

Romsey Golf Club – Men's Report

<http://romseygolfclub.net>

Saturday February 13th - Rd 2 - "Flatstick Roofing" Summer Cup - Stroke

Players teed off on a day where the temperature moved into the mid 30's and a southerly wind kicked up dust and blew leaves across the whole course. The fairways continued to bounce true, however the drier conditions saw some drives travel much further than expected leaving difficult approach shots, or no approach shot at all. The wind and the extra carry caused many players to rethink their usual club selections. However balls that landed on or near the greens usually held leaving good putts and reasonable chips. Whilst the day's weather made for a difficult round a number of players were able to handle the conditions and card a good score. On a challenging day the results were;

Winner; Steve Poulton- 97/27/70 C/B from Mick Nicholls (Snr) - 92/22/70 with John Freestone - 92/20/72 and Les Gaunt - 78/6/72

NTPs; 1st - John Freestone, 15th - John Freestone & 16th - Les Gaunt.

Sat February 6th - Rd 1 - "Flatstick Roofing" Summer Cup - Par

Over the years Par has often been viewed as the least attractive game of golf, subsequently drawing fewer golfers however this time a good field hit off on a warm to hot afternoon. As the round progressed a gently southerly breeze helped keep players cool, later on the wind moved to the east. The fairways were again quite firm but generally had good cover; all players got good value for their drives. The greens had survived the attention of the Little Corellas and the bare areas covering their diggings were beginning to show signs of new growth. The recent rains and the gradual corrections to the green sprinklers saw all surrounds in their best condition for many years. A number of players had excellent rounds and there were a quite a few early "winners" as the cards came in. So on quite a warm afternoon, with some pretty hot golf, the results were;

Men's Winner; Pat Chisholm (10) +5 C/B from Mick Nicholls Jnr (27) +5 from Les Gaunt (6) +4, John Freestone (20) +2, Anthony Freeman (20) + 2 & Hugh Drummond (21) +2

Women's Winner; Pam Drummond (30) +3

NTP;s 1st -Mal Mottram, 15th - Steve Poulton & 16th - Anthony Lakey

Saturday January 30th - Men & Women -Monthly Medal - Stroke & Putts

More steady rain during the week again softened the fairways and greens, so whilst everyone lost distance off the tee players who were game enough to fire directly at the flag, gave themselves a good chance of returning an excellent score. The field teed off with a soft SSE breeze blowing across the course on a beautiful 23C afternoon. The round was made all the more interesting as, for the first time, the women were also playing their Monthly Medal. The greens again putted very true and all who struck their ball firmly were rewarded. It is hoped that the recent rain over virtually all of the state will give our Little Corellas a few more options and they may well move on to greener fields. On a lovely afternoon the results were;

Winner & Men's January Medalist; Rob Rea - 86/17/69 from Les Gaunt - 77/6/71, Mal Mottram - 85/14/71 & John

Laing - 102/30/71

Winner & Women's January Medalist; Lyn Robison - 100/31/69.

NTP; 15th - Scott Williams

Least Putts; Men - Pat Chisholm - 26. Women - Lyn Robison - 27

Saturday January 23rd - Stableford

Some soaking rain over Thursday and Friday again helped the course recover from the very hot, dry weather earlier in the week. The afternoon's temperature just got into the mid 20s but the previous days' rain meant a very cloudy, humid round, however the steady S to SE breeze did make for slightly better conditions. There was still good cover on the fairways and the greens had softened so well hit wedges stuck but anything short stayed short leaving some tricky chips to the flag. On another enjoyable afternoon the results were;

Winner; Chris vanDerVliet (26) - 39 pts from Keith Hocking (28) - 38 pts and Mick Nicholls Jnr (27) - 37 pts

NTPs; 15th - John Moody and 16th - John Freestone

A highlight of this week's Twilight Golf was a hole-in-one by Mick Nicholls Snr. Mick achieved this on the 110m, par 3 10th (Old Course)

Saturday January 16th - Guest Day - Ambrose

Three days of temperatures ranging from the high 30s to low the 40s saw all of Romsey Park beginning to wilt so everyone was certainly very happy to hear some rain very early on Thursday morning. With a much cooler Thursday and Friday the re-cycled water gave the course a chance to recover. A slight southerly breeze, clear skies and a top temperature of 26C made for an enjoyable round. Guest days always bring some surprises and this one was no exception. Guests from Lancefield, Broadford, Kilmore, Horsham and Corowa joined the locals for both an interesting and challenging round. The small greens and narrow fairways caught many out but most teams were able to "get up and down" on a regular basis. The course echoed with cries of delight or anguish as birdies or eagles were made or just missed and there was much good-natured banter as teams passed. As was to be expected only the best of scores was going to win the day. On a relaxed afternoon the results were;

Winners; Jim Patton, Nick Patton, Pat Chisholm - 67/9.5/57.5 from Steve Poulton, Scott Williams, Bob Dwyer - 72/12.5/59.5

NTPs; 1st Scott Williams, 15th Peter Scanlon & 16th - John Freestone

The club is approaching its first year of re-cycled water use. We have learned a great deal during the year and hope that we will be better prepared for the coming year. Once the full 12 months is up we will meet with Western Water to discuss our options. This year we will also spread 30 tonne of dolomite on the fairways. This, with the 30 tonne of lime we spread in 2015, will assist the soils across the course to make the best use of all the re-cycle water

Our 8th Charity Golf Day, held on Sunday Feb 21st, was a great success with over \$1,300 being raised for the 2016 Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life. Our thanks to all who supported the event.

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Round 2 of the program is now open and I am asking community organisations to let me know about projects that are important to them.

Up to a total of \$150,000 of funding will be available in the electorate of McEwen in the next financial year for small capital projects that improve participation and contribute to the vibrancy and viability of our communities.

Individual grants of between \$5,000 and \$20,000 are available for capital projects but to be eligible the projects require matched contributions, in cash or in kind on at least a dollar for dollar basis.

The program is open to community based not-for-profit organisations that are not owned by a state or territory government. All applicants must operate as a legal entity with a current ABN.

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We also welcome your ideas and topics you'd like us to explore.

Veronica Strachan was a nurse and midwife and is now a writer, coach and serial small business entrepreneur. She lives with her family in their mudbrick home in Gisborne.

Veronica Zeinstra has been a nurse and midwife for over 33years, currently offering birth coaching to pregnant women, as well as intuitive healing for returning to health and wellbeing. She has lived in the Macedon Ranges for over 23years



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Sunday February 21st - RFL Charity Golf Day - 4 Player, 12 Holes Ambrose

It was a very rambunctious group who assembled for the 2016 Relay For Life (RFL) Charity Golf day at Romsey on Sunday 21st. There was much hilarity as teams checked out each others' uniforms, discussed the unfairness of the handicapping system and enjoyed a cuppa and a biscuit before they hit off. Some members of the field challenged their handicap demanding that their team's be recalculated, alas all to no avail. The shot-gun start got everyone underway just after 10.00 am and shouts of jubilation or anguish echoed across the course and eagles or birdies fell or balls just rolled passed the cup. Romsey captain, Tony Freeman, made sure everyone had access to a cold drink or a chocolate bar before they finished their round and headed to the rooms for a very relaxed lunch. The day was run by RFL team "Puddle's Team" and all told they raised \$1,718.00 for the 2016 Lancefield/Macedon Ranges RFL. Club President Anthony Lakey and Vice President Kevin Dunn presented the prizes. On a very relaxed and enjoyable day the results were;

Winners; Executives - Andrew Clement, Kevin Dunn, Bruce Robb & Neil Jarman - 41/6.25/34.75 from Flatstick - Shannon Wright, Mick Nicholls Jnr, Daniel Wright & Ethan - 41/6.13/34.87 C/B from Robb & Co - Wayne Robb, Paul Green, Phil & Lorraine Robb - 43/8.13/34.87

Best Uniform; Worm Burners 0 Jan, Sally, Beryl & Lisa. (Look out Village People!!)

NAGA - Old Farts - Laurie, Robbie, Bob & Glenn

Straightest Drive 4th - Men - Laurie Armistead, Women - Helen Dennett

NTPs - 1st - Daniel Wright, 3rd - Beryl Cole, 8th - Andrew Clement & Pam Drummond, 9th - Liz Johnston, 10th - Don Dennett & Lisa O Below: 2016 RFL Charity Golf Day Winners - The Executives.



Runners Up: Flatstick

Below: Winners best uniform: Worm-burners



Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA)

UPDATE No 2.

Clean Up Romsey Day

As an extension of the Romsey Streetscape Project, Clean Up Romsey Day will be held on **Sunday 6th March** to coincide with Clean Up Australia Day.

Volunteers are invited to gather at the Skate Park (Lions Reserve) at 9.30am to be allocated areas for clean up. A free sausage sizzle will be provided back at the skate park at around 11.30am for volunteers. For further enquiries, please contact Jenny Stillman (Ph. 0412 349849, jennystillman@optusnet.com.au).

Come along, bring a water bottle and a sunhat and be part of a town pride initiative!



Paint The Town Purple

As part of Relay for Life's "Paint The Town Purple" week, RRBATA organised installation of purple filters to enable the Lions Reserve (skate park) tree to be illuminated purple for the week! In previous years, the tree has also been illuminated blue for Autism Awareness month.



Romsey Streetscape Project

Much has been happening, with working groups continuing to meet and fine tune details of possible elements to be incorporated in a Romsey Streetscape Master plan. Side bar initiatives have included the Clean Up Romsey Day (see above), assistance to Romsey and Lancefield Historical Society to digitise some of their publications and discussion re development of an "app" to facilitate a Romsey visitor's experience. A more detailed update of the Streetscape Project can be found in the Rag, on Facebook and on Romsey Online (www.romsey.org.au).



Light Up The Sky 2016

Light Up The Sky is back this year and will be held at the Lions Reserve (Romsey skate park) from **6pm on Saturday 16th April 2016**. A spectacular fireworks display will again conclude the evening. Games, food, community stalls and musical entertainment will feature. So, put this in the diary now! **RRBATA wishes to acknowledge the Romsey Community Bank branch of the Bendigo Bank as being a major sponsor of the fireworks display.**

Tourism Stakeholder Think Tank

RRBATA was invited to attend the recent Macedon Ranges Shire Council Tourism

Stakeholder Think Tank. This was aimed at seeking input from stakeholders across the Shire ahead of the formulation of a Tourism Strategic Plan. Areas covered in the workshop included the following: industry professional development support needed, biggest challenges faced when operating businesses, marketing and digital presence challenges, barriers to new activities and developments, brainstorming of "blue sky" ideas. Opportunities to promote the region's nature based attractions as well as develop cycling related ideas were mentioned. This linked to the ongoing discussion re accommodation (whether or not a big accommodation venue is needed, the notion of "pop up" accommodation for large events, the need for a range of accommodation styles). The information and ideas gathered from attendees will be considered for the strategic plan.

Romsey Online

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.

Membership Enquiries: Sharyn Ede (Secretary) Phone: 0403 429161 Email: sharynede_associates@y7mail.com

Romsey Primary School News



We have had a wonderful start to the 2016 school year at Romsey PS.



We have announced our new school leaders and have welcomed 2 classes of new preps. We returned to a new look Gymnasium, Canteen and Art Room with all areas receiving a lick of paint, and new floor surfaces in the entrance, Art room, classroom and toilets. The outside of the building also had maintenance to the roof and the fascia's and gutters were all repainted. The new look Art Room is pictured below, the new vibrant colours will certainly inspire our budding young artists.

New Leaders



Our school leaders for 2016 are Bethany Wilmann, Darcy Lockens (Vice Captains) and Cooper O'Brien and Tahlia Hartney (School Captains). The children have also elected student councillors for each classroom. These students will represent their class at fortnightly meetings of the Student Council. The leaders were taken to Melbourne on Wednesday February 10 to a leadership conference (GRIP) which focusses on developing student leadership skills and qualities.



New Staff

This year we are joined by 4 new staff members. Mrs Bridget McCauley as our new Performing Arts teacher. Miss Emily Scicluna in Prep, Mr Iain Sparrey in Year 3/4 and Mr Michael Monrose in Year 5/6. We welcome all 4 teachers and hope they enjoy their time at Romsey PS.

New Preps

Our prep children have settled in well to their first year of school. Currently the prep children attend school 4 days a week, they have Wednesdays as a rest day. They will commence full time on Monday the 7th of March.



Bendigo Bank, You Can Do It Games

On Friday Feb 5, we had the You Can Do It Friendly Games, which is sponsored by the Bendigo Bank. A fun afternoon was had by all as the children worked with their buddy grades and participated in a number of fun activities. The Games were followed by a whole school picnic on the oval.



Gardening Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers from the community who would like to come along and help us with our gardening program which runs predominantly with our Year 3/4 students. If you would like to assist us with this program could you please contact the school on 54 295 099. All volunteers will require a current Working With Children Check,



we are more than happy to assist you in gaining this.

Wear a Hat/Wig or Bandana Day

On Monday Feb 22nd the school raised \$300 for the Romsey/Lancefield Relay for Life Team. The children and staff wore hats, wigs and bandanas for the day.

I also shaved the head of local actress Annie Phelan head at the whole school assembly to raise awareness and to support people battling cancer.

We are looking forward to another exciting year of learning.

"Project Romsey" Update No. 2 2016

Clean Up Romsey Day – An initiative of the Town Pride working group. To be held on **Sunday 6th April 2016** (meet at Skate Park 9.30am, free sausage sizzle at 11.30am).

Temporary signage – MRSC to fund signage to indicate to display at Romsey Streetscape initiatives in progress. Currently considering design in conjunction with RRBATA.

Lions Park and Lions Reserve (skate park) toilets – Refurbishment complete.

Feature Town Entry Points – The Town Pride working group will progress the development of these early in 2016, engaging both the local general and arts communities to formulate components and design.

Feature Street lamps – Further discussion being held by Lighting and Roads working group to explore optimal design.

Feature Illumination – Illumination of the fountain and trees at Mechanics Institute being further explored having sought insight from Hume City Council about the O'Shannassy Street Sunbury tree illumination project.

Main Street Gardens – Redevelopment of Main Street nature strip gardens > in progress..

Concept/Master Plan Development > in progress.

Romsey History – Streetscape Project volunteers assisting Historical Society to digitise Romsey Historic site booklet. It is hoped that this will lead to other initiatives to increase online accessibility of information pertaining to Romsey's history for locals and tourists.

Town Tidiness – possible Tidy Town involvement and whole town clean up event to be progressed by Town Pride working group.

Town Entry Point Feature – RRBATA will soon be calling for submissions from community members (including artists, school students, general community) for, initially, **concept ideas** before later calling for specific artistic designs of a town entry feature for utilization at Romsey's four town entry points (see April Rag for details).

For further information, please contact:

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Community Banks

BANK DOES SOME HEAVY LIFTING FOR THE MEN'S SHED

Community Bank has done some heavy lifting for the Lancefield Men's Shed – helping the members avoid sprains and strains as they go about their work. A \$2,000 Community Bank grant enabled the members to build a concrete apron on the east side of their building, enabling deliveries of material right up to the door.

It will also help them to safely store the tradesmen's trailer, which they bought with a Community Bank grant in 2014.

Lancefield bank manager, Michael O'Gorman, said the Men's Shed had recently received funding for lifting equipment, but the rough and muddy ground outside the main door limited its use.

"Now that the Shed has a 10 by 6 metre concrete apron, the men have a flat and sturdy platform to load and unload their building supplies and their finished products, and move them in and out through the main door," Michael said.

"A few of the members had accumulated some sprains and strains lifting heavy materials, so the combination of our flat apron with the lifting equipment will allow them to move heavier objects with a minimum of fuss."

The concreted area will also aid more social gatherings between Shed members and the community – particularly the children from the 'Kids in Shed' program, who can now visit and socialise in a pleasant area, which is large enough for a barbecue and tables and chairs.

Grants to community groups and projects of local benefit are a key part of how the Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank branches contribute to the local community.

David Plunkett, who recently assumed the role of chair of the Community Bank, said local groups have now shared more than a million dollars in grants and sponsorships from the Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank over the past 15 years – being money we have generated from customers who have chosen a truly local bank.



Movies that Matter Program Announced

The Macedon Ranges Sustainability Groups' monthly screening of sustainability related films is due to take off in 2016.

The program which began in 2007 has introduced many perspectives on sustainability issues, ranging from energy to economics, transport and food.

In its current format the Movies that Matter are screened at the Victoria Hotel every second Tuesday of the Month. This event is open to anyone interested in climate change and the need to re-engineer global economics to cater for increasing population.

Featuring mostly recently released movies, the evenings provide an opportunity to be informed in a convenient and convivial atmosphere. Dinner is generally served from 6.30 pm with the movie screening at 7.30 pm. A discussion of the film usually follows and provides an opportunity to meet like-minded residents and consider the local implications of the material covered.

A program of films has now been decided for the first half of 2016 and is available on the MRSG website (www.mrsgonline.org.au). The March Movie will be a series of short international films.

The program will also feature Hungry for Change, Schooling the World and The Human Scale. Audiences have been growing in recent times but MRSG is keen to attract both members and non-members of the MRSG to the 2016 program.

Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.



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FROM THE COTTAGE... 2016

January/February

(Palmer Street – look for the blue Heritage Plaque on the gatepost on the left; open on the last Sunday of the month, from 11-2. Barton (Seymour) Cottage is a heritage listed dwelling built around 1855.)

The Friends of the Cottage are looking forward to welcoming visitors again to the Cottage on February 28th – and the last Sunday of each month throughout 2016. We have been busy with some planning ahead and outlined this at the annual meeting of the Historical Society (held in November 2015). The following is a summary of our key aims:

"FORWARD PLANNING: In line with the attempt to understand, advertise and develop the potential of the Cottage we have some planning already in hand as briefly follows:

- *Consider the actual status of the Cottage and its importance via National Trust, Heritage Victoria, etc. (Only state importance – or possibly of national significance?)*
- *Continue the research into the Cottage (handed over to Romsey as 'Barton').*

- *Re-visit the excellent architectural plan already carried out and utilise this.*
- *Consider the setting up of various areas such as a bathroom.*
- *Liase closely with the MRSC via Arts, Infrastructure, Places for People, Maintenance, etc*
- *Consider storage needs to enable a changeable display.*
- *Develop the garden to a high quality with appropriate planning.*
- *Promote a range of interests/displays such as sustainability, environmental (we have begun a bird calendar), gardening (yearly journal is underway), local communities (Springfield was our first), bread-making (Red Beard Bakery, Trentham are coming to visit) etc.*

"The Cottage has enormous potential to become a highly valued asset to Romsey and district and it deserves to be fully utilised as such. This would honor the gifting of the generous donor, the extremely hard working committee who first restored the home, and the many folk who have assisted in its maintenance since then."

If you would like to be part of our Friends group you would be very welcome!

Warm regards,
Ruth (0415 256 911) on behalf of the Cottage Friends

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First Working Bee for 2016 – Planned for Sunday April 17

Weeds 101 workshop

Wondering what that weed is and how to control it? Well, Macedon Ranges shire is running a 'weeds 101' workshop to teach residents about local weeds and how to control them. The workshop is taking place Saturday March 5th. From 10am – 12pm at the Newham Mechanics Institute, 1292 Rochford Rd Newham. For more information contact MRSC on 5421 9674 or environment@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Fire Recovery workshops for Lancefield- Cobaw fires

Residents directly affected by the Lancefield – Cobaw fire are invited to attend Land Rehabilitation Workshops, being hosted by Macedon Ranges Shire Council. At this stage workshops are scheduled for the 12th of March (Flora/ Fauna) and the 19th of March (land and stock management). They are limited to fire-affected residents. More information by contacting MRSC on 5422 0333.

Organic integrated pest management

Don't like using chemicals? Then check out local gardening expert Mariette Tuohey as she demonstrates effective ways to manage pests in the garden without the need for harsh chemicals. Saturday 12 March 2016, 10am-12pm; Woodend Neighbourhood House, 47 Forest Street, Woodend

20 million trees program.

The Authority for Melbourne's western water catchments (the Port Phillip and Western Port Catchment Management authority PPWCMA) is launching a program "Greening the West" to revegetate the western part of the catchments.

The project is part of the Federal Governments 20 million trees program. Melbourne's western catchments are some of the fastest growing areas in Australia. They are also drier and often warmer than other parts of Melbourne. As the population increases so too does pollution, heat and pressure on the environment. Trees and vegetation are vital components for liveable, healthy suburbs and provide many social, environmental and economic benefits.

Trees and vegetation help to combat climate change by removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. As our cities warm they also contribute to reducing the 'urban heat island effect'. Cooler, shaded spaces in our parks, in streetscapes and alongside homes can reduce heat stress particularly for those in our community who are most vulnerable to high temperatures.

The aim is to plant 400,000 trees in the Werribee and Maribyrnong (include Deep Creek and its tributaries) catchments. Landholders are encouraged to join the program – the CMA will provide trees from a local nursery (and possibly some extras like guards if possible within budget) to the landholder. The landholder will be responsible for prepping the site, planting and maintaining the trees. If you're interested obtain more information from Deep Creek Landcare – Secretary

Myna Birds : 62 birds were trapped in the Lancefield area for January.

Myna bird traps are still available

Contacts are:

Lancefield : Pat Danko : p.danko01@bigpond.com

Romsey: Cathy Phelps : cathy.phelps@bigpond .com

CONTACT

Anyone wishing to contact group can do so thru Secretary

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WASH- such a little word yet covers many activities, Anglo/Saxon/Danish in origin and in Greek, 'baptizo', from which our word -BAPTISM comes, when we are ritually washed clean from sin.
The Jewish people had many rituals and ceremonies to do with 'washings' which they observed diligently. Jesus taught them to be clean within themselves was more important than an outward show of cleansing. How beautiful the countryside looks when it is covered with newly fallen snow, so dazzlingly white yet how ugly and spoilt when it becomes mixed with the soil on the ground. Such is our inward state before God, stained and blackened through our inherent sinful, fallen human natures which breaks our relationship with Him. The forty days of LENT gives us time to reflect where we stand before God Almighty, our Creator and Judge. Are we fit to stand before Him, clean and undefiled by sin.? God has promised forgiveness and reconciliation in the Person of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who died on the Cross for us. As John writes in John 3.:16, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him will be saved and have everlasting life." This needs us to take the step of acknowledging our sinful state, and in faith, embracing Jesus as our Saviour and Lord.
- What can wash away my sin, Nothing but the blood of Jesus,
What can make me whole again, Nothing but the blood of Jesus,
O, precious is the flow, that make me white as snow,
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. -
R. Lowry.

MARCH 2016

Our LENTEN STUDY for 2016. is a JOURNEY INTO THE AUSTRALIAN DESERT - with 40 days of Bible readings.. TUESDAYS -11AM Lancefield at THE VICARAGE.. 7pm at ST.PAUL'S Romsey

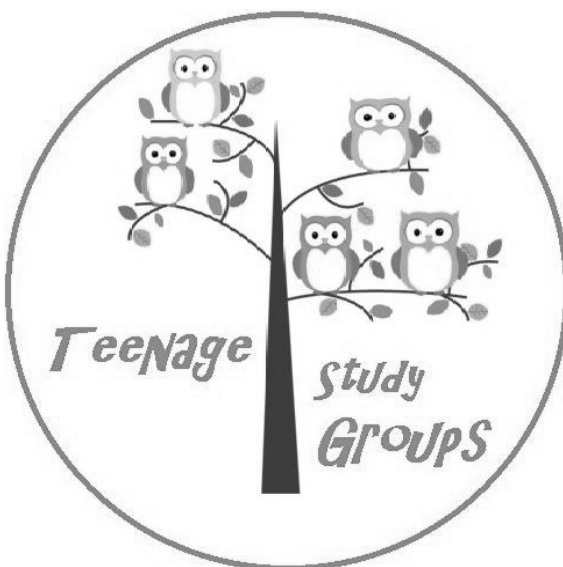
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Thurs. 17th Mar.1.30pm..THE GUILD meets Christ Church Hall Lancefield. Enq. Glenice
Sun.20th Mar. PALM SUNDAY ..Remembering Jesus' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM.
Thurs.24th Mar.7PM..HOLY or MAUNDY THURSDAY..HOLY COMMUNION.. ST.PAUL'S ROMSEY
FRI.25th Mar..9am..GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY at ST.PAUL'S ROMSEY - followed by combined Churches Walk of Witness
Sat.26th Mar.7pm..EASTER EVEN.."NEW FIRES SERVICE"..CHRIST CHURCH LANCEFIELD
Sun.27th 9am..EASTER DAY..HOLY COMMUNION .. ST.PAUL'S ROMSEY
10.30M..HOLY COMMUNION .. CHRIST CHURCH LANCEFIELD.

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That we might go at last to heaven, saved by His precious blood." Mrs. Alexander.

APRIL 10th..HARVEST THANKSGIVING SUNDAY - Food etc. for Anglicare.

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES -
9am..Holy Communion..ST.PAUL'S ROMSEY.....10.30am..CHRIST CHURCH LANCEFIELD

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Whilst our recent project did have a few hold-ups with days with extreme heat, strong winds and rain causing all work to stop we have now completed almost every item that was planned for. The rendering and repainting of areas of the facade and improvements to the spouting, fascia and downpipes all combine to make the building look clean, fresh and new. We hope everyone has noticed the difference these works have made.

Our thanks to Cathie Boschert and Julie Wynd from the Department of Environment, Water, Land, & Planning (DEWLP) for their assistance with some additional funding to help cover cost over-runs due to the time lost and the resulting extension of hire of scaffolding and other equipment.

The CoM is very pleased to announce that we now have \$16,500.00 to put towards a Master Plan for the RMI. The additional \$10,500 has come from the MRSC – Places For People – fund. We envisage the Master plan process will be completed by mid 2016. This will involve drawing up the brief, putting it to tender and then working with the winning consultant as they meet with; DEWLP, the CoM, the Regular Users groups and others within the community to fully understand what the community needs and how best the RMI can meet these needs.

We would like to especially thank Jodie Turner, MRSC, for all her work over the last three years to assist us to get to this stage of the process.

The Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life will again be held at Lancefield Park on March 5th and 6th. We would encourage everyone to become involved in, or donate to, one of the teams who raise money for this very worthy cause – funds for cancer research.

Our 2nd "Romsey Antiques Fair" will be held over the weekend of Sat March 19th/Sun March 20th. Doors will open at 9.30 am on Saturday and 10.00 am on Sunday. This is a combined Romsey Neighbourhood House/RMI event. The CWA and the Romsey Golf Club will cater for morning and afternoon teas. It is a good example of what can be done when community groups get together to provide something for the whole town.

If you would like to have a stall in the fair please or more information on the fair please contact Gail on 0416 028 219

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REGULAR EVENTS

St. Mary's Drop-In: First Thursday of each month, 10:00 a.m. Mass – Romsey Church – all welcome. 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.

SACRAMENTS

Parents with children not attending St. Mary's School who are scheduled to receive Sacraments in 2016 are request-

ed to contact the secretary by phone: 5429 2130 or by email at lancefield@cam.org.a to register your child. Holy Communion – Yr 4 or Yr 5 & Confirmation – Yr 6.

LENT AND HOLY WEEK

***Stations of the Cross: Fri 7pm alternating Romsey and Lancefield**

Fri 4th March Lancefield (next week)

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*Palm Sunday: Sat 19th March 6pm Lancefield
 Sun 20th March 8am Lancefield,

10am Romsey

***Reconciliation: Tues 22nd March 7pm Lancefield**

*Holy Thursday: Thur 24th March 7pm Romsey

***Good Friday: Fri 25th March 11am Ecumenical**

Way of the Cross – Lancefield Park

meeting at the corners of

Park Lane and Chauncey Street

Fri 25th March 3pm Passion of the

Lord Lancefield

*Holy Saturday: Sat 26th March 7pm Easter Vigil
 Romsey

***Easter Sunday: Sun 27th March 8am Romsey, 10am Lancefield**

February News from St Mary's Lancefield

Welcome to our new Preps

The Preps have settled in well to school life at St Mary's. They are enjoying a variety of new experiences and are making lots of friends. They are looking forward to all that the year will bring.



Year 6 Leadership Group

The Year 6 Leadership Group was announced. At the end of last year the Year 5 students had to complete an application and speech in front of their peers stating why they wished to be a part of the St Mary's Leadership Group. Congratulations to the students who were made a part of the Leadership group.

Pictured below are: Daniel Azzopardi, Oliver Nuttall, Tom O'Sullivan, Tahlia

Binney, Madeline Smith, Montana Goritchan

Sustainability Resource Group

These students will lead the St Mary's Community to be more aware of their carbon footprint and ways we can live a more sustainable life.

Pictured are:

Jaya Broadhurst, Ella Unwin, Alyssa Schembri, Lochlan Shanahan, Blake Lovatt, Sarah Phillips, Holly Lockwood-Hanlon

Sports Leaders

Congratulations to the 2016 Sports Leaders. They are sure to show excellent sportsmanship at various sporting events.

Pictured below are:

Thomas Knott, Jackson Holland-Cornish, Aidan Scott, Brody Thrum, Charli Price, Maclaren Forbes, Ben Alford



Student Representative Council

Student elections were held in the first weeks of the school year. Congratulations to the students who will be representing their class to help make St Mary's a positive, respectful and cooperative place to be.

Pictured below are:

Blake Rix, Charlie Beer, Elle Choate, James Ryan, Samantha Tucker, Charlie Knott, Bethany Higgins (Back Row)

Genevieve Hanlon, Harry Wilson, Sophie DeCarolis, Tighe Thrum, Katie Alford (Front Row)

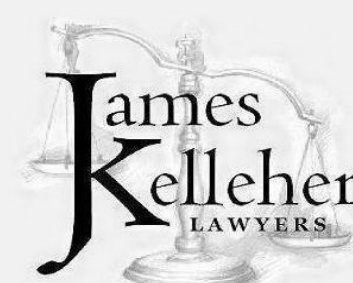
Film Society Off To A Touching Start



MRFS members agreed the February film made a fine start to the year. In the 2011 French film The Intouchables, Phillipe and Driss navigate their way through laughter and heartache. The fact that Phillipe is a quadriplegic and Driss is an individual who knows few boundaries, makes little difference to the two men whose eventual fondness for each other is obvious.

MRFS, now in its seventh year, will be screening the 2013 film Charlie's Country in March. Directed by Rolf de Heer, indigenous Australian Charlie (played by David Gulpilli) faces immense changes in his Arnhem Land lifestyle as he attempts to respect the laws that have come into being with white settlement.

The Macedon Ranges Film Society meets on the second Wednesday of every month at the Woodend Community Centre. Film notes and an informal supper are part of the evening. MRFS is a membership-based club so initial enquiries must be made by emailing mrfilmsociety@gmail.com or by phoning Lorraine on 5427 0921 or Christine on 5429 5452.



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Successful Start of Community Running Programs

The Macedon Ranges Running Club Autumn Start Running Group (SRG) and Intermediate Running Group (IRG) programs began well, with strong number of members present at each. The SRG begins gently with a walk/run each week, working towards achieving a non-stop 5km after 8 weeks, ending with a celebration run on April 10. Meanwhile, the IRG are working on completing their 12km program in preparation for Solemotive's 12km 'Run the Rock' event held on April 16 at Hanging Rock.

Are you a beginner or even a seasoned runner, who enjoys running in a social and fun environment? Then Macedon Ranges Running Club may be what you are looking for to improve your health and fitness or meet similar people. Membership is great value; for only \$10 individuals or \$15 per family, members have access to club programs, events, Facebook page and will receive a monthly club newsletter. The Romsey/Lancefield branch meets three times a week every Monday & Wednesday evenings 7pm and Saturday mornings 8am at Lancefield milk bar. Contact Scott the club's Romsey/Lancefield coordinator on 0407 048 407 for further details for getting involved

'Snagtastic' - on the February 5 the club hosted the first of two sausage sizzles to raise much needed funds for the club's storage and equipment projects. The club wishes to thank the support of the community and Sunbury Bunnings for the first sausage sizzle, which generated \$700 less expenses. The sausage sizzle would not be possible without the running club's team of volunteers coordinated by Gary Plummer. The team did a fantastic job on the day, well done everyone. The next all important sausage sizzle is on ANZAC Weekend Saturday April 23. We ask all our communities to come down to Sunbury Bunnings and support us.

Other club news – on the social front, a group of 53 club members recently went to the annual meet at Lyonville, to enjoy a picturesque enjoyable run along the old railway line with a meal afterwards. Well done to all those who took part in the run.

More information about Macedon Ranges Running Club and how to join can be found by visiting the club's website www.macedonrangesrunningclub.com or contacting the club macedonrangesrc@gmail.com.



ONE DAY at a TIME

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry . . . Two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension. One of these days is yesterday, with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control. All the money in the world cannot bring back yesterday. We cannot undo a single act we performed. We cannot erase a single word said.

YESTERDAY is GONE

The other day we should not worry about is tomorrow, with its possible adversities, its burdens, its large promise and poor performance. Tomorrow is beyond our immediate control. Tomorrow's sun will rise, whether in splendor or behind a mask of clouds. But it will rise. Until it does we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is yet unborn.

This leaves only one day . . . Any man can fight the battles of just one day. It is when you and I add the burdens of two awful eternities – yesterday and tomorrow, that we break down.

It is not necessarily the experiences of today that disturb one's peace of mind. It is oftentimes the remorse or bitterness for something which happened yesterday and the dread of what tomorrow may bring.

Let us therefore live one day at a time.

So do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will have worries and anxieties of its own. Sufficient for each day is its own trouble. Matthew 6:34.



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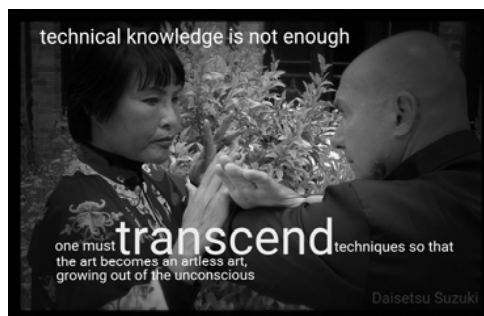
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"Project Romsey" Update No. 1 2016

Welcome to the first Project Romsey Update for 2016. These updates will be a regular inclusion in the Romsey Rag, Romsey Online and Facebook. Each update will be a summarised listing of key developments in Romsey's streetscape and cultural development project for Romsey.

- **Streetscape working groups** (Town Pride, Main Street Trees and Gardens, Arts Culture and Events, Lighting and Roads, and Five Mile Creek) continue to meet to progress ideas for discussion and possible inclusion in the Streetscape Master Plan.
- **Temporary signage** to be erected as streetscape works are being conducted to indicate Streetscape Project in progress.
- RRBATA committee members met with Vic Roads representatives on Wednesday 13th January 2016.
- **Roadside plantations north and south of Romsey** - Vic Roads focuses on safety related issues rather than the trees' aesthetics due to budget constraints. However, it is happy to work with MRSC and RRBATA to formulate a suite package of works to be done. RRBATA will investigate the Adopt A Highway program which currently engages Rotary and Lions to manage the roadside rubbish in this corridor.
- **Barry Street/Main Road intersection** - State Government money has been allocated to fund a study in 2016/2017 of the best fit solution for this.
- **Feature Town Entry Points** - The Town Pride working group will progress the development of these early in 2016, engaging both the local general and arts communities to formulate components and design.
- **Signage (Tourist, town businesses, destination etc)** - The current generic business signage on Main Street will be rationalised and revamped to indicate direction and distance to certain generic businesses and services (e.g. Post Office, Toilets etc).
- RRBATA committee members met with MRSC officers in Romsey on 10th December 2015 14th January 2016.
- **Community Hub** – Outdoor gathering/seating space development to proceed with current Information boards to be removed and possibly replaced with a

smaller version.. Mud map of space development to be drafted by Trees and Main Street Gardens group to include desired features (seating, shade etc).

- **Feature Street lamps** - This was a suggested initiative by Lighting and Roads working group to be installed between Barry Street and Palmer Street on the eastern nature strip, utilising the original Romsey street lamp design.
- **Building Illumination** – Lighting and Roads working group has suggested illumination of the Mechanics Institute (including better lighting of fountain and trees), old Post Office building and Shire Office building.
- **Main Street Gardens** – Redevelopment of Main Street nature strip gardens to be soon undertaken following dialogue between Main Street Gardens working Group and MRSC.
- **Regional Development Victoria (RDV) Funding** – The Romsey Streetscape Project will be considered for RDV funding which will significantly assist a Stage 1 development of this project.
- **Concept/Master Plan** will be developed soon – Community consultation will follow.
- **Service Club Signage** - Stephen Mahon (Manager Council and Customer Service) will be sending a letter to RRBATA about this.
- **Communications** – Jenny spoke of the need for RRBATA to effectively communicate and engage the community re the Streetscape Project's progress. A working group member had suggested small signs to be erected when elements of the project were being worked on. Council were supportive with that, although noted that if RDV funding was involved with any works, then the mandatory State Government signage would have to be used. Jodie will send a template for a communications plan.
- **Romsey History** - The significance of the heritage buildings and sites in the Streetscape zone (Barry Street to Palmer Street) has been noted. RRBATA will assist the Historical Society's development of accessible information (including walking tours) and its building/site plaque program.
- **Town Tidiness** - possible Tidy Town involvement and whole town clean up event to be progressed by Town Pride working group.

For further information, please contact:

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Attention! Community Groups

Community Groups – Use our Open Garden as a fundraising opportunity and make the most of our autumnal colour!

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Romsey Region Business and
 Tourism Association (RRBATA)

UPDATE

Happy New Year

Welcome to the first RRBATA Update for 2016. Another big year lies ahead, with "Project Romsey" continuing to progress. This year, RRBATA will include monthly update notices in the Romsey Rag, Romsey Online and Facebook.

The 2015 Annual General Meeting was held on 25th November 2015 with the Committee of Management being elected for 2016 as follows:

President -	Jenny Stillman	(Ph. 0412 349489)
Vice President	- Ged McLaughlin	(Ph. 0417 356896)
Secretary -	Sharyn Ede	(Ph. 0403429161)
Treasurer -	Wendie McLaughlin	(Ph. 0408360857)
Committee	- Greg Powell	(Ph. 0409562700)
Committee	- Benny Dyer	(Ph. 0419882861)
Committee	- Vicki Pettingill	(Ph. 0409803860)

A truncated version of the 2015 President's Report is presented below.

RRBATA's year in 2015 has been dominated by the initiation of the Romsey Streetscape Project (known as "Project Romsey"). It was borne out of a desire by RRBATA to reinvigorate the town centre precinct to enhance economic development, tourism and local amenity. It is hoped this report will demonstrate RRBATA's ongoing commitment to the promotion of the Romsey region in a business and tourism context whilst fostering engagement with local community.

The Year In Review:

Much has already been documented in the local media about "Project Romsey". The initiative has been enthusiastically received by local community and Macedon Ranges Shire Council (MRSC). After two community forums, a number of working groups made up of community members were formed. Under the umbrella of RRBATA, these groups are methodically formulating options for inclusion in a Romsey Streetscape master plan. RRBATA believes this is an important project for Romsey but one which needs to respect a strict sense of process and collaboration with all stakeholders in order to effect a sustainable outcome. Good things take time!

As President, it has been particularly satisfying to meet residents who are passionate about making a difference and motivated to give their time and expertise. It has also been wonderful to have such strong support from Macedon Ranges Shire Council to progress this vision. Peter Johnston, Dale Thornton, Sophie Segafredo, Leanne Davey and Kylie Lethbridge warrant particular thanks.

For the first time, RRBATA ran a **Christmas in July event, "An Evening with John Marsden"**, at The Grange Lancefield. This was a successful evening with a different target audience in attendance. RRBATA will most likely run such an evening again in 2016.

The 6th Annual **RRBATA Business Breakfast** was held at Cope Williams Winery, Romsey. RRBATA wishes to acknowledge the generous sponsorship from the Romsey Community Bank branch of the Bendigo Bank for the event. Ms. Lisa Stribley from Deloitte Private was the guest speaker who gave the audience a great insight into cloud accounting. This event is an important opportunity for local businesses and community members to network and develop insight from the speaker. RRBATA is already looking forward to the 2016 Business Breakfast. The **Romsey Primary School's 150th Birthday Celebrations** saw RRBATA assist by inviting hospitality businesses to offer special deals over the weekend. This was a way of enticing visitors to the School's events to "linger longer" in our town.

Romsey Online (www.romsey.org.au) continues to be an important online resource for local community and business as well as those planning visitation (as tourists or potential residents) to our region. RRBATA has this year received a much appreciated grant from the Romsey Community Bank branch of the Bendigo Bank to reinvigorate the web site. It is hoped to share the "back end" of the site as a partnership with Lancefield to highlight resources in the eastern corridor whilst retaining allowing separate "front end" website access to retain and highlight the individual character of each town. **Greg Powell** must be acknowledged for

his work as the "webmaster" for Romsey Online. RRBATA has joined the social networking scene with the development of a Facebook account. This has been made possible by the generous offer to manage it by Simone Plunkett. RRBATA is most grateful for Simone's assistance as this will be a valuable tool to spread the RRBATA news.

Monthly Romsey Rag contributions from RRBATA continue. These are a great way of informing the broader community of RRBATA's activity. As is the case every year, I want to acknowledge the Rag's **Robyn Moore** for her tolerance and understanding of my sometimes late submissions!

Thank you to COM Members and FOBs (Friends of BATA):

The RRBATA Committee of Management is a small but tight group. I want to thank my fellow committee members – **Wendie McLaughlin, Benny Dyer, Greg Powell, Ged McLaughlin and Sharyn Ede** for their hard work, good nature and support. In particular, the hospitality for our committee meetings in the McLaughlin home has been outstanding! In addition to my gratitude for carrying the responsibility of two office bearing responsibilities (Treasurer and Acting Secretary), I want thank Wendie for her wonderful meals at our meetings. They are a personal monthly highlight for me!

Tony Ede and Diane Powell have also been a constant presence helping out at events. The support from members of Rotary and Lions Club members does not go unnoticed. I have already acknowledged **Simone Plunkett** for her RRBATA Facebook account management and **Robyn Moore** for her patience!

I would like to acknowledge all of the **community members** who have volunteered to be on Project Romsey working groups. They have been a joy to work with.

MRSC's Economic Development and Tourism Unit, with our special contact **Leanne Davey**, has again been a great support to RRBATA. We look forward to ongoing collaboration in 2016.

Lastly, I would like to thank **Tim McCarthy** who again conducted an audit of the special purpose financial statements 2014-2015 for us pro bono – this is much appreciated by a not for profit group such as ours.

The Way Forward in 2016:

I think there is much for RRBATA to look forward to in the year ahead.

Project Romsey will continue to evolve- a big job with much work ahead, but a chance for a hugely rewarding outcome for Romsey.

Light Up The Sky will return in March/April 2016. Much appreciated sponsorship from the Romsey Community Bank branch of the Bendigo Bank will help run this event. However, more is needed.

Christmas In July will most likely run again.

The **2016 Business Breakfast** will again be held in August.

Further **development of collaborative partnerships** will continue to be a focus next year. This adds load-sharing strength particularly when planning events.

The need for more **revenue raising** through grants, sponsorships and other fundraising is essential as we move to 2016 to enable RRBATA to continue with its events and project initiatives.

A **review of the Model Rules and Statement of Purpose**, needs to be addressed with priority in early 2016.

The importance of RRBATA in the advocacy and promotion of Romsey region business and tourism opportunities in both the region and more broadly cannot be overemphasised. With new residential estate development and associated population increase, the need to support local business and reduce economic leakage is ongoing. However, ongoing stakeholder support is needed in order to do this.

It has been a pleasure to serve as President this year.

Romsey Online

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.

Membership Enquiries: Sharyn Ede (Secretary) Phone: 0403 429161
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Romsey Uniting Church



25 Pohlman Street, Romsey. 3434

Chairperson: Mr. Noel Shaw 5429 5509

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Macedon Ranges Uniting Church Partnership
The Women's World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday, 4th March, 2016, 11am at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Romsey. The service has been prepared by the women of Cuba.

Easter Services:

Macedon Ranges Uniting Church Partnership Holy Week Services

- * Monday 21st 7:30pm at Romsey UC -
Rev Peter Cannon
- * Tuesday 22nd 7:30pm at Mt Macedon UC -
Rev Peter Cannon
- * Wednesday 23rd 7:30pm at Tylden UC -
Rev Deacon Wendy Elson
- * Thursday 24th 7:30pm at Kyneton UC -
Rev Deacon Wendy Elson
- * Good Friday Service 25th, 9.30am will be a combined service at Lancefield Uniting Church. This will be followed by the Ecumenical walk at 10.30am.
- * Easter Sunday 27th Rev Deacon Wendy Elson will lead us in worship.

Meditation : Matthew 18: 21-22

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

Thinking about Good Friday two names spring to mind - those of Judas and Peter. Both were followers and close friends of Jesus, and both turned their backs on him in the crisis.

Judas betrayed Jesus to the authorities, helped them arrest him and put him through an illegal trial that Amnesty International would shout about today. Peter, identified as a disciple after the arrest, denied that he'd ever known Jesus at all. "Not me", he said, "I've nothing to do with him."

A few hours later both of them - Judas and Peter - realised how wrong they had been, what a mess they had made of things. So far, they look pretty much alike. But then came the difference. Judas, slowly realising the enormity of his actions, reaching that point of darkness where guilt and horror and fear spill over into consciousness, rushes out and hangs himself. He threw away more than the 30 pieces of silver - he threw away his life. If only ... he had waited. Because Judas died at the dawn of forgiveness. He died while Jesus was on his way to the cross, on the way to that greatest act of reconciliation which brings us, sinful as we are, back into fellowship with God. And which, surely could have done the same for Judas! One can only think that Judas believed that there was no hope for him, because he had denied everything of real value. But so did Peter, and there was forgiveness for him - Jesus forgave and restored. Thomas refused to believe - Jesus made a special point of meeting his need. Would he not have done the same for Judas?

Think of Paul the killer of Christians, the enemy of Christ, and yet later exulting, "Christ lives in me." Two ways of dealing with failure. One lets failure win, the other says there's light at the end of the tunnel. Good Friday and Easter are about hope conquering despair, and giving us all the chance to start life again. Forgiveness has no limits.

Lord you are always there with your forgiveness, as you forgave Peter, Thomas and Paul, so you forgive me, and accept me, as you accepted them. Thank you seems so small a word, but it is all I've got.

(Taken from writings of Eddie Askew. (Deceased) Used by permission- Leprosy Mission International)

Church Services during March, 2016

- 6th 9am. Worship Service conducted by the Worship team.
- 13th 9am Worship and Communion Service conducted by Rev. Peter Cannon
- 20th 9am Worship service conducted by Judy Rigby
- 25th 9.30am Good Friday Service at Lancefield followed by ecumenical walk at 10.30am.
- 27th 9am. Easter Day Worship Service conducted by Rev. Deacon Wendy Elson

Our environment, our future
Tell us what you think about Council's draft Environment Strategy.
Have your say
View the draft strategy at one of Council's service centres in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend and complete a short survey to tell us what you think.
The draft Environment Strategy and survey are also available online at mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-strategy
Submissions close Thursday 24 March 2016.
Find out more: phone 5421 9659 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-strategy



Coffee shop Conversations

Hi everyone and now we are into March 2016 the year is certainly moving at an inspiring pace. The last time we talked about **PARTICIPATION** and this is going to be my theme word for the remainder of the year.

This month it is all about PASSION.

The definition of Passion is that it is a compelling emotion or feeling that we can display on the inside and the outside. Keeping this word on the positive sense, Passion can keep us motivated, give us drive and allow us to have that centred feeling, you know that feeling of being in the right place at the right time, that feeling of uniqueness of self and who we are. When we love what we are doing and doing what we love we can only exude Happiness.

So what is it you love to do ?

Did you do some of what you love yesterday?
Are you going to do what you love today?
Are you planning to do something you love tomorrow?
Do you have some passion in your life now? if not why not?
Life throws us curve balls all the time, so I guess what I am really saying is do you have **BALANCE** in your life. The balance between what you have to do, what you need to do and what you want to do.

Take a moment to think about this: what would it take to get a little more of what you are passionate about in your life? How would it make you feel?

Who is driving your bus?

If you are have any questions about this please give me a call on 0409801082, check out my face book page or my web site www.lifecirclesolutions.com

Have a great month Kind regards Gillian and

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The Annual General Meeting is at 10am Thursday 24th March, 2016 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.

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 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.

Probus is for people over 55 years. The Romsey/Lancefield Probus has 34 active members ages between 59 - 90 years. We have all made good friendships and enjoy fellowship with each other whenever we are together

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

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

Romsey Golf Club – Women's Report

Wednesday 20th January. It was good to have a slightly cooler day for our stroke round. However, except for Beryl, our scores didn't reflect the good conditions. 18 hole stroke winner – Beryl Cole 93/21/72. Beryl also had 3 gobblers.

Least putts – Beryl Cole 28

9 hole competition – Leila Beasley 56/17.5/38.5

Wednesday 27th January. Storms were predicted but the radar showed that there weren't any close by so a few players ventured out on to the course to play in a shortened 9 hole competition. Although the skies looked very black at times – all players got back into the clubhouse without getting wet.

Winner – Jenny Hartley (45) 18pts from Leila Beasley (35) 17 pts.

Saturday 30th January. The women's January Monthly Medal was held on a Saturday. Congratulations to the winner Lyn Robison 100/31/69 from Pam Drummond 104/30/74.

Wednesday 3rd February. The first round of the Summer Cup – sponsored by Flat Stick Roofing The Captain was very surprised, the competition for the day was Par and no-one complained. Maybe it was because light misty rain persisted for most of the morning and the players were happy to get back to the clubhouse quickly. 18 hole Par winner – Beryl Cole (21) -5 from Lorraine Robb (32) -6.

9 hole Stroke winner – Jenny Hartley (45) 58/23/35. A great round in the trying conditions.

Wednesday 10th February. At last, a great day for golf. The players enjoyed the run on the course and the well mown greens.

18 hole Stroke winner – Lorraine Robb 104/32/72 from Leila Beasley 108/35/73 on a count back from Pam Drummond.

Least putts – Beryl Cole 32.

9 hole Stroke winner – Jenny Hartley (45) 56/23/33 from Noreen Yorke (45) 60/23/37

Thursday 11th February. With the new year, travel has started again. Beryl and Pam had to set off early to play in the Broadford 4BBB. On a pleasantly warm and sunny morning they managed to beat the heat and came in with a good score of 42 pts despite the tricky greens. If you thought that Romsey use to have lots of summer roll it didn't compare with Broadford where the ball seemed to go on for ever so lots of recovery shots were needed.

Wednesday competition: 18 holes Women and Men – assemble 9am for 9.30 hit off.

Wednesday: 9 hole social or competition – 9.15am for 9.45 hit off. Ring Lorraine 0407 349 144 if you would like to hit off later.

Saturday competition: Men and Women – assemble 11.30am for 12 noon hit off.

Enquiries/Further information: Elaine 0400 768 040 RGC Secretary.

Recipe

Braised steak and onions

1.5 kg gravy beef – cut into large pieces
4 brown onions sliced
3 cloves garlic crushed
¼ cup (70g) tomato paste.
1 tablespoon sugar
2 and ½ cups beef stock
1/3 cup flour – seasoned.

Method

Toss beef in seasoned flour. Brown in hot oil in pan. Transfer to slow cooker. Heat some more oil in same pan and cook onion and garlic, stirring until softened. Add tomato paste and cook for another minute. Stir in remaining flour and then stock and sugar. Put into slow cooker. Cook on Low for 8 – 10 hrs or High 4 – 5 hrs or per your Slow Cooker instructions.



Macedon Ranges Shire Council

Cultural Diversity Week

Immerse yourself in Japanese culture and learn more about our Sister City at one of the many events being held from 16-18 March.

Details: mrsc.vic.gov.au/cultural-diversity
Phone: 5422 0333

Don't flush and forget, warns Western Water
Western Water is reminding customers to think twice about what they put down the toilet or drain at home, to help prevent sewer blockages. While it's easy to flush and forget, what goes down the sewer system can cause serious problems, including blockages that lead to sewer spills. Sewer spills can mean raw sewage entering waterways, streets or even people's homes.

So-called "flushable wipes" are increasingly causing problems in the sewerage system as they do not break down quickly in pipes like toilet paper. Western Water is urging customers not to flush wet wipes, sanitary products, nappies or rags down the toilet. Cooking oils and fats should also never be poured down the sink, as they can build up in pipes and cause blockages. Let them cool before placing in the bin or in the compost.

Western Water has a program of inspecting and maintaining its 1,200km of sewer mains, including regular monitoring with closed circuit TV cameras. Western Water treats more than 9,000 million litres of sewage a year at its seven recycled water plants.

The sewage is treated to produce high quality recycled water, most of which is pumped to sports grounds, school ovals, parks and businesses across the region for irrigation.

Bike Safe Macedon Ranges

Just a few Seconds

I had the enlightening experience of borrowing a teenager over the holidays.

We are driving down Mount Macedon and come across a cyclist ahead of us. My nephew says "Why is he in the middle of the road?" I take my foot off the accelerator as we approach some blind corners. Nephew says "Can't we pass him here?" I wait, we pass the cyclist after the corners.

So I share what I know. The cyclist probably didn't hear us coming. He's travelling at about 50km an hour down the hill. The wind is rushing in his ears. The loose gravel and glass on the side of the road are dangerous for him to ride on. When he does know I'm there he doesn't pull over. It's a blind corner and it's not safe to squeeze or cross the centre line for him or me. It's my responsibility as a driver to pass a slower vehicle safely.

I share these thoughts with my nephew. I ask him after we've passed: How long do you think that held us up? Nephew says "I dunno about 5 minutes." I say "Really? We didn't stop we just slowed down." I would say if you timed that it might have delayed us 20 seconds. Far less time than it takes for a teenager to get ready to leave the house.

Amanda Calvert
Bike Safe Macedon Ranges



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Get back to nature at Hanging Rock's annual camp out

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The local SES are providing a barbecue dinner for a small fee, and with your cooking taken care of, you're free to join the guided night walk exploring the reserve's flora and fauna. For those that prefer to sit back with family and friends and soak up the atmosphere, expect a dazzling array of stars on a clear night.

Zip up your tent for a good night's sleep, and wake on Sunday morning to birdsong and breakfast provided by the SES for a small fee.

Campers can set up from 4pm on Saturday 2 April, and must be packed up by 11am on Sunday 3 April. Campers are welcome to arrive earlier and stay later, but camps must be set up and packed up during the designated times.

Bookings are essential, with a limited number of places available on a first in, first served basis. Book online at mrsc.vic.gov.au/CampOut and for information phone Council's Recreation team on 5421 1468.

Camping fees are \$21 per adult, \$12.50 per child and \$54 per family. School and organised groups are also welcome to attend. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.



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New database protects animals from bushfire

CFA has partnered with an Australian-first project that aims to provide better protection of horses and other companion animals during bushfires.

The National Equine Database (NED) has been developed by CFA volunteer Jenna Kelley, founder of the Walking Forward Disaster Relief Team.

The database, launched this week, works by linking equine owners with property owners who have the capacity to temporarily house animals during bushfires and other emergencies.

By networking through the database pet owners in bushfire prone areas can establish plans to move their animals to a nominated safe place on days of predicted peak fire danger.

Ms Kelley said the idea came about from not having anywhere to evacuate her thoroughbred to on days of significant fire danger.

"The loss of animals and family pets from a fire is devastating and the impact on surviving animals can be felt for months afterwards," she said.

"Moving large animals from harm's way isn't always possible during the chaos of a fire.

"That's why planning ahead, and knowing your trigger to move before fire breaks out, is the best option."

CFA Chief Officer Joe Buffone said the project was important for building community resilience.

"Just as we ask people to ensure they have a bushfire plan, animal owners also need to plan ahead," Mr Buffone said.

"Horses need a large open space with minimal vegetation to avoid harm during bushfires.

"Many people whose properties don't meet these criteria choose to agist their horses during the Fire Danger Period, but that isn't possible for everyone.

"That's where a national register like NED can play a critical role."

NED can also store animal identification details and other records to help prove ownership.

The database will be launched mid-February and can be accessed at www.tepscon.community.



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Neighbourhood House

Welcome to 2016 Romsey!

Hi Romsey, hope you all had a great holiday season. We'll we're all back into the swing of things at the Neighbourhood House with lots of new changes so its well worth popping in to take a look around.

2016 Community Calendar

We hope you all got in the post our Chrissie present to you from the Neighbourhood House. Thanks to our local business sponsors (who are in the business directory part of the calendar) we were able to distribute over 1400 FREE Community calendars to cover every household in Romsey. The calendar is a great resource packed full of useful contacts, local businesses, and community information, hope you enjoy it! If by some chance you missed out or would like another copy you can pick them up at the House or Shire office at the Hub.

What's On Offer?

We've got some great new initiatives in the pipeline and are always willing to hear/support any ideas that people have for our great community.

Now with over 40 courses on offer we are attempting to provide a little bit of something for everyone so please let us know what you'd like to see being offered and we'll do our best to source it for you. If you register your expression of interest it's a great way for us to get new activities happening!

Let's Get Fit Romsey!

Got a New Year's resolution to get more fit or lose weight? Well let us help you! We now have over 16 different health and fitness activities on offer 6 days a week during the day and nights, check out our term program for more details. With our ever popular regular activities back again like Yoga, Gentle Exercise, Konga, Zumba Gold, and Pilates to name a few, we also welcome on board Justine who is running a Met-afit class on Fridays. Heaps of fun and also a great way to change your body shape. We also have our Romsey walkers meeting every Wed at 9.30am at the House. Come along!

Upcoming Events!

We've got a few upcoming events so mark these in your diary!

International Women's Day - Outdoor Movie Night Friday 4th March at 7.30pm

Celebrating our local women in Emergency Services & Recovery. Come along to this family event Friday 4th March at the Lancefield Park enter via Park Lane. Commencing 7.30pm. BYO blanket, picnic, FREE Event!

Relay for Life - 5-6th March commencing at 2pm Lancefield Park

Would you like to be part of this great annual event? Why not join our Romsey community team at the Romsey Neighbourhood House! All welcome to join in the fun! Register now at the House.

Romsey Annual Antiques & Collectibles Fair - 19th & 20th March

Saturday 9.30am-4.30pm, Sunday 10am-3.30pm

Join us at the Romsey Mechanics Institute for this great annual event proudly provided by Romsey Mechanics Institute and Romsey Neighbourhood House. Stalls still available contact Gail on 0416 028 219.

Morning Tea Group: Come along every **3rd Friday of month** for a cuppa, chat and a great morning tea. Meet with others in your community and enjoy great company, conversation, and food. All welcome! \$Gold Coin donation.

Garden Club:(3rd Tuesday of month) \$2 per meeting. This vibrant club with over 75 members visits gardens and nurseries, shares gardening knowledge, swaps cuttings, and assists members with gardening dilemmas! Now having visited over 45 gardens. Enquires: Allan on 5429 5427 or John on 5429 5990 for exciting excursions coming up....this year!

Romsey Community Mural Project NEW! Yay! We've been successful in applying for grants to go ahead! Contact us if you'd like to be involved in this all ages community initiative!

FOOD PARCELS NOW AVAILABLE!

Need a helping hand now and then? Food parcels now available from Romsey Neighbourhood House on a weekly basis every Wed or ring House for appointment. Discreet and confidential service. Register your interest now by booking via Kyneton Caring Community on 0405 809 565.

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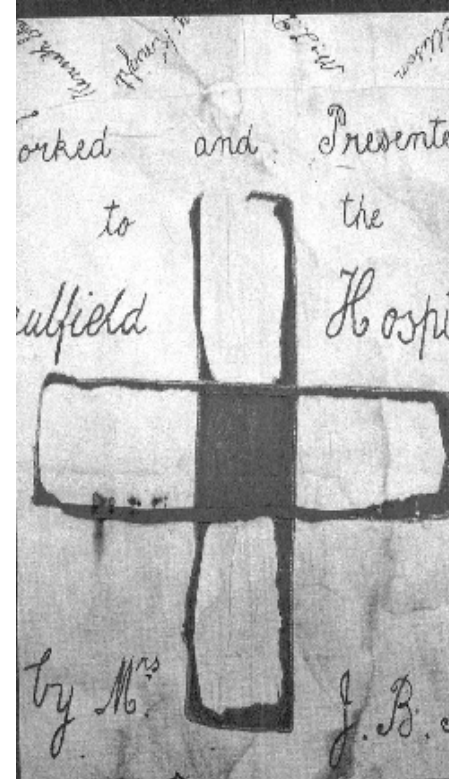
Please note the advertisement for Ballan Red Cross's exhibition of ALL Red Cross Quilts over the years which will include the 1914 Romsey quilt and will also include the **NEW Romsey Community Quilt**. After this exhibition the quilt will be on display at the HUB.

Please look out for our members collecting for Red Cross Calling in March.

Meetings – 1.30pm on second Tuesday of month (not January) at 'Old Court House' / CFA Headquarters. **New members welcome.**

President:	Karen Hermann 5429 6658
Vice President:	Ann Krstic 5427 0252
Treasurer:	Leeanne Eames 5429 5658
Secretary:	Robyn Stephens 5789 1457
Zone Rep:	Trish Dunn 5429 6761

YOUR INVITATION TO an exhibition of Red Cross Quilts



A Journey through a Century of

RED CROSS SIGNATURE QUILTS

Following the centenary of Australian Red Cross in 2014 it was decided to hold an exhibition at Mill Rose Quilting and Gallery showing the 100 year history of signature quilts that have been made to raise funds for Red Cross.

The first Quilts in the display were made to raise money to purchase material for making goods for the soldiers in First World War. This tradition continued during the Second World War.

Since that time the Quilts continued to be used to raise money for the works of Red Cross as well as to record the history of the Branches over the years.

Please come and enjoy this historic journey.

Date: 18th, 19th and 20th March 2016
Time: 10am - 4pm
Venue: Millrose Quilting & Gallery
92 Inglis Street, Ballan 53682995
Cost: \$5
Enquiries: Jacinta Davle 0403040533

All proceeds will go to the
Ballan Red Cross Branch

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Macedon Ranges Community Wind Farm - A long windy ride

More than 8 years since the first meeting of the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group (MRSG) community wind farm project committee (WISE), there is finally some real progress being made with regard to a community wind farm. Prior to the 2010 election WISE had: identified a suitable site; secured government commitments in relation to State Planning regulations; obtained pro-bono assistance with project scoping; erected an anemometer (wind measuring device) at Black Forest Mill; and enjoyed strong community support.

The idea of a community wind farm was inspired by Hepburnwind – a 2 turbine development, just south of Daylesford. Unfortunately the Ballieu Government obstructed the development of wind farms throughout the state and, through the introduction of wind farm planning regulations (VC 82) in 2011, banned any wind turbines from Macedon, Surf Coast and part of Mt Alexander Shires.

Four years on, with a new State Government, and the persistent members of WISE are back on the job. On Monday 1st February a reconditioned anemometer was erected at the originally proposed site.

The site is in the pine forest, 7 kms south of Woodend about 1.5 km from the nearest house and close to grid lines for connection. Recent harvesting of the pine trees nearby gives clear access to the site and should allow for an accurate measurement of the wind resource.

At least twelve months of data is required to verify the wind resource and this will inform the business model, including the number of turbines. The data collected from the anemometer will be on display and available via a smart phone App in the near future.

MRSG will run a community consultation process to ensure that the project has strong local endorsement. A 2014 survey of 500 residents reported an 84% support for a community wind farm in the Macedon Ranges.

MRSG is determined to extract maximum community benefit from the project. Community members will also be given the opportunity to invest in the project.

