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To all those who thought we had lost the battle
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We now have a new committee of management and we are excited to take the rag to
a new level. Watch this space.

Operating as normal ,you can contact Gillian on 0409 801 082
or send us an email editoromseyrag17@gmail.com

The closing date for copy is the 15th of the month. as usual.
kind regards Gillian Gorrie



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Deep Creek Landcare Group has been working closely with MRSC by conducting spotlight surveys in the Cobaws to see what animals and birds call our Cobaw ranges home and to understand the conservation significance of this site. Surveys provide current data of species present which allows various organisations to determine the conservation significance of the Cobaw ranges.

Barking owls, brush and ringtail possums, antechinus, brush tailed phascogales, wallaby's and gliders to name a few have been spotted on these cold wintery nights so when the weather improves we will conduct more spotlight tours for anyone interested in joining in.

We are also looking for expressions of interest in running some wildflower walks during late October early November. We have engaged a knowledgeable member of our Landcare Group, Robin Ford, who is willing to share his time exploring the Cobaws to identify some of the amazing native flora in the Cobaws. These walks will also be followed by a bbq lunch and refreshments. If you would be interested in attending a wildflower walk in the Cobaws please register your interest by emailing deepcreeklandcare@gmail.com with your name and contact details for this event and we will keep you updated.

In other news, Indian myna bird traps are available and any trappers no longer using cages please advise Pat Danko via the email listed above. Myna bird numbers for June was 87.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 14th August @ 8pm at the Lancefield Mechanics Hall Annexe.

All are welcome.



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This Community Transport Project Is A Joint initiative between Romsey & Lancefield Neighbourhood Houses

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*A very big **THANKYOU** is extended to the volunteers who collate the Romsey Rag.*

They do a fantastic job of making sure the monthly publication is out in time, and their time is greatly appreciated.

If it wasn't for this dedicated group of people the Rag would not be collated and delivered.

Some of these volunteers have been involved with the Romsey Rag since its conception in 1984 - 33 years ago.

Anyone is welcome to assist with this important job, collation dates are in the Rag and it usually takes

about 3 hours between

9am-12noon to complete the

collating.

Community News



**COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF
ROMSEY and LANCEFIELD Inc.**
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Probus is an Association for active members of the community and for those no longer working full time to join together in clubs for a new lease of life.

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All our members are active and aged between 58-90+ years.

We enjoy each others company and have made good friendships along the way.

Always plenty of chat and laughter whenever we are together.

Monthly meetings are at 10am, on the
4th Thursday of the month in St.Mary's Church Hall
Main Street, Romsey.

**Our next meeting is
10am Thursday 24th August, 2017**

Guest Speaker: Cherie Goodson - Old Railway Station Native Nursery Lancefield
Monthly Outing on Wednesday 16th August, 2017 Tour of Castlemaine Old Jail and Lunch at the Mill Cafe.

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

Now you are retired or close to retiring from work come and join the friendly folk in the Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club and learn more about what Probus can offer to assist you in staying active.

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**You can also expand your interests by being a Volunteer at The House.
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Sport

Saturday June 24th – June Monthly Medal – Stroke & Putts

Another wonderful winter's day, cool but with clear skies and virtually no wind, the sun came out now and then making some holes much warmer. The fairways had good cover and in general the greens putted very true but the cold air and the soft fairways stole distance from all players. Those who were able to hit the green in regulation had the best of the afternoon. It was great to welcome Mitchell Clement back from two years working the snow fields of Canada, his first shot in many months was good enough to pick up NTP on the par 3 1st. On a beautiful winter's afternoon the results were;

Winner & June Medalist; Andrew Clement – 80/10/70 from Anthony Freeman – 93/20/73, Peter Scanlon – 103/30/73 & Mitch Clement – 86/12/74

NTPs; 1st – Mitch Clement, 15th – Michael McCarten & 16th – Mal Mottram

Least Putts; Andrew Laing – 26

Thursday June 22nd – Shirley Deane Memorial 4BBB – Nagambie G. C.

On a fine winter's day Wendy and Darlene set off for Nagambie to play in the Shirley Deane Memorial 4BBB. It was an overcast but pleasantly windless day. The course was fairly dry with a surprising amount of run for this time of year. The greens were true with Wendy never having more than a two putt all day.

The winners on the day were a couple of young locals with an impressive score of 51 points. Wendy and Darlene were pleased and surprised to be announced as the runners up with 47 points. Wendy topped off a very good day of golf by winning nearest the pin on one of the par threes.

Wednesday June 21st – Stableford

Players hit-off under cool, misty conditions. Players had to take extra care to keep grips and gloves dry or pay the price of shifting during a stroke and the ball heading almost anywhere. Again, the cold air and the soft fairways saw all drives and many approach shots well short of expected distances. Highlights of the day were birdies to Jenny Hartley on the Par 3 1st and to Wendy Gosden on the Par 3 15th. On a chilly morning the results were;
Winner; Darlene Baker – (22) – 33 pts from Kath Jekabsons (28) & Beryl Cole (24) – 32 pts
Men's Winner; Michael McCarten (11) 31 pts

The club has just finished soil testing the fairways and greens and the results are very positive. The 30 tonne of lime and 30 tonne of dolomite lime spread during 2015/16 have done their job raising the calcium and magnesium levels across the course. This new testing will now direct additional fertilising that will continue to strengthen grass growth making it better able to survive the heat of summer.

The 8th annual Macedon Ranges Junior Golf Tournament will be played over the weekend Sat/Sun Aug 12/13. The 1st Rd will be at Mt Macedon with the 2nd Rd at Romsey. Each round will include a sit down lunch and afternoon tea before presentations. Our thanks to sponsors Newearth Constructions, Drummond Golf

Niddrie, Mary-Anne Thomas and New Gisborne Electrical. The competition is open to boys – U15, U18 & U21 and girls U21. For more information please go to the romseygolfclub.net

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Many people will be aware of the damage caused to the hall and supper room by the rising and falling damp. Peeling paint and render that had moved away from the brick work and then begun to crumble leaving some unsightly holes in the walls of both hall and supper room. The CoM applied to the Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning (DELWP) for funds to assess and repair the damaged sections of render and plasterwork. Our application was successful and plasterer Rick Levis will be undertaking this project. With a spot of luck all will be concluded over the next month or so however the extreme cold of winter may slow the drying and thus extend this time a little.

Some more good news with all four chimneys repaired and capped off. A few loose bricks were discovered during the works and they were removed and it was decided to remove the top layers and re-set them with new mortar. No more bees or birds getting into the hall via the chimneys. The capping will also help reduce the loss of heat via the chimneys. A big THANK-YOU to Shannon Wright and all the boys at **Flatstick Roofing** for a doing such a great job.

The extreme cold of Fri night June 30th and Sat July 1st saw many people in Romsey unconvinced by leaking or burst pipes. The RMI did not miss out with a very old pipe in the ceiling above the toilets bursting and water pouring across the plaster and out into the laneway. This was a bit tricky to repair and out thanks to Colin Bromley who was instrumental in seeing this problem solved

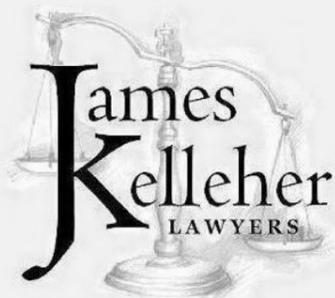
Some excellent news with one of our recent applications for funds being successful. The MRSC has approved our Small Community Grant application, these funds will see the RMI purchase two lockable cleaner's cupboards so that cleaning equipment and other materials can be securely stored and out of the way of patrons.

In a month of good news one more, the project to repair and restore the two WW1 Honour Rolls is now complete. The Honour Rolls will soon be back in the RMI and hung in pride of place for all to see. Please take the opportunity to have a look at these wonderfully restored pieces. Our thanks to Christine and Dundan Rolley of Artifact in Kyneton for the hours of work they put into this project and also to Jodie Turner, MRSC for her help.

If you are planning something, a birthday, an anniversary, an engagement or any other function please consider the RMI our web site gives a good idea as to what we have to offer.

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

We are very happy to discuss your function, show you through the hall or supper room and explain the hire process. Anthony Lakey- Chair – RMI - CoM



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One was a shock passing in his sleep, young, the other two lived to a greater age but in their final years they had suffered ill health.

The experience of losing the people we care about certainly encourages us to think about our own lives. Are we living our lives to the fullest, no regrets?

Last month I talked about choice, and taking responsibility for the choices we make.

This month I want you to think about Cause and Effect

Are you taking responsibility your thoughts your actions or your behaviour, living at cause or do you blame others for making you feel that way living at effect.

My thoughts are that life is so short, you never know what is around the corner, each moment is precious To hold a grudge, to live in judgement, to be angry, to live in fear is not a happy place.

When we realise that we have a choice it becomes very Empowering, when we are living at cause we become aware of how we think, then we have the power to change our thoughts and change the outcome. Change how we feel.

If you would like to learn more please give me a call or come along to one of my workshops. Take control live each day to the fullest and be the person you want to be.

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Saturday July 15th – W. E. Tom Semi-finals & Stroke

Some good rain over the latter part of the week and a heavy frost on Saturday morning made for a challenging competition, heavy, overcast skies kept the air cold however the sun did break through now and then.

The softness of the course meant all balls would pick up mud so "Preferred Lies Through The Green" was given. The two semi-finals of the W. E. Tom Shield looked to be evenly matched with all four teams having players in good form. The 1st semi Freestone/Nicholls Snr Vs Mottram/Williams was a see-sawing match with neither team being able to get away until well into the final tie-holes. The 2nd semi, McCarten/Freeman Vs Wright/Patton was even closer. The two young guns lead the way with some steady golf from Free and Paton picking up holes just when they were needed. The Stroke competition proved to be one of attrition with golfers picking up shots here and there only to have the course bite now and then with a double or triple bogey. It proved to be a day for one of the club's evergreen veterans who used all his knowledge of the course (possibly gained as much through mowing as golfing) to record the best round of the day. On a cold, overcast day the results were;

Winner; Bob McLennan – 87/13/74

W. E. Tom Semi-final results

John Freestone/Mick Nicholls Snr **D** Mal Mottram/Scott Williams – 4/2

Anthony Freeman/Michael McCarten **D** Jim Patton/Shannon Wright – 20th hole

The W. E. Tom Final will be;

John Freestone/Mick Nicholls Snr **Vs** Anthony Freeman/Michael McCarten

NTPs; 1st & 15th – Anthony Freeman, 16th – Mal Mottram

Saturday July 8th – Stableford

Players assembled under an overcast sky with a steady south-easterly wind however, after about 25 minutes the clouds lifted and the course warmed considerably (8C to -10C!). The cold air and the soft fairways challenged all players but everyone enjoyed excellent lies on the lush fairways. The real difficulties came when the ball was on the green; the greens were decidedly two paced, some quite fast others required a serious whack to get close to the hole. Needless to say a number of players confused some greens, putting to have their ball finish well off the green or well short of the cup. As the day drew to a close it was a battle between experience and youth with experience just holding out over the final few holes. The day's results were;

Winner; Bob Dwyer (all of 86 yrs old) – 37 pts from Michael McCarten and Scott Williams – 36 pts (Bob also picked up the meat tray so a good weekend)

NTPs; 15th – Mick Nicholls Snr (Great shot that got the \$100 jackpot too!), 16th – Scott Williams

Wednesday July 5th – Stableford

The course had held up reasonably well after the extreme cold of the weekend and the steady rain of Mon/Tue however there was some casual water on many fairways and even one or two greens. At the beginning of

the round the sun poked through and stayed for the first few holes. By hole 6 things looked a little bleak and by the 7th light rain began to fall. The players decided that discretion was the better part of valour and it was agreed that all play the 12-hole "Old Course". Under these conditions it was extremely difficult to card a good score. Well done to those who turned out and who completed the slightly reduced round.

The qualifying round of the 2017 W. E. Tom Shield began on the coldest morning of the year so far.

There was heavy frost on many fairways and some greens and ice on a few puddles that were still in the shade. While the cold had slightly reduced the field those who had accepted the challenge of the day took to the field with gusto and made sure they enjoyed every chilly second of the round. Players got extra distance on one side of a frozen fairway while on the other, sunnier side, the ball often stopped dead. Again, arriving at a green 2nd or 3rd gave golfers a very good idea as to how to play the hole. Thanks to the excellent work of Life Member, John Laing, the 16th, bird ravaged, green is now back in play. Well done and Thanks John.

On a chilly afternoon the results were;

Winners; Shannon Wright/Jim Patton – 46 pts from John Freestone/Mick Nicholls Snr – 44 pts, Scott Williams/Mal Mottram – 41 pts & Anthony Freeman/Michael McCarten – 40 pts

NTPs; 15th – Mick Nicholls Snr & 16th – Jim Patton

The semi-finals of the W. E. Tom Shield will be;

Jim Patton/Shannon Wright **Vs** Michael McCarten/Anthony Freeman

John Freestone/Mick Nicholls Snr **Vs** Scott Williams/Mal Mottram

Wednesday June 28th – Monthly Medal – Stroke & Putts

Another cool morning with a heavy dew across the whole course (helped if you were 2nd to a green), there was a little NW wind but it really did not effect play. The fairways had good cover so everyone got a good lie but again everyone lost distance once the ball landed. The 16th green (temporary green for the last few weeks) may well be back in play sooner than expected, thanks to the knowledge and hard work of Life Member John Laing. On brisk morning where the cuppa after the round warmed the hands as much as the insides the results were;

Winner and June Medalist; Lorraine Robb – 109/35/74

Least Putts; Michael McCarten – 29



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Community News

FROM THE COTTAGE... 'BARTON'

Barton (Seymour) Cottage c. 1855
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Barton (Seymour) Cottage is a heritage listed dwelling built around 1855. 20 Palmer Street, ROMSEY – look for the blue Heritage Plaque on the gatepost on the left.



July/August 2017

THE FRIENDS OF THE COTTAGE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WELCOMING VISITORS TO THE COTTAGE ON THE LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH THROUGHOUT 2017.

Always a friendly welcome, a cuppa and slice, or a mug of soup.

Or visit us on on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10 am for a history chat .

(we have some of the local historical society books for sale).

DONATIONS... We were delighted to get a couple of interesting donations recently, from Julie Starec.

We'll enjoy researching the dates of them – an early Vegemite jar and old sieve. Also an old (1930's?) wedding dress – though we are asking Julie to store the latter until we can care for it correctly.

LOOKING FOR SOME PLANTS TO REFRESH YOUR GARDEN?

We have some pots of the lovely blue winter iris, (*Iris unguicularis* Moses in a Basket', yellow autumn crocus (*Sternbergia lutea*), Nerines (pink and red), Belladonnas (pink), Flanders Poppy seeds (red) – and more. From \$2 -\$5.

Looking forward to welcoming you at 'Barton'!

Ruth (0411 812 805); jandgreen@hotmail.com) on behalf of the Cottage Friends
Barton (Seymour Cottage) is a division of Romsey-Lancefield Historic Society



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The Mount Players Happenings

The Mount Players Go The "Full Monty"

Following a successful One Act Play Festival in early July the company is now only 2 weeks away from their gala opening of "**The Full Monty**".

This fabulous musical comedy is based on the classic movie that we all know and love and tells it's heart-warming and poignant story of a bunch of unemployed blokes who have no other choice than to become strippers for a night to make some quick cash. Their journey is one of hardship, mateship and humiliation that push each one of them to their limits.

A witty script, an incredibly talented cast all wrapped up by an equally wonderful orchestra that will have you humming tunes all the way home! But do they really go The Full Monty? Book your tickets now to find out!!

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Community News



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2017 STATE THEMES:

Theme: Share the Friendship

Product/Resource: Dairy

Country of Study: Denmark

Social Issues Focus: Homelessness and affordable housing

Thanksgiving Fund: Crohn's and Colitis Australia

CWA is **NOT** just for older women; it is for women of any age wanting to be involved in their local community and also be connected to a world-wide organisation of friendship and community care. We have a lot of fun and laughs while being creative and raising funds for community projects.

Our friendly monthly meeting occurs on the

1st Wednesday of each month from 10.00 am to approx. 12.00 noon.

Our fun craft days occur on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 10.00 am to approx. 2.00 pm; both meetings are held in the supper room (side entrance) of the Romsey Mechanics Institute, Main Rd, Romsey.

Coming up soon there will be the Victorian State Creative Arts Exhibition on 4th & 5th August from 9-5 at The Lighthouse Theatre in Warrnambool. Creative Arts encompasses handcrafts, sewing, cooking and baking, preserving, photography. There is also opportunity to be involved in performing arts in some branches. Creativity is as diverse as the individual members. There are also regional exhibitions throughout Victoria periodically.

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Each year around May/June, our Members attend and enjoy the annual CWA State Conference for 3 days, each year in a different location around the State. Information from the many speakers & presentations is in turn shared within our Branch. There are many initiatives that the CWA are involved in from State to International level.

Our Romsey Branch participates in various community activities, and we welcome new members. Come and join us; please call the numbers above.

Membership is very affordable:

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Council News

Have your say on tourism in the Macedon Ranges

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is inviting feedback on its Draft Macedon Ranges Visitor Economy Future Directions Paper 2017-2027 that will help guide tourism in the region over the next 10 years.

The draft plan, which has been informed by research and consultation with a range of local tourism industry providers, outlines a number of proposed strategies and actions that seek to support the local visitor economy and protect, while sharing, the beautiful place that is the Macedon Ranges.

It also identifies opportunities to enhance the range of services and support that Council provides for local businesses and the tourism industry.

Tourism in the Macedon Ranges contributes \$273 million direct and \$183 million indirect expenditure each year. The draft plan will be available until 5pm on Monday 14 August 2017.

There are a number of ways you can have your say:

[Download a copy of the draft plan and complete our online survey at mrrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay](http://mrrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay)

View a copy in-person at any of Council's customer service centres in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend.

Send a written submission to PO Box 151, Kyneton VIC 3444 or email mrrsc@mrrsc.vic.gov.au

Drop-in sessions will also be held. For dates and locations, visit mrrsc.vic.gov.au/your_say.

For more information, contact our Economic Development & Tourism Department on 5421 9616 or email scaruana@mrrsc.vic.gov.au

Are you running or thinking of running an event or festival in the Macedon Ranges?

Whether it's a school fete, fun run, wine festival, music event or cycling competition, if you're an event organiser in the Macedon Ranges you're invited to attend Council's free 'Planning an Event or Festival' workshop on Tuesday 22 August in Gisborne.

The workshop is designed to support event organisers and equip them with the tools necessary to successfully plan and run events and festivals in the shire.

There are two sessions to choose from, one from 5pm-6pm and the other from 6pm-7pm. Held at Council's

GRAAP NEWS

We are very excited to announce that work should commence at the old Romsey Primary School site in August in the first stage of the **GREATER ROMSEY ALL ABILITIES PARK**. This is the culmination of many years of hard work by a small community group and is just the first stage of a wonderful asset for our Community.

Watch this space

Administration Centre at 40 Robertson Street in Gisborne, the evening offers information on everything you need to know about making your event successful, sustainable and compliant within the Macedon Ranges. Workshop participants will be able to talk directly with Council officers on a range of topics relevant to event organisation including promotion, permits, liquor licences, risk and traffic management and more.

Come along and make new connections with local event organisers and Council representatives.

All attendees will receive a copy of the new Events & Festivals Planning Guide, a tool designed to assist organisers to plan and manage events.

To book, visit mrrsc.vic.gov.au/business-events

For further information call Bridgette O'Brien on 5421 9521 or email bobrien@mrrsc.vic.gov.au

Council seeking Community feed back

During August, Council will be seeking community feedback about land use issues on farming land across the shire.

A community survey will be available on Council's website and a landowner survey will be mailed to all landowners within the farming zone. All feedback received will be used to inform the development a draft farming zone strategy that will be released in 2018 for community feedback. To find out more, or to see if you are in the farming zone, visit mrrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay. For more information, contact Gareth on 5421 9675 or email ghately@mrrsc.vic.gov.au

Need to talk to us face-to-face?

Visit one of our friendly staff at the Romsey Community Hub during the following opening hours:

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 Wednesday, 12.30pm-5pm*
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Symphony On Song For Caulfield Guineas Assault

Jul 08, 2017
THE unbeaten run of Domesday colt Royal Symphony extended into black-type success at Flemington on Saturday, when the colt joined an honor roll of five stakes winners bred by Wingrove Park, with a devastating triumph in the Listed \$120,000 Taj Rossi Series Final (1600m).



Forced to carry 59 kilograms, the horse missed the start and settled in the back half of the field, but punters who took the \$1.50 we're put to ease when he claimed the lead at the 250 metre mark and didn't look back. "He looked like a horse of real substance today,

that's what we've always thought of him and, now that we've seen it twice I'm really comfortable putting him away and thinking the spring is the right thing to do," trainer

Tony McEvoy said post-race.

The 4¼-length annihilation enhanced his favoritism in the 'stallion-making' Group 1 \$2 million Caulfield Guineas (1600m) on October 14, 2017.

Kerrie-based breeders Joe and Daira Vella can add the colt alongside stakes performers Fair Trade (Colin Hayes Stakes G3), Dedicated Miss (Hyperion Stakes G3), Sparks Fly (Morphettville Guineas LR) and Classiconi (Heath Stakes LR). Furthermore, the boutique stud farm has raised a further four black-type earners and ten metropolitan winners.

"Royal Symphony is a very special colt to us – he is the last foal out of the long serving Naturalist and it looks like she saved the best till last," enthused Wingrove Park CEO Joseph Vella.

While the 24-year-old mare is enjoying retirement on the property, she has left a large legacy producing eight winners. Royal Symphony is the sixteenth foal and bred on the breeding line of The Minstrel and Nearctic on both sides of the bloodlines – dating back to the foundation mare, Natalma.

"Ray Matthews did a great job breaking him in and we sold him ready to go into work – he was always a bullish colt and was the first one to the feed bin as a foal" "Saturday's win was over 1600 metres but his pedigrees suggests the best may still be in front of him– let's hope he becomes out first Group 1 winner which would be a huge achievement for a stud of our size," Vella stated. Saturday's win came 14 days after his success over 1400 metres and made it three wins by a combined 11.3 lengths with total prize money totalling \$141,950. It is believed prior to Saturday, connections (who include 2x Caulfield Guineas winning rider Dwayne Dunn's wife Amanda), had knocked back offers in excess of \$2 million for the colt.

Group 1 races including the VRC Derby and Cox Plate have been floated as possible spring riches while the \$750,000 Group 1 Australian Guineas (1600m) at Flemington on March 3, 2018 appears a logical autumn option. The Australian Guineas is a race familiar to the Vella's who bred and raced the dominant pre-post favourite Fair Trade in 2009 who was sold to Hong Kong prior to the event.

Fair Trade was unbeaten in two starts at Flemington but was passed in at auction as a yearling while Royal Symphony wasn't accepted into the leading yearling sales in 2016. Wingrove Park began in 1997 and boasts an elite strike-rate of winners to runners with first-class facilities located opposite Sun Stud and sharing the same postcode as Spendthrift Farm.

Royal Symphony in anticipated to return to the racetrack in late April as a three-year-old, en-route to the Caulfield Guineas we're he hopes to join the honor roll of the likes of Vain, Mahogany, Redoute's Choice, Lonhro, Weekend Hussler, Starspangledbanner and All Too Hard.

Photo courtesy: Herald Sun © Kerrie-based horse stud Wingrove Park bred and raised on their property the current favourite for the \$2 million Caulfield Guineas - a horse named Royal Symphony.

Owners Joe and Daira Vella are long time local residents - he has now won all his 3 races including his last two at Flemington and looks a star in the making! He is all the talk in the racing world.

The media release can be found below -
<http://wingrovepark.com.au/stable/news/id/24696/symphony-on-song-for-caulfield-guineas-assault>

Western Water Media Release Communities turn out for water meetings

In late June, Romsey community members turned out in good numbers for Western Water's future water information session at the Romsey Hub.

The session covered Western Water's services in Romsey over the past 20 years, as well as the future challenges and opportunities presented by climate change and population growth across the region.

Over June and July, Western Water held a total of 8 community information sessions across its service region to discuss local water and sewer services and to hear customer feedback on our planning for the future. In total, 130 people attended the sessions.

Western Water is in the final phases of consultation for its next five year plan and has a range of engagement activities under way to help with this including focus groups, discussion forums, online surveys, and the Water Matters consultation website (haveyoursay.westernwater.com.au).

Outcomes of the community information sessions will be available on our Water Matters consultation site in August.

To request a copy of the Romsey handout from the information session, contact feedback@westernwater.com.au or phone 9218 5455.



Lancefield /Romsey Lions Club

The Lions club are often known for the good turns they do around the community. A big thank you goes to six members of the Lancefield/Romsey Lions Club who helped a lady (with disability) to split and stack her wood for winter and clean up the area. on a Saturday morning.



New fire stations for Wyndham

Melbourne's fast growing outer west will receive new fire stations thanks to a state government announcement made earlier this morning.

CFA welcomes today's announcement by Deputy Premier James Merlino of \$7.5 million in funding to acquire land and build brand new fire stations in Truganina and Wyndham Vale. A total of \$3.75 million of Growing Areas Infrastructure Contribution (GAIC) funding will be allocated to each station, with \$1.5 million put towards the acquisition of land for each site and \$2.25 million put towards the development of modern, well equipped stations.

The new stations will assist local brigades in incident response, alleviate pressure on surrounding brigades and provide modern facilities for CFA volunteer firefighters.

CFA Chair Greg Smith said the stations would serve the brigades well and would cater to current and future needs. "The funding announced will greatly assist these two brigades as they go about CFA's important mission – protecting lives and property in their communities," he said.

"Critically, it will also deliver flow-on benefits for surrounding brigades in this rapidly expanding community. In the face of such growth and change it is incumbent on CFA to remain a modern, responsive and agile organisation.

"We are committed to providing our firefighters – volunteer and career – with the best possible support as they go about their duties, and today's announcement will greatly assist in this aim.

"I am confident these new stations will improve firefighting capability, and will see CFA members continue to protect their community, and those around it, with great distinction for many years to come."

The stations are due for completion by June 2019.

For more information contact CFA Media on: 1300 CFA MEDIA (24 hours) or cfamedia@cfa.vic.gov.au

Pioneers by Frank Hudson

We are the Old-world people,
Ours were the hearts to dare;
But our youth is spent, and our backs are bent,
And the snow is in our hair.

Back in the early fifties,
Dim through the mists of years,
By the bush-grown strand of a wild, strange land,
We entered - the pioneers.

Our axes rang in the woodlands,
Where the gaudy bush-birds flew,
And we turned the loam of our newfound home,
Where the Eucalyptus grew.

Housed in the rough log shanty,
Camped in the leaking tent,
From sea to view of the mountains blue
Where the eager diggers went.

We wrought with a will unceasing,
We moulded, and fashioned, and planned
And we fought with the black and we blazed the track
That ye might inherit the land.

There are your shops and churches,
Your cities of stucco and smoke;
And the swift trains fly where the wild cat's cry
O'er the sad bush silence broke.

Take now the fruit of our labour,
Nourish and guard it with care;
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"MR. 30%"

Mr. Justin Smith, - "Mr.30%" - wrote in the Herald/Sun 30/6/2017, "For the first time "no religion" is the number one religion with 30 per cent of us saying we don't have an organised faith."..... .. "So, if you're in the new 30 per cent majority, congratulate yourselves." (Mr.Smith is a 3AW Presenter) In the Census 50 per cent said they belonged to an organized faith so how can the new 30 per cent be the majority? There has been a decline in Church affiliation over three generations, children have grown up with little knowledge of the Christian Faith and the results of which are being worked out in our society today. Victoria is being called the "lawless State" and the only State which does not have a Religious Education programme in its State Schools.

It raises an interesting question - Why do some of us have this faith in a Supreme Being, we call God, and others deny His existence or ignore His relevance in their lives.? John in his Gospel (12:39) quoting the Prophet Isaiah gives this explanation, "He (Satan) has blinded their eyes and deadened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn and I would heal them." When we turn to God and open our hearts to Him we find that He is already there, for He is the One, Who says, "Come to Me", - He Is already there waiting to welcome you to Himself!!

I believe that there is only a thin veil that separates us from our physical world to that unseen world of the spirit. There is also the veil to break through, when we take those first hesitant steps, leading to Church, which may be a new experience and a rather daunting one, which I know from personal experience. So then, we become part of the worshipping community where we learn and grow in the Faith as revealed in Jesus Christ.

"Jesus, these eyes have never seen,
That radiant form of Thine;
The veil of sense hangs dark between,
Thy blessed face and mine.
When death these mortal eyes shall seal,
And still this throbbing heart,
The rending veil shall you reveal,
All glorious as Thou art."
Ray Palmer

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Last month some members of A.M.S. spent a happy hour enjoying the warm hospitality of Mrs Marj. Davis when they met for their Snooker Night.

We also farewelled our Locum Minister of seven years, Rev.Bill Carroll after the morning service.

Mr. Graham Barker thanked him for his faithful service and made a presentation to him on our behalf.

It was also our pleasure to give a warm welcome to our Locum Minister for the next three months,

Rev. Daniel Bol Nyeith who is from the South Sudan.

We look forward to his ministry among us.

AUGUST 2017

There will be no A.M.S. Meeting this month.

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**Romsey Region Business and Tourism
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UPDATE

**Romsey Streetscape
Project –Funding Announcement**

RRBATA is delighted to report that the grant application submitted to Regional Development Victoria by Macedon Ranges Shire Council (MRSC) to fund the Romsey Streetscape Project has been successful. This has been the culmination of 2 ½ years of hard work by many community members and Council officers since the initial community forum organised by RRBATA in April 2015.

This redevelopment will include enhancement of Main Street gardens, seating, feature building illumination, heritage street lamps and feature town entry points. RRBATA is most grateful for the wonderful working partnership it has shared with MRSC thus far in the Romsey Streetscape Project and looks forward to the implementation of its initiatives.



New RRBATA Membership Package

RRBATA has been working on a new membership package ahead of a membership drive. In order for RRBATA effectively represent and advocate for Romsey region business and tourism, it needs a strong membership base. Membership is open to all businesses, organizations and individuals who support Romsey business and tourism. Website listing, discounts to RRBATA events, reciprocal membership rights with Business Kyneton (formerly Kyneton BATA) and Macedon Ranges Business Connect discounts will all feature in this package. RRBATA aims to provide networking opportunities as well as facilitating communication with key stakeholders for all RRBATA members.

For further details, contact Jenny Stillman (ph. 0412 349849, Email jennystillman@optusnet.com.au or go to Romsey Online and RRBATA Facebook.

RRBATA Annual Business Breakfast

The Annual RRBATA Business Breakfast will be held on **Friday 18th August 2017** commencing at 7.15am at Cope Williams Winery. This year's guest speaker is Gary Watson (Director, Odyssey Business Improvement) who will discuss "**Romsey's growth and prosperity - How local business can best ride the wave.**" A must see



presentation for all Romsey Region business operators and interested community members. Gary is a credentialed strategy specialist with extensive executive, director level and consultancy and advisory experience covering automotive, retail, franchising, and not-for-profit and

manufacturing sectors. An adjunct professor with Deakin Business School, independent board director and owner of a specialist strategic advisory agency, he works with organisations competing in complex and challenging environments to develop market, organisational, channel and marketing strategies, and guide them through essential change. In addition to Gary's presentation, the event will also launch the **new RRBATA Membership package and updated Romsey Online website.**

Tickets: \$45. Bookings: Eventbrite.

**Enquiries Jenny Stillman Ph. 0412 349849
jennystillman@optusnet.com.au**

Christmas In Romsey2017 – It's coming!

Preparations continue for Christmas In Romsey 2017. Sponsorships packages have been distributed to businesses to facilitate an even bigger and better Christmas In Romsey than last year! The Main Street Christmas Tree Installation initiative will be expanded to include more community group trees and an offer for businesses to "hire" and decorate a tree. It is anticipated tree numbers will double this year! Plans are also afoot to increase the size of the Community Christmas Tree.



**Please also note that the Romsey
Community Carols event will be held**

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**Romsey Historic Digital Interface Plaques
Project**

This continues to progress with the Plaques Project Team meeting fortnightly. The collation of appropriate and accurate archive material is time consuming but will ensure an abundance of information will be available on Romsey Online to compliment the "potted history" on the plaques. Plaque design is almost finalised. RRBATA acknowledges the support of the Bendigo Bank and Macedon Ranges Shire Council for this project.

Romsey Online

The website upgrade is almost complete! The launch date will be Friday 18th August at the RRBATA Annual Breakfast (see above)!!

Don't forget, **ANYONE CAN BE A REPORTER!** Whether it is sporting results, photos, reports on events etc, the website is waiting for your "news". Please ensure a note of consent from people featured in any photographs accompanies your submissions. Remember, the website is only as good as the information fed to it at info@romsey.org.au.

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Our stepfather, Satan, is the ruler of this world. He was served an arrest warrant and his sentence is



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pending. God wants to rescue us from our cruel stepfather. He has done the necessary legal work and sent a gracious Prince (Christ) with the offer to adopt us into His family. All we need do is accept this generous offer and sign the papers (believe in Christ). Then we are adopted into the greatest Royal Family of all time - and beyond. What fools we would be to spit at Jesus Christ's offer by rejecting Him as Saviour. We must remember, if we keep Satan as our legal stepfather, we receive his inheritance. Satan has only an eternal jail sentence to share with his family, but God has the riches of the universe to share with His. (John 8:44) If you would like to know "how" to belong to God's family, come and join us on a Sunday Morning at 10:00am or feel free to contact our Encourage Church office for other options.

If you would like to know more about faith in Jesus Please contact Pastor Marilyn or our Church office Ph 5429 6327

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At Riddells Creek Uniting Church "The White Goose Book Exchange"

Open every Wednesday 9.30am - 1.30pm.

Come for a cuppa, read the papers, borrow or lend a book. Relax and have a chat.

Also you can come and walk the Labyrinth in the Church grounds, on Thursdays at 9am, or at any time convenient to you.

Church Services & Activities during August 2017

6th 9am. Worship Service.
9th 6pm Church Council Meeting at Stracks
13th 9am. Worship & Holy Communion conducted by Rev. Peter Cannon
20th 9am Congregation Worship Service
27th 9am Worship Service conducted by Annette Buckley

On the North side of the Romsey Church Porch is a lovely seat placed there in memory of a much loved lady - Verna Johnston who was a very loyal member of the Romsey Uniting Church.

This seat was given by Verna's family in memory of their mother.

The seat can be seen from the front of the church grounds and you are welcome to come and sit on this seat especially when the sun is shining.

Learning to walk again

"Though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong, for the Lord holds us by the hand."

Scripture Reading Psalm 37: 24

There are many people who have had Hip Replacement Surgery and the recovery from this surgery includes intensive daily physical therapy to retrain the muscles to the weakened hip/leg. The recovery begins with gentle massage and passive range of motion and then progresses to active muscle-strengthening exercises. Finally advanced to the treadmill, where the rails are gripped firmly, so that you don't stumble. Daily therapy takes time and effort, but it is worth it when you feel a little stronger each day.

We learn that we need the same discipline in our spiritual walk. Limping along is easy, we skip daily devotions when time is short and pray only briefly while rushing from one activity to another. Over time, our spiritual muscles weaken until we are no longer able to walk with confidence through the challenges of daily life. However, through prayer, devotions, Bible study, and worship we are able to strengthen our walk with God. When difficulties arise and we stumble, God is holding our hand, lifting us up and offering us the opportunity to renew our spiritual journey.

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for being with us through the challenges of life. Strengthen our desire to walk more closely with you. Amen.

The Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide

Thought for the Day: When we stumble, God is there to catch us and give us strength.



Please Use The Romsey Rag!

We encourage all community groups and organisations to make use of the Romsey Rag to publicise any events and services in our community. Recently we undertook some research into what the people of Romsey think about the Rag, and it was interesting to note that many newcomers to town (and with our town growing that is a significant number!) find the Rag a great source of information. We also would like to see more "news" contributions a well. Perhaps there is a story of interest occurring in town, or there is someone in our community who deserves some recognition. Whatever the case, please let us know.