sports Stadium from 5.30pm. For more information please call 5427 3411 or email buffalo@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Strength for Health in Woodend

The winter chill is setting in fast in Woodend—keep your body moving during these cooler months. Our very popular indoor Strength for Health program is a progressive strength training program designed specifically for older adults.

You will notice a huge difference in your core and muscle strength. It will assist in circulation and cardio fitness and overall general health, so why not give it a try?

Classes are held on Tuesdays 1pm–2pm and Fridays 9.30am–10.30am. Fees are \$60 for 10 pass card or \$118 for 20 pass card.

Please tell your friends to come along and enjoy the benefits of regular exercise with our experienced instructors who offer an individual exercise program.

Zumba Fitness in Woodend and Macedon

Zumba has arrived in the Macedon Ranges—come beat the winter blues and join us for a fun, Latin-inspired dance fitness program!

Buffalo Sports Stadium: Mondays from 7.30–8.30pm

Macedon Community Centre: Wednesdays from 10–11am

Enquiries: Karen 0432 807 682, licensed Zumba Instructor

Mini Maestros in Macedon and Woodend

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Romsey Brigade Asks Locals To Chip In

Romsey volunteer fire-fighters are asking the local community to help raise \$60,000 for a new purpose built fire station in the town. Plans for the new station were signed off in November last year and construction is expected to begin in April.

On Sunday 4 May, Police and Emergency Services Minister the Hon Kim Wells MP, officially turned the sod at the site of the new Romsey Fire Station. Minister Wells was joined by other dignitaries and local identities.

Romsey Fire Brigade Captain Trevor Wilson said “the new facility will mean the local CFA crew will be better equipped to respond to emergencies and protect life and property for the rapidly increasing population of the Romsey district.”

Captain Wilson went on to say “The new station will allow us to provide an even better emergency response to Romsey and the surrounding district as well as providing the brigade with capacity to expand our operations. The brigade has outgrown its current station that was originally opened in 1986. We have some issues with traffic management and as our appliances are bigger now than they were back then, they are parked basically nose-to-tail in the shed, which does have an impact on our capacity to respond to incidents.”

The new station will feature four bays for the brigade's vehicles. Additionally the station will include improved office space and amenities for the volunteer crew.

“The location of the new station will also give the brigade room to grow and to allow for further improvements,” Mr Wilson said. He wished to pay tribute to the host of Romsey community organisations and individuals who lent assistance during the recent Kilmore-Mickleham blaze, where the Romsey football oval acted as a staging ground for fire crews from across Victoria and New South Wales.

“We really appreciate what the community has done for us already and seeing the locals get behind the CFA making breakfast, lunch and dinner, made the Romsey brigade especially proud. The brigade's volunteers want to ask locals to keep supporting us so we can continue to protect and serve our community” Mr Wilson said.

Mr Wilson concluded by saying “All donations will be warmly received and incorporated into our projects which benefit our local and the broader community. We can't wait to move into the new station, and we hope to invite all Romsey locals to have a tour of the facility upon its completion.”

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Macedon Ranges Shire Council in collaboration with Western Water is offering free sustainable gardening workshops throughout 2014 for local residents. The next workshop, 'Sustainable garden design: general tips plus design in bushfire zones,' will be conducted on 26 July by Michael McCoy, an experienced gardening writer and local resident in the Macedon Ranges.

Micheal McCoy has written extensively about gardening, including books and articles for the major gardening publications. Design is key to ensuring that a sustainable garden uses the available space and resources effectively. The workshops will cover assessing a garden site and ensuring appropriate plant selection.

"We know that many of our residents are keen or budding gardeners, so Council is proud to host this series of hands-on workshops in partnership with Western Water," said Mayor, Cr Roger Jukes.

Western Water's General Manager, Customer and Community Relations, Peter Donlon said, "We are pleased to be partnering with Council for these workshops, which will help local residents create healthy, sustainable gardens that need less water to thrive."

The first workshop will take place from 10:30am to 12 noon on Saturday 26 July at the Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House.

All workshops are open to anyone interested in learning and are free to attend. Places are limited, so please register your attendance in advance. Residents can book their spot no earlier than one month prior to the date of each workshop.

Bookings can be made online via www.westernwater.com.au or by calling (03) 9218 5455.

Month	Topic	Presenter
26 July Riddells Creek	Sustainable garden design: general tips in bushfire zones	Michael McCoy
6 September Gisborne	Growing seasonal produce with Vasili	Vasili Maresi Channel 31
8 November Woodend	Choosing the right plant for the Macedon Ranges	Simon Rickard

Dear Editor

Since entering Parliament in August 2013, no issue has loomed larger for me than Hanging Rock and the proposed development in the council-owned adjoining Eastern Paddock.

The announcement by the Minister for Planning the Hon. Matthew Guy that Hanging Rock will be protected from development and that funding of \$1 million will be provided to maintain and upgrade the park's public facilities over four years is a momentous and historic one for the Macedon Ranges community. Hundreds of locals and some from far beyond have spoken with me about Hanging Rock – entrusting me with both their dreams and thoughts about this treasured place. I have raised your voices in the Parliament on five occasions since coming into this role. I pay tribute to the people I have met on this journey. Thank you. This is your moment.

I acknowledge, as I have throughout this process, the work of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council and of our local councillors. This Council undertakes and supports many valued projects and initiatives for our community and for local volunteer groups. The Macedon Ranges Shire Council's agreement to accept this announcement on Friday is welcomed.

Finally I thank all my colleagues – most especially Minister Matthew Guy and Minister Ryan Smith for listening and delivering for the local community in this announcement – and also my predecessor, Mrs Donna Petrovich – a true local. Hanging Rock – as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

Yours sincerely

Amanda Millar

State Liberal Member of Legislative Council
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F Follow
O One
C Course of action
U Until
S Successful



Now that makes sense doesn't it!

We have made our goals 6 month, 12 month etc. Now all we have to do is focus on one at a time or the time gets extended out and the feeling of achievement is delayed, and we need a sense of achievement to keep moving forward

1. On a daily basis close the open loops one at a time.

Day to day we have to look for things called 'open loops'. Every day we have things happening. We need to look at how to break down the differences and make sure we can stay on task and in the here and now. For example, let's say you are on a telephone and you say to someone, "I'll shoot you an email" and you hang up the phone. Rather than sending the email, you go off and do something else. You have now opened up a loop inside your mind, that sometime today, "*I have to send this email*". Which means you are going to have to think about it for the rest of the day. While you are holding on to that task in the back of your mind, you are going to burn through energy that you could be using to focus on the task at hand. So, **make sure you close the loop**. If you say you are

going to send an email, send it straight away. If you say you are going to call someone back, call them right then. Make sure you have no open loops being created day in, day out, as these open loops compound into a task list that really is never ending.

2. On a monthly basis focus on what you really want and get rid of the bright shiny objects.

How do we focus month to month? This is where we learn to **get rid of bright shining objects** (our distractions). You might be working on certain goal but month to month you are finding all these bright shining objects. You turn on the television, and there is something on "The Block", and you think to yourself "You know what? I am going to renovate my house, as well as starting up my cake shop business. I am going to renovate my house, as well as working on whatever other goal I am chasing right now. Your business and your house are both major projects so I guess you need to ask yourself some questions.

Learn to remove all of the bright shining objects, learn some new time management skills. Stay focused on what you want that will give you fulfilment and a sense of achievement and success.

3. On a yearly basis focus on one big project at a time.

If you start a business selling cakes in a cake shop, then just focus on that. If you start a business being a welder, just focus on that. If you focus on the one project, based on the law of compound energy, you are going to get a result much faster than if you start two projects at the same time.

The reason is that **we can only focus on the one thing at a time**. We may seem to be able to focus on a lot of things at a time and spread our attention over many objects but at any given moment we are only focusing on one thing.

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News from the Romsey Uniting Church:

On Sunday May 11th, the Romsey Uniting Church celebrated 150 years since the land was gazetted to the Romsey Presbyterian Church for the purpose of building a church. We were fortunate to have some newspaper information including a map of the area which designates the piece of land in Pohlman Street where the Uniting Church is situated today. A tree was planted in the grounds to commemorate the occasion. The 150th celebration of the Church building will be held in July, 2015.

The Romsey Uniting Church Adult Fellowship group will be holding their **Annual Winter Luncheon on Wednesday June 11th, 2014.**

The Guest Speaker will be Julie Webber from the Children First Foundation.

Time: 11.15am. Lunch will commence at 11.45am. Cost \$12.50. Trading Table and Door Prizes.

(See Advertising Poster in this edition of Romsey Rag).

SMILE:

"Peace begins with a smile" -
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Mother

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Busy lives can turn us inwards, making those around us seem anonymous.

Next time you rush down the street, break your stride and find the time to smile at those you pass by.

A Smile is Universal.

What Is Your Smile Worth?

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It enriches those who receive it without impoverishing those who give.

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No one is so wealthy that they can get along without it, and no one is so poor that they are not enriched by its benefits.

It creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business and is the countersign of friends.

It is rest to the weary, daylight to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and nature's best antidote for trouble. And if, in the hurry and rush of the day, you meet someone who is too weary to give you a SMILE, leave one of yours.

For no one needs a smile so much as those who have none left to give.

***"Take time to think, it is the source of power.
Take time to play, it is the secret of perpetual youth.
Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul.
Take time to pray, it is the greatest power on earth."***

Services during June, 2014

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| 1st | 9am | Worship Service led by the Worship Team |
| 8 th | 9am | Worship & Holy Communion Service |
| 15 th | 9am | Worship Service |
| 22 nd | 9am | Worship Service |
| 29 th | 9am | 5 th Sunday |

Combined Service at Romsey Uniting Church.

Other activities during June

4th 7.30pm Pastoral Care Committee

11th Annual Winter Luncheon 11.15am.

19th 7.30pm. Church Council.

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

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A note to local groups:

Please remember to keep our local community informed about your activities and coming events. The Romsey Rag is the perfect way to do this: advertising for activities and events for no-for-profit groups is free!

Your copy needs to reach the Romsey Rag no later than the 15th of each month. The details about placing submissions are on page 2 of the Rag each month, and the email



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Running such a venerable old lady as the RMI is quite a challenging task. Our Committee of Management recognises this and is in the process of sourcing funds for a Master Plan. Stage one of this process has been an application to the MRSC via the "Community Funding Scheme". If we are successful here we will use these funds as part of our proposal to the "Putting Locals First" program.

A Master Plan will look at the maintenance and improvement needs of the building and also at who is using its facilities and which other groups or individuals in the community may utilise the Institute in the future. Consultants would draw up the plan after extensive discussions with user groups, the CoM and members of the community. They would also have access to a recent structural engineer's report on the building. Once completed this Master Plan would be the basis for all works into the future.

The CoM would like to hear from any interested members of the community who feel they have time and/or expertise to assist us to manage the RMI. If you would like to help us look after and improve this wonderful piece of Romsey's history please contact the secretary at; secretaryrmi@gmail.com.

The Institute will be holding a "Collectables Day" on November 9th. You may have a collection that you wish to display and discuss with the community. This event is co-sponsored by the Romsey Community House. For more information please see the flyer in this edition of the "Rag".



One of our Regular User Groups, Cowboys & Angels Dance Academy has again won the Australia Cup at the Australian Line Dancing championships. This entitles them to represent Australia in the UK at the World Dance Masters later this year. We wish them all the very best in their efforts to raise funds so that the whole team can get to the UK and represent us

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.

Bookings and inquiries can be made at;
rmibookings@gmail.com



The Romsey UCAF

Invites you to join us for our annual Winter Luncheon

What Time:	11.15am for 11.45am lunch
When:	Wednesday 11 th June, 2014
Where:	Romsey Uniting Church Pohlman Street Romsey 3434
Cost:	\$12.50

"Come and enjoy food and fellowship"

Our speaker this year will be
Julie Webber – Children First Foundation
(Julie is an associate of Moira Kelly)

Trading Table and Door Prize.

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support to get you through the winter months.

When: Wednesday 18th June.
Where: Romsey Neighbourhood house.
Time: 10am -1pm
Cost: \$15
Bookings phone 0409801082
Practitioners presenting:

Robyn Patton:
Intuitive Nourishment Holistic health coach.

Gillian Gorrie :
Practitioner of Transformation.
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Sarah Holmes :
Accredited Exercise Physiologist.

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um and psychic passing on healing messages of love)

**This is a fundraising event for the Romsey Fire bri-
gade new home.**

Romsey Red Cross

Thanks to everyone who helped with a busy start to 2014 with Red Cross Calling (raising over \$1,000), our 100 year afternoon tea celebrations and Blumes Fashion lunch.

History in the Making:

As part of the Australian Red Cross 100 year celebration the Romsey Red Cross Branch would like to offer the residents of Romsey and surrounding districts this wonderful opportunity to be part of the
2014 Romsey and District Community Quilt

A small fee of \$5 for an individual or \$20 for a family will ensure that your nominated names will be embroidered onto this fabulous quilt. (The original 98 year old quilt was recently displayed at the hub).

DON'T MISS OUT!!!

Information and forms can be obtained from:

Angela Boxall on Ph: 5429 6746, or
Email: jim_angieb@optusnet.com.au
Jay Brooks on Ph: 5429 6163,
Email: jaybrooks@iprimus.com.au

Forms can also be collected or dropped off at:

"Black Range Business Group/5 King Café",
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And also at the Romsey Post Office

Power and Passion at 10th Anniversary Festival

Power and politics, passion and romance – these are the subjects of this year's Woodend Winter Arts Festival (6-9 June) ever-popular panel events.

- The New Romantics - Ever wondered why romance was so popular and how to write a good love scene? Four published romance writers Kathryn Ledson, Margareta Osborn, Jennifer Scoullar, Kate Belle discuss the diversity and popularity of writing and reading romance, the changing roles and tropes of women in modern romantic fiction, balance of power and gender and more. Saturday 7 June, 2pm to 3pm (\$20 / \$18 concession)
- Power, Politics and Personalities – With David Marr, and Margaret Simons. Between them they have written many biographies – subjects have included a prime minister, a business tycoon, a judge and a famous man of Australian letters. How does an author approach the task of writing the biography of such high-profile subjects? Authorised versus unauthorised? How does this affect the work? What to tell and what not to tell? Why do we want to read about other people's lives anyway? Monday 9 June, 10.30am – 11.30am (\$20/\$18 concession)
- Hold the Front Page! For anyone who loves the media and how it works – and wonders where it's headed. Breaking news – is it digital or print? Are newspapers really dying? Is the new media revolution really changing the way we become informed citizens? This panel draws together three analytical insiders - Rachel Buchanan, Tim Dunlop and Sally Warhaft for a lively and very contemporary examination of how we believe we stay informed. Sunday 8 June, 10.30 am to 11.30 am (\$20 / \$18 concession)
- From a Different Angle - The Rosie Project is a classic screwball romance. It was the feel-good novel of 2013. Rights have sold into more than thirty countries and a Hollywood movie is on the way. Yet the overall effect of the book is, if anything, to increase genuine understanding of Aspergers (or, as it will soon be called, the autistic spectrum) and to refute some of the common myths. Author Graeme Simsion discusses with Jane Sullivan his journey from attending a professional screen-writing course at RMIT in 2007 to award winning and best-selling author in 2013. Sunday 8 June, 2pm to 3pm (\$20 / \$18 concession)
- Artist Now: the role of the 21st-century artist in the public arena – a panel discussion with some of the Daylesford Macedon Ranges Open Studios' most accomplished artists - Rose Wilson, Anton Hasell, Tim Jones, Ellie Young while will discuss the role of the present day artist in the community, how it differs from artists in the past: What is art for? Who is it for? Saturday 7 June, 6.15 pm to 7.30 pm (\$30 full / \$25 concession - includes glass of wine and sandwiches)

The Festival's musical program this year features Peter and the Wolf with Max Gillies and the Scotch College Orchestra, opera performances of Jacobo Peri, Euridice, Brazil's Quaternaglia Guitar Quartet, Vienna's Koehne String Quartet, Singapore's virtuoso cellist Li-Wei Quin, French baroque harpist Maria-Christina Cleary, Italian violinist, Davide Monte, and Ukraine-born international pianist Alexey Yemtsov.

Booking early is essential because these events sell out well before Festival weekend. Buy tickets and view the full program, including free events and art exhibitions, at www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au





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HOLINESS -

**"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, IS THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY
Isaiah 6:3**

Some of you may have seen the film NOAH (not a faithful Biblical account) which shows how God destroyed the society of Noah's day because it had become so depraved and corrupt. Each day in our news we are confronted with another murder, sexual attack, fighting, child neglect, corruption in high places etc. This is not how God wants us to be! He wants to transform us into His likeness and be part of His Family, the Church. This begins with the way out He has provided - Jesus Christ - Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Jesus died to save us, that we might have forgiveness for our sins and through faith in His atoning death, be restored into fellowship with God the Father. *This is called Justification by Faith or being made right with God. This is the work of the Holy Spirit - He then begins His work of Sanctification - to make us holy. A life-time process, as He, day by day, transforms us into the likeness of Jesus Christ. We on our part, have our work to do through daily prayer, reading our Bibles and joining in worship and fellowship with other believers, so enabling the Holy Spirit to do His work of grace in our lives. It is a work affecting, "spirit, soul and body". I Thessalonians 5:23*
O, Thou Spirit divine, All my nature refine,
Till the beauty of Jesus, be seen in me.'

MAY 2014 - IN RETROSPECT

This was a much quieter month. Guild members supported the special functions of St.Mary's Woodend Guild and Romsey Red Cross. Both were very enjoyable occasions. The AMS Men's Breakfast raised \$140 for their Anglican Men's Society Welfare Fund. We thank all who supported the GUILD Street Stall at the end of the month, ensuring its success.

JUNE 2014 DIARY

Sunday 8th WHITSUNDAY/PENTECOST.

Coming of the HOLY SPIRIT - wear a touch of red!

Thurs.12th.. 8 pm. A.M.S. meets Christ Church Lancefield Hall. All men welcome. Enq.Max.5429-1597.

Sunday 15th..TRINITY SUNDAY.

Marking the TRI-UNE Nature of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Thurs.19th.12noon.

GUILD WARM WINTER LUNCH..Christ Church Hall.

\$10. Raffle, Door Prize.

Speaker: Rev. Bill Carroll: 32 years of a varied ministry.

RSVP.Glenice 5429-6418 Betty 5429-1597.

FAREWELL TO REV. BILL. All welcome.

Light Repast..

Sun.29th.

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THOUGH THE DARKNESS HIDE THEE
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THY GLORY MAY NOT SEE,
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9am HOLY COMMUNION..ST.PAUL'S ROMSEY

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Sunday.

1030am HOLY COMMUNION CHRIST CHURCH, Lancefield
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**Free Jumping Castle
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- All children must be accompanied by an adult



Special Guest Speaker

David Harris - Author of 'Certified'

David's compelling true story from the underworld,
occult, drugs, prisons & mental asylums
to freedom, hope & transformation

All welcome to stay for free BBQ and Family Fun Day

Encourage Church "Encouraging one another to be ALL we can be in life and in God".

You are also invited to join us at any of our Sunday Services:
10am at 7 Mitchell Court Romsey | 6pm at Woodend Community Centre
(*no evening service Sun 8th June)

or one of our Fortnightly Life Groups | Fortnightly Youth Events | Weekly Children's Programs

We also offer Kidzone Before & After School Care | Vacation Care | 'mainly music' Program
Senior Pastor Marilyn Hunter ~ **"ENCOURAGE CHURCH"**

Art is at the Heart of the Macedon Ranges.

Art is at the heart of the Macedon Ranges. The area's diverse, ever-changing landscapes and picture book villages continue to compel generation after generation of artists. The place offers inspiration on an accessible human scale.

As a result, creativity is everywhere for you to enjoy. There are paintings in cafes, galleries in wineries and huge stone sculptures in gardens. Whether or not art is your thing, it is easy to get drawn in.

Browse at the window of a gallery and, chances are, art will become part of the conversation over dinner, then again at breakfast. Local artists love to share too. Drop into an open studio and see their magic in action.

Want to see some art for yourself? Drop into one of the many studios or galleries in villages across the region. Where are they you ask? A great way to explore the arts across the Macedon Ranges is to follow the Macedon Ranges art trail. Pick up a brochure at your local Visitor Information Centre, or download a copy at visitmacedonranges.com/arts-culture and design your own artist adventure

And what about in your home town? Photographic artist Ralph Ewart creates innovative, creative works that invite the viewer to ponder and interpret as their imagination wishes. Debbie Daks has painted most of her life. Her distinctive, fun, quirky pieces will bring out your inner child. Every Friday night the Romsey Neighbourhood House is home to the House Art Group, come on down at 7.30pm and discover your own artistic talents.

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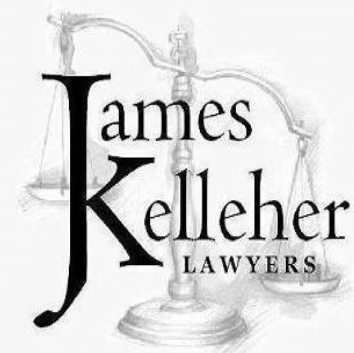
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The Gisborne Singers are gearing up for their annual mid- year concert.

The Gisborne Singers will present their mid-year concert—More Music for Pleasure on Sat 19th July at the Holy Cross Primary School in New Gisborne. As previously, patrons will be seated at round tables and are asked to bring their own food and refreshments, glass crockery and cutlery.

The program includes choral, solo, duet and small group singing and recitations. The evening will run in four brackets with a 20 minute interval between each.

Due to the absence of our Musical Director—Stephen Brockman overseas, this concert will be directed by Alan Grinton. Doors open at 6.30 pm and the show starts at 7 pm. Tickets will be on sale in June at \$25 each (no concession). This is definitely a fun night out.

The choir still needs more baritones and basses. We rehearse at Holy Cross Primary School at New Gisborne on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm. If interested in joining us, just telephone Grainne Black (President) on 0423 769 643 or D'Arcy Wood (VP) on 5428 3040 or just come along to a rehearsal for an assured warm welcome.

Hear what Nola Firth said recently on why she enjoyed being a member of the Gisborne Singers.

"The Gisborne Singers is a place where I have great satisfaction in being involved in the making and presenting of classical choral music that we present.

I enjoy learning about each new work and find fulfillment in building and using my choral singing skills. I also enjoy the fact that the group itself is an open, happy and friendly one. And all this is in my home town!"

ROMSEY LANCEFIELD ROTARY CLUB



Christmas in July

Enjoy a relaxing evening



DATE: Saturday 19 JULY 2014
VENUE: CLEVELAND WINERY (The Grange)
55 SHANNONS ROAD LANCEFIELD
TIME: 7 pm for 7.30 pm start
COST: \$40 per person (drinks at bar prices)

Contact: President Peter O'Rourke (phone: 0408 511 252)
Email: romancealot7@gmail.com

Baby Culture Vultures Flock to Woodend in June

Got a budding artist, cartoonist or musician in the family? The Woodend Winter Arts Festival children's program events offers every family the opportunity to offer their children the chance to see and hear Australia's most talented in action, including Andrew Weldon and Max Gillies with the Scotch College Orchestra.

This year the Festival's traditional free children's story features Andrew Weldon - a master picture storyteller who will adapt his energy and talents to enthral young Festival goers at Woodend Library with stories (and illustrations) of the highflying Ricky, a boy who dreams of being famous just knows he can fly – except when anyone is watching. It's a challenge.

Created with the legendary Paul Jennings, the Don't Look Now series features the optimistic Ricky as he pursues his dream. Andrew Weldon's cartoons appear regularly in the Age and the Big Issue, as well as having appeared in the New Yorker, the Spectator and Private Eye. His books include Clever Trevor's Stupendous Inventions and The Kid with the Amazing Head as well as his two cartoon collections, I'm so sorry little man I thought you were a hand-puppet (Allen and Unwin 2002) and If you weren't a hedgehog... If I weren't a haemophiliac...(Allen and Unwin 2006). His most recent book is Lazy Daisy, Busy Lizzie, written by Mary Ellen Jordan.

Back by very popular demand, the program includes a performance of Sergei Prokofiev's musical play, loved by generations of children the world over: Peter & the Wolf. This performance features Max Gillies, who has wanted to narrate the work all his life but was never asked, joined by the Scotch College Orchestra in the historic and beautiful Braemar College set on Mt Macedon. Festival organisers have worked with local schools to provide access to some of the special guests to local children.

"The cultural education program of our local children and young people is very important to us," said Artistic Director Jacqueline Ogeil. "We work hard behind the scenes to bring our special guests in contact with school kids of all ages outside the Festival weekend. This includes the SR Stoneman Young Writers Competition this year, plus school incursions programs and the Koehne Quartet will provide master classes for local string students.

*Don't look now, featuring Andrew Weldon, 10.30am – 11.30am, Saturday 7 June (FREE but bookings essential).

Peter and the Wolf with Max Gillies, 2pm – 3pm, Saturday 7 June (\$20 includes bus to Braemar).

Booking early is advised as most events sell out before the Festival weekend.

www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au



Kindergarten enrolments

Register now for 3 and 4 year old programs in 2015 at locations across the shire.

Applications are due by 30 June 2014.

4 year-old fee subsidy may be available for Health Care Card holders.

Contact 5422 0239 or visit
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Coming to Woodend from Japan, Brazil, Vienna, Singapore, France & Italy

A stellar line up drawn from across the globe will be coming to Woodend over the Queens' Birthday Long weekend – including Brazil's Quaternaglia Guitar Quartet, and Vienna's Koehne String Quartet. Just an hour's drive down the Calder Freeway to the jewel of the Macedon Ranges, arts lovers can pick a country and immerse yourself:

Austria – Vienna's Koehne String Quartet (one performance only) of *Winter Leidenschaft*, an emotional journey featuring Schubert and Brahms, by a Quartet with Australian connections, established in 1987 and referenced as one of the most outstanding interpreters of contemporary music in continental Europe.

Argentina – represented by two of Australia's finest exponents of traditional Tango Argentino dance, plus a Tango trio, in *Martini Tango Milonga*.

Brazil - Quaternaglia Guitar Quartet from Sao Paulo have been performing (and recording) for nearly 20 years (including changes to the line up). One performance only of *Brazilian Fire and Passion* – an exploration of the diversity of Brazilian rhythms through the most popular of instruments, the guitar, with original and popular works.

France - baroque harpist Maria-Christina Cleary by special invitation will join the orchestra for the Australian premiere of the Opera – Jacopo Peri's *Euridice*.

Germany – the outstanding Ensemble Gombert chamber choir, will perform masterpieces of the (German) a cappella choral tradition in Motets of Bach and Brahms.

Italy – the return of virtuoso violinist Davide Monti, who will be performing in several concerts, including *Dialogues of Love and Intrigue*, and of course this year's key event – *Euridice*.

Japan – Opening night fireworks will feature a free performance by the Wadaikorindo Japanese Drummers – likely to make nearly as much noise as the fireworks!

Russia – A repertoire of Shostakovich and Rachmaninov in *From Russia with Love*, and of course, the ever-popular Sergei Prokofiev's musical play, *Peter and the Wolf*, with Max Gillies and the Scotch College Orchestra.

Singapore - virtuoso cellist Li-Wei Quin, a prize winner in his youth of the Tchaikovsky Competition will team up with another remarkable soloist, Ukrainian born Alexey Yemtsov for *From Russia with Love*.

Ukraine-born international pianist Alexey Yemtsov will perform Chopin Masterpieces, as well as teaming up with Singaporean cellist Li-Wei Quin.

For details, buy tickets and view the full program of music, literary, art, children's and free events go to www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au

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

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM WHAT'S ON?

COOKING

Kids Master Chef Class

Tuesday the 1st and 8th of July
(repeat session) , 10am-12noon.

Cost \$8

Ages 6-12 years(12places only)

CRAFT

Intro to Sewing (by hand) and Sewing Machine

Wednesday the 2nd and 9th of July (repeat session), 10am-12noon.

Cost \$8

Ages 6-12 years(8places only)

The winter school holidays are soon upon us. If you would like to enrol you child in either the cooking or craft sessions you will need to complete an enrolment form at RNH and pay to secure your place prior to commencement.
CONTACT RNH during office hours for bookings.



Romsey Neighbourhood House is currently involved in developing in Partnership with Lancefield Neighbourhood House and other community groups a **"STREET CONNECT"** program. This is about getting back to basics and getting to know your neighbours and living in a collaborative, connected, supportive and strong community.

If you would like to know more contact Viv on 54292 337 at Lancefield .

Morning Tea Group

Friday the 20th of

June 10:30 am



Tea, coffee and great company provided. Come and meet with others in your community.

Monday Reiki Sessions

With Oksana.

These sessions are proving **incredibly popular** !
If you would like to book an hour session please call the house during office hours.
Cost \$10



FREE Pilates Beginners class and Information session

WHEN: 10:30 am Friday the 20th of June.

BRING: A mat or large beach towel, a small hand towel and your enthusiasm and curiosity.

CALL: Trish on 0411447392

..... At A Glance

Yoga.....Monday.....7-8:30pm\$20 casual/\$15 in full.

Yoga.....Thursday.....7-8:30pm.....\$18 Casual/\$15 in full.

Gentle Exercise.....Monday10-11am.....\$5 per Class.

Sun Style Tai Chi.....Tuesday.....1-2pm.....\$10 per Class.

Children's art Classes...Tue/Wed.....3:45-4:45.... \$80 for 8 weeks.

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 Tripshop with friends (June 13th to Watergardens)
limited spaces...\$10...bookings essential.

Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.



P.O. Box 101

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Excursion to Mordialloc 20th April 1885

This is an excerpt reproduced from the Lancefield Mercury with all spelling and grammar as printed in the paper.

The weather leading up to the proposed excursion to Mordialloc had been less than favourable for a trip to the beach. On Saturday the weather was on the improve and suddenly there was a rush to buy tickets. It was found that all the tickets available in Lancefield were sold and it looked like many would be disappointed. It was suggested that any unsold tickets in Romsey may be procured to allow all the Lancefield people could go. By Sunday it was evident that everyone who wanted a ticket had one.

On the morning of the excursion, in the frosty dawn, cloaked figures were making their way to the railway station. Along with the locals there were many residents of Pyalong and Rochford and other distant places all dressed in their Sunday best all carrying a picnic basket. The crowd was well behaved as they waited for the train to arrive soon after 7 o'clock.

As the train arrived at Romsey the platform was crowded with more people heading to the seaside. It was feared that when the train reached Monegeeta and Bolinda there maybe not enough sitting or standing room in the carriages. The next stopping place was Monegeeta, where another batch of pleasure seekers were taken on board. We must not omit to mention Mr. Skehan, host of the Junction Hotel very kindly rushed to his bar and brought a supply of whisky, which was welcomed with glee and gratitude by some of the passengers.

The train reached Spencer-street from where the passengers walked to Flinders-street accompanied by the Queensberry street, Hotham State-school band. When the children at length came within sight of the bay their expressions of delight were quite unbounded.

Upon arrival at Mordialloc, the crowd formed small groups and partaking in the lunch they had brought with them. Having eaten, the children, and not so young, proceeded to remove their shoes and stockings and paddle in the water. When some of the children were on the pier looking down at the water they lost their hats. A couple of enterprising adults manned the nearest unoccupied boat and set off to retrieve them. On return to the shore the owner of the boat (an old Highlander) berated them soundly for seizing his boat without permission. However he was pacified by means of Glenlivet, and an offer from the culprits to purchase some of his catch at a generous price.

The above article is just one of the many interesting items that can be found in our archives at the Lancefield Courthouse. Our archivist Robyn Miller can be contacted on 0418 172 659. Our secretary is S. Kishere—phone 0402 248 540.

Our Winter Luncheon will be held at the Anglican Hall in Lancefield on June 22nd at 12 o'clock. Guest speaker to be advised. Seymour Cottage will be open on 9th June between 1pm and 4pm. The theme for this event will be plants and gardens.

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Mrs. Joanne Reuther	Presbytery:	5429 2130
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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

Saturdays 9.45am Romsey & 5.45pm Lancefield.

BAPTISMS

February, April, June, August, October, December.

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.

Are you searching for a way to meet your spiritual needs?

Have you ever thought:

What am I searching for in life?

Am I satisfied with my life?

Where am I going in my life?

What is the purpose of my life?

If you've asked any of these questions, then this invitation is for you.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a journey that begins with the stirring of faith and curiosity within one's heart and leads to learning about God, the Holy Scriptures, and the Catholic experience.

Who should attend RCIA?

Everyone's starting point on the journey to becoming a Catholic may differ. The RCIA journey is for individuals who:

Have never been baptised as Christians? or

Who have been baptised in another Christian tradition and

are now interested in the Catholic Faith? or

Who were baptised in the Catholic tradition but have never received any other sacraments? or

Are confirmed Catholics who would like to learn about their faith.

If this is for you or anyone you know, please contact Joanne Reuther at St. Mary's Presbytery on 54292130 or email jreuther@smlancefield.catholic.edu.au

All enquiries will be treated in confidence and your details will not be given to any other person or organisation.

BINGO BINGO BINGO

Every Thursday evening

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Youth Spaces open for Term 2, 2014

Youth Spaces are starting back in Term 2 in Kyneton, Romsey and Gisborne with a brand new program of awesome activities for young people of secondary school age.

Youth Spaces open weekly during school term as follows:

Gisborne: Thursdays from 4pm-6pm,

at Manaaki on Aitken St

Kyneton: Tuesdays from 4pm-6pm, behind the Town Hall on Hutton St

Romsey: Tuesdays from 4.30pm-6.30pm, at the Community Hub on Main St.

Youth Spaces are run by Macedon Ranges Shire Council. They are fully supervised and drug, alcohol and smoke-free.

For more information, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/youth or head to our Facebook page, [facebook.com/MacedonRangesYouth](https://www.facebook.com/MacedonRangesYouth)



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**Meets 1st Thursday except January
 Installation - June**

ALL BRETHREN WELCOME



We are almost through Term 2. Wow this time is going fast. We want to say thank you to all

the parents who support the kinder through different fundraising activities. We are looking forward to all the new activities what are coming up.

Mother's Day

This year for Mother's Day the children had a mother's day pampering session and morning/afternoon tea for all our wonderful mums. The children had a ball pampering them with painting their nails and giving hand massages

Open Day and Fete

On Sunday the 18th we had our open day and fete. A great was had by staff and families who attended. The jumping castle was enjoyed by the children. Our bellies were full for the great tasting snags. Than we got to wash it all down with the bake stall was a hit with all. Thankyou parents who cooked up a storm. Thankyou for all who came down and supporting the kinder. Thank you to.

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Romsey Primary School

Cyclone's Craft Cabin

Mel Myers - Your Inspiration at Home

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Close to My Heart - Marg Ryan and Donna Christensen

Debbie Daks

Kristen Fraser - Tupperware Demonstrator

Shellie Laird - Bling N Things

Uniforms

As its coming into our colder months our soft and warm Kinder jumpers are available to purchase. 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. Kinder t-shirts, jumpers and hats are available for purchase at any time.

Crazy Hat Day

In support of Jelly Baby Month for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Australia we held a Crazy Hat Day at Kinder on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th of May. Everyone came to Kinder those days wearing a "Crazy Hat" and made a gold coin donation to a very worthwhile cause. It was a crazy fun day.

Premiers' Reading Challenge

This year the kinder aged children are able to be included in the Premiers' Reading Challenge. It is a valuable and rewarding thing to read to your children. Books help children to develop language skills and concentration skills. We have until the 5th of September to read as many different books to them by this time. Registration are due back the 2nd of May, could you please also add your child's date of birth to the registration form. Happy reading.

"\$100 Heroes and \$50 Friends Sponsorship"

We are launching a Community fundraising initiative called "\$100 Heroes and \$50 Friends Sponsorship". This program invites businesses to become a Sponsor by donating either \$100 or \$50 respectively. **\$100 Heroes** - Participating businesses have their business displayed in the foyer of the Romsey Kindergarten and have the

opportunity to place marketing material in our Newsletter.

\$50 Friends – Participating businesses have their business displayed in the foyer of the Romsey Kindergarten.

Either of these opportunities is a great chance for local businesses, both large and small, to reach a specific or new target audience within the community. Please help us build a stronger and better Romsey Kindergarten, your support is greatly appreciated.

If you would like to participate please contact Michelle Nulty on 0438 040 979 or michelle.nulty@yahoo.com.au.

This is a tax deductible contribution. A tax invoice will be supplied upon donation. Thank you for your continued support.

Enrolments

There are still vacancies for 4 year old Kinder for this year (2014). If you know anyone who would like to enrol their child at Romsey Kinder this year please let them know. Enrolments forms are available in the Kinder Foyer or contact Carmen Wattis at Council on 5422 0239.

Enrolments are now open for 2015 need to be in by 30th June.



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