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• Saturday 16th December 2017

**Cant believe that Christmas is almost upon us
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EMERGENCY SERVICES TREADMILL CHALLENGE

Date: Sunday, 15 October

Time: 9am-4pm

Venue: Werribee Plaza Shopping Centre

Agencies: CFA, MFB, Victoria Police, Ambulance Victoria and SES

Some of Victoria's emergency services finest will be battling it out on the treadmills to raise funds for the upgrade of the Werribee Hospital.

The event will also feature spectacular displays by fire crews including the Werribee Fire Brigade demonstrating their award winning Road Accident Rescue capabilities by dismantling brand new vehicles.

There will also be a range of state of the art fire trucks and other emergency service vehicles that the public can view up close.

Other highlights of the day will include:

- SES tin rattle
- Sausage sizzle
- Interactive display

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ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

REMEMBRANCE DAY

(WHEN ARMISTICE WAS DECLARED AT THE ELEVENTH
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 MONTH 1918)

Wreath laying ceremony

SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER, 2017

LANCEFIELD CENOTAPH HIGH STREET LANCEFIELD
 AND
 ROMSEY CENOTAPH, MAIN STREET ROMSEY

COMMENCING 10:30 AM

**ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS,
 INCLUDING FAMILIES AND CHILDREN,
 ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS EVENT.**

At 11am on the 11th November 1918 the guns of the western front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare. The allied armies had driven the German invaders back, having inflicted heavy defeats upon them over the proceeding four months in November the Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement.

They accepted allied terms that amounted to unconditional surrender. The moment when hostilities ceased on the western front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war.

So at 11am on the 11 day of the 11th month became a time to remember those who lost their lives in the war.

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Inviting men and women 55 to 105 who are retired, who wish to make new friends and are helpful.

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THE ANZAC ON THE WALL – by Jim Brown

Loitering in a country town 'cos I had time to spare;
I went into an antique shop to see what was in there.
Bikes and pumps and kero lamps, the old shop had it all,
Then I was taken prisoner by the Anzac on the wall.
Such an honest open face, a young man in his prime,
When I looked at that photograph your eyes locked onto mine.
A face so proud and confident inside a wooden frame,
I felt myself drawn to you in a way I can't explain.
'That Anzac have a name?' I asked. The old man didn't know.
He said, 'Those who could have told me passed on long ago.'
The old man kept on talking and, according to his tale,
The photo was unwanted junk bought at a clearance sale.
'I asked around,' the old man said, 'but no one knew his face,
He's been up on that wall for years, deserves a better place.
Someone must have loved him, it seems a shame somehow.'
I nodded and said quietly, 'Oh well, I'll take him now.'
So you came home with me, mate – too long you'd been alone

I don't even know your name, mate, but you're welcome in my home.
Did you fight at Flanders, or perhaps Gallipoli?
I'll never know the answer, but I know you fought for me.
I wonder where they sent you, mate when you answered the call,
Were you killed in action? Did you come home at all?
You must have had a family – will you be claimed one day?
To be honest, I hope not, mate – 'cos I'm proud to have you stay.
Sometimes visitors look at you and then they question me,
And I tell a little white lie and claim you're family.
They say, 'You must be proud of him.' I tell them, one and all,
That that's why you've got pride of place - the Anzac on the wall.
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Community News



**Macedon Ranges: Hope Lives in Relay
For Life and you!**



Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th of March 2018

Relay For Life is holding its 16th Relay at Lancefield in 2018 at Lancefield Park. Over that time we have raised over \$1.4 million dollars for Cancer Council Victoria's cancer research, prevention and support programs

Relay For Life is an inspirational, empowering and emotional community led experience, where locals form teams and walk overnight to support those with cancer, while fundraising for Cancer Council Victoria.

Touching ceremonies include an Opening Lap dedicated to cancer Survivors and their Carers, an evening Candlelight Ceremony to honour those lost to cancer and personal pledges to cut the risk of cancer. Relayers often arrive as complete strangers – and leave as friends united by their cancer experience.

Each year, *Relay For Life* is held in 20 countries world-wide and 200 communities around Australia and every Relay is organised by a local volunteer committee.

If you are interested in registering a team, joining a team or helping with the planning or on the day please contact us via email lancefieldrfl@cancervic.org.au or call 1300 65 65 85 or visit our Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life Facebook page or our Relay For Life webpage (just look up Lancefield Relay For Life)

By getting involved with *Relay For Life*, you can create a community experience to support locals touched by cancer – and help Hope Live in the Macedon Ranges.

Romsey Early Education Centre named finalist in Business Excellence Awards 13 October 2017

Recognised for its outstanding service in education, Romsey EEC was among four businesses in the Macedon Ranges selected for the Excellence in Professional Services category

Finalists for the Bendigo Bank Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards 2017 have been selected out of a diverse mix of top local businesses that were nominated. Among them were two of the region's leading early education centres—Romsey and Lancefield EEC.

While only Romsey received the finalist certificate at the award gala night on 20 September, this achievement is significant for both centres, as they work alongside each other to offer the same quality curriculum and outstanding service to their community. Centre manager Elisha Fuss and educator Lorelle Harvey attended the award ceremony on behalf of Romsey. The certificate serves as a reaffirmation of Romsey's, and Lancefield's, dedication to providing the best outcomes in the field of early education, through an integrated approach that supports all aspects of early childhood development.

One of their programme's highlights is a series of interactive workshops held every month. Known as eecincursions, they engage young learners in a wide range of fun activities from visiting field experts, such as the internationally acclaimed Dream Puppet, Melbourne Museum and Wild Action Zoo.

The use of the iPad in promoting independent learning has also been boosted by the development of their first educational app—eecFlashcards. Designed specifically to meet the needs of Australian early childhood education, the app received almost three thousand downloads since its launch in late June this year, placing it in the top 5 Australian flashcards apps in the iTunes App Store.

The Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards is presented annually by Bendigo Bank and this year's winners were announced on 20 September.





**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. Its basic purpose is to advance intellectual and cultural interests amongst adult persons; to provide regular opportunities to progress healthy minds and active bodies, through social interaction and activities, expand interests and to enjoy the fellowship of new friends. 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 23rd November, 2017**

Guest Speakers: Cr. Bill West
Monthly Outing on Wednesday 15th November, Lunch at Shamrock Hotel, Kyneton.

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

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Thursday September 27th – Isabelle Betts Memorial Trophy

Perfect spring weather greeted a field of 56 at the Isabella Betts Memorial Tournament in Yea. Romsey Golf was represented by Wendy Gosden, Beryl Cole and Darlene Baker. Playing in groups of three the field moved well across the course with very few delays. Negotiating the railing of the horse racing track was an interesting aspect of the game but if you did happen to hit the rails you were able to replay the shot without penalty. The course was in great condition; many of those who had played before feeling Yea G. C. was in the best they'd seen. The greens were in good condition too with a few of them being quite tricky due to their slope and undulations.

Darlene had the best round of the day of the Romsey women with 97/23/74 also winning nearest the pin on the 2nd hole.

Wednesday September 27th – Stroke & Putts



Lovely spring weather greeted a small but determined group of women as they headed to the tee to playing stroke and record putts. The growth across the course is astounding and many players found their excellent shot sitting down on longish grass in the centre of the fairway. A hardy group of volunteers were working across the course at the same time scarifying, topdressing, seeding and fertilising the greens. As with every year they do a great job rejuvenating the greens. On a glorious spring morning the results were;

Winner; Darlene Baker – 101/23/78 from Beryl Cole – 105/26/79 & Jenny Hartley – 116/31/85

Least putts; Darlene Baker- 29

Saturday September 23rd – 2017 Macedon Ranges Spring Cup – Mt Macedon G. C. – Stableford

A very strong field took to the course for the 2017 Macedon Ranges Spring Cup. The event, sponsored by Drummond Golf, Niddrie was both an individual and club challenge event. With both RGC and MMGC sharing the honours over the previous years it was a good chance for RGC to take bragging rights by beating MMGC on their home ground. The round began under clear sunny conditions with a steady southerly wind for almost all the front

nine. MMGC was in wonderful condition, excellent fairway cover and well trimmed rough. The greens were fast but once on line they putted very true. Despite the conditions to was difficult to card a good score ad the teams event proved to be very lopsided with he locals recording a strong victory. The day was played in good spirits, on a wonderful day for golf the results were;

Club Challenge – MMGC 476 D RGC 360

A Grade Winner; Marcus Ward (MMGC) – 34 pts from Jerome Langmaid (MMGC) 33 pts

B Grade Winner; Bob Close (MMGC) – 40 pts from John Andrew (MMGC) 33 pts

Women's Winner; Darlene Baker (RGC) – 32 pts from Beryl Cole (RGC) 27 pts

Over the past two years RGC has spent a deal of time and money on soil testing and then the ppllication of various elements (Calcium & Magnesium) to bring the fairway soils up to acceptable levels. Recently we spread a Nitrogen, Potassium & Phosphorus (NPK) fertiliser across all fairways. Well the results are in, the spring growth has been enormous and we have struggled to keep up with it. Our thanks to all the members who give up their time to mow the all (apart from the area around the cricket oval which is maintained by the Shire) of Romsey Park.

RGC has held successful talks with Western Water and they have now increased the size of our connection to the main re-cycled water pipe from 25mm to 32 mm. This has increased the inflow from 6 litres per second to 8.4 litres per second. RGC has now purchased 14,000,000 litres of re-cycled water, (10,000,000 l during high season; Nov-Mar and 4,000,000 l during low season; April - Oct). This increased flow will mean we have a much greater chance of the tank being filled each day ready for the night's irrigation.

During the week before the Grand Final a tent was set up on the north side of the 16th fairway. This new (the instructions were still in the roller bag the tent came in), three-person dome tent was left on the course along with two sleeping bags. Sadly it seems the supporting poles were taken. The two sleeping bags and the tent, packed into its roller bag, have been taken to the club's work shed. If anyone is missing a tent and sleeping bags or knows anything about the owners of these items please contact the golf club.

Many people will be aware of the enormous damage caused to the Park and Golf Course by the Little Corellas that descend upon us every Dec – Feb. We have been in discussions with DELWP and are in the process of obtaining a Permit to Control Native Wildlife. This will be a Non-mortality permit meaning that we will have to make Romsey Park too uncomfortable for them to stay. The Club has consulted with the local police to plan discuss informing the community. As we near the "Time of the Corella" the club will utilize the Romsey Rag and a local letter drop to keep the community up to date with what is going on..



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We are very pleased to announce that the repaired render and plaster has now been painted and the hall and supper room look wonderful. Bo more holes, peeling paint and crumbled render on the floor. In the future we will be looking for funds to completely repaint the hall but that will be a few years off. In the meantime this work

has rejuvenated both eh main hall and the supper room. The north wall of the foyer was also repainted ready for the rehangng of the WW1 Honour Boards. Out thanks to Steve Spanno who did a wonderful job painting and working in with all the user groups who were also in the hall and supper room.

We are pleased to announce that our treasurer, Julie Smith, has been awarded an "Our Community Treasurer's Award". Well done Jules and thanks for all your hard work.



Our foray into the world of the commercial kitchen has been quite successful so far. We now have one small business using the kitchen to prepare and pack spices and another has made inquiries. Once we become

better know then we will expect more small businesses to take advantage of our facilities.

The 2018 Antiques Appraisal Day, November 18th, will also include an Art Show. Local artists will exhibit their works, for sale, in the main hall.

The RMI web site is in the process of being completely overhauled. We hope to have the new one, at the same address, up and running quite soon. Our thanks to Michael Nicholls (Macedon Ranges Web Design) for all his work to get the new site organised.

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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Coffee Shop Conversations

Mental Yoga

At the mental health Morning tea at the Neighbourhood house on the 10th October ,Matt one of the speakers gave mental health a new name Mental Yoga sounds like fun yes and doesn't have such a stigma related to it. Matt along with some other speakers gave some very insightful talks about what is available in the Macedon Ranges for prevention and understanding of Mental health issues. It was a very successful morning.

As you know I am an advocate for positive thinking ,change your thoughts ,change your life . I get very excited about what's possible when you take responsibility your thoughts, Where are you now? Where do you want to be?

My thoughts are that life is to 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, anxiety, stress. 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.

So I have two really great workshops coming up in November Stress Less on Sunday 12th and Tuesday the 14th of November And Empowered thought s Inspired Action on Saturday the 18th of November .

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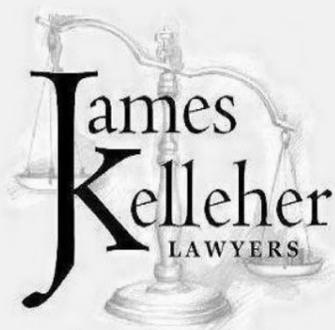
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Saturday October 14th – 4Ball Multiplier Stableford

The round began on a beautiful, sunny mid spring afternoon, there was a steady northerly breeze blowing but nothing to really effect the golf. The greens had recovered well from the scarifying and were generally true if a little slower than expected. A great deal of work had been done to keep the rough under control by 22mm of rain during the week meant a few fairways had been too wet to be mown using the fairway mower so the rough mower was lowered and did a reasonable job. As the round progressed the wind blew up and caused a few problems over the final nine holes. The format, multiplier stableford saw some teams pick up 12 pts on one hole and zero on another. Two teams ran neck and neck all afternoon and it was a fluffed putt on the 17th than made all the difference. On a stunning spring day the results were;

Winners; Michael McCarten (13)/Anthony Lakey (21) – 71 pts from Shannon Wright (14)/Michael Nicholls Jnr (22) – 70 pts.

Individual; Michael Nicholls Jnr (22) – 44 pts from Ron Walker (23) – 39 pts

NTPs; 15th – Jim Patton, 16th – Michael McCarten

Thursday October 12th – Doris Chambers Final – Sanctuary Lakes G. C.

Romsey Golf Club was represented by Darlene Baker and Wendy Gosden at Sanctuary Lakes for the final of this state wide tournament. The day was overcast but warm with the wind only gusting on a few holes. The fairways were in excellent condition and the greens were very slick causing more than a few problems for the field. The Darlene and Wendy managed to avoid most of the bunkers and, while two that did trap them, escape was secured and a score was registered for those holes. On a very challenging course the RGC team scored a very creditable 33 pts, equal 8th on the day

Wednesday October 11th – 1st Rd – Singles K/O

The First Round of Singles Knockout was played in very blustery conditions making for a" tough day at the office". Some players toured the rough a little too much and, if they found the few uncut areas, it was very thick more than challenging to get back on to the fairway with any length on the shot. Those playing nine holes played a stroke event and counted putts. Jenny Hartley had a wonderful day, making the most of the conditions, recording the best round of the day, taking out nearest the pin on the third and having the least putts. On a windswept morning the results were;

Leader; Jenny Hartley 103/31/72 from Darlene Baker 96/22/74 and Elaine Scanlon 113/33/80

NTPs; 3rd – Jenny Hartley

Least Putts; Jenny Hartley – 29

Saturday October 7th – Ambrose – Green Keeper's Revenge

Golf began on a beautiful spring day with a gentle northerly breeze blowing. After two weeks of sun and a little rain Romsey Park was in top nick however the growth across the course was astounding and members had to work very hard to keep the grass under control. Green Keeper's Revenge saw many pins in unusually

challenging locations, a little too much power in the putt and the ball was well off the green. Once players got to the greens they also had to compete against the deep scarifying so it was quite a challenge to post a good score; another round of Ambrose seemed the perfect solution. Teams of three or four took up the challenge. The breeze blew up and moved the other NE causing problems on a number of holes. A few teams had runs of birdies but were then forced to take that less than good drive just to meet the Ambrose rules. The roughish greens and more than optimistic drives and approach shots found many groups in trouble looking for that miracle shot to save par. On a beautiful spring day the results were;

Winners; Les Gaunt/JennyHartley/Bruce Robb/Hugh Drummond -74/11.5/62.5 from Dean Borg/Ash Jobe/Bill McKee – 74/10.3/63.7 & John Freestone/Ron Walker/Shannon Wright – 74/10/64

NTPs; 1st – Jenny Hartley & 15th – Les Gaunt

Thursday October 5th – Strathbogie Open

RGC members Wendy Gosden and Darlene Baker left bright and early to make the long journey to the Strathbogie Golf Club for their annual tournament. The course was in magnificent condition with lush green fairways and very true and receptive greens. Rain hreatened for most of the round with quite dark clouds hovering for the entire day. A drizzly rain broke through a couple of times and had the umbrellas going up and down and up again but was not really enough to dampen anyone's sprit or seriously interfere with the golf.

Wendy finished with a good round c with a nett 74. Darlene also produced an excellent round holing some long putts and driving very consistently to return 92/24/68.

This score was good enough to win the B Grade scratch event and also score four points in the Dalhousie "Player of the Year Award".

Wednesday October 4th – Ambrose

Glorious spring weather greeted the golfers as they headed out to play the "Old Course". The recent scarifying of the greens continued to make holing out more than challenging so Ambrose over the twelve hole, par 45 of the "Old Course" was a perfect choice. After the round many players headed out for a pleasant lunch at Soltan Pepper. Results on the day were;

Winners; Wendy Gosden/Michael McCarten 49/8/41, from John Laing/John Freestone 52/9/43 & Jan Harver/Leila Beasley/Darlene Baker 58/11.5/46.5

Saturday September 30th – "Old Course" Ambrose

Light rain was falling as the players took to the 12 hole, par 45 Old Course. The fairways were again in top nick however the recent scarifying of the greens meant that putting would be a bit of a gamble. Putting across the scarify marks proved to be far better that putting up them. The Ambrose format allowed players to be a bit more adventurous than during a normal round and some reaped the benefits while others just failed to clear that tall tree and dropped down among the roots. It was a very enjoyable round with everyone on their way to watch the Grand Final by a little after 12.00 pm. On a relaxed morning the results were;

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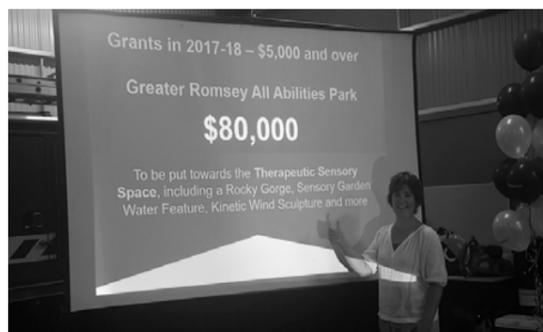
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- Romsey**
- Monday, 12.30pm-5pm*
- Tuesday, 9.30am-5pm
- Wednesday, 12.30pm-5pm*
- Thursday, 12.30pm-6pm*
- Friday, 9.30am-5pm

* Library opens at 9.30am.
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ROMSEY SWAP MEET

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SUNDAY 12th November 2017

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Lancefield & Romsey Community Banks

Media Release:

BIG COMMUNITY GRANT MAKES GOOD "SENSE"

A major contribution from our Community Bank will enable the Therapeutic Sensory Space at the Greater Romsey All Abilities Park to go full-steam ahead.

Lancefield and Romsey Community Banks chair David Plunkett today announced the \$80,000 grant will be put towards key features including the proposed Rocky Gorge, Sensory Garden Water Feature and Kinetic Wind Sculpture.

The grant was part of \$182,805 in grants and sponsorships for local groups and events – all money generated by the proceeds and returns from banking business with our two local branches.

The latest allocation means more than \$1.3 million has been given to clubs, community groups and a range of other organisations around the district over the past 17 years

"This distribution provides further proof that local residents and businesses who bank with us are helping make their own direct contribution to worthwhile projects and groups in the community," Mr Plunkett said.

"By supporting their Bank, they are also proudly supporting the groups receiving these grants and sponsorships.

"We will soon be the only Bank in town for both Lancefield and Romsey, and we reaffirm our long-term commitment to always be here for the community.

"These grants and sponsorships demonstrate why we are here and how the loans, savings, investments and other business from all of us collectively put more money back into our community."

The \$80,000 grant to the GRAAP, on the site of the old Romsey Primary School, will go a long way towards realising the dream of an iconic regional park.

Other key grants and sponsorships included as part of the community investment distribution include \$10,000 to the Lancefield Equestrian Group to improve the surface of the inside of the trotting track at Lancefield Park, so it can be used for equestrian and other events.



A \$12,000 grant to Lancefield's St Mary's Primary School will go towards a new shade sail to protect children enjoying the new playground equipment and allow the area near the corner of Raglan and Chauncey Sts to be used for

outdoor lessons and exercise activities.

And \$10,000 will enable Lancefield Neighbourhood House to renovate the Lancefield Playgroup and Out of School Hours Care building.

Our 50 grants and sponsorships have been allocated across a range of organisations, including sporting and other groups, schools and emergency services agencies.

Mr Plunkett said the funding of local groups and community projects was the culmination of the effort of local r

esidents when they worked together more than 20 years ago to bring the Community Bank concept to Lancefield and Romsey.

Local groups benefited with significant funding thanks to the unique profit-sharing arrangements under the Bendigo Bank Community Bank concept – which was further reason for residents to continue supporting the "only bank in town".

The Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank branches of Bendigo Bank are operated on behalf of around 500 local residents and businesses. They put up their own money to become shareholders with a common aim to ensure we always had Banks in our two towns.

"Opening our Community Bank branches gave us the opportunity to 'bank-proof' both towns, with face-to-face services for our residents and businesses," Mr Plunkett said.

Graeme Walker. Community Banks Board member
0409 237 543.



Registration Form for Christmas Bazaar Stall at Romsey Swap Meet

Yes! I would love to be a part of the Romsey Swap Meet on Sunday 12th Nov 2017

Contact Name:
Signed:
Organisation/Business:
Contact Number/s:
Email Address:
Description of what you will be providing at your stall on the day:
Do you have Public Liability Insurance?: YES NO

Stall Details

Date: 12th November 2017
 Set-up: 7.30 am - Event finishes at 4pm
 Fee: \$20
 Location: Romsey Recreation Reserve
 Site Size: Generally 3x3m

Public Details

Date: 12th November 2017
 Entry: 8am-4pm

Other Requirements:
Please detail below anything else you may require ie: power

*Limited Stalls available so be quick!
 Site holders responsible for all clean-up of their site after the event Any Further enquires please contact Michelle Balthazar (Romsey Neighbourhood House Coordinator- 0425 782 550 or Romsey Neighbourhood House on 5429 6724 for further information or email: romseyhouse@bigpond.com



Telephone (03) 5429 5254

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Romsey's Antiques & Collectibles Appraisals Day

Saturday 18th November 2017

9.30am till 4.00pm
Mechanics Institute
122 Main Street, Romsey

\$5 per item, 3 for \$12, (more items if time permits)
No written Valuations, No Jewellery

And...an Art Show!

Local artists displaying a wide range of their work

Admission is Free,
come and support your local community

For more details, call Gail on 0416 028219

This is a partnership event run by Romsey Mechanics Institute and
Romsey Neighbourhood House as a Fundraising Event



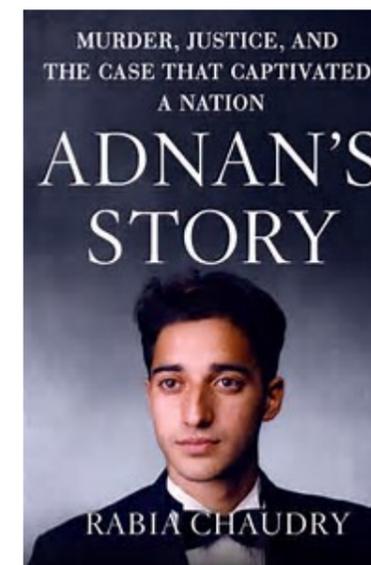
November Book Reviews



One Plus One by Jojo Moyes

If you haven't read a book by Jojo Moyes yet, you just don't know what you're missing! This is a delightful novel of a dysfunctional family in crisis colliding with a quirky stranger called Ed. The story revolves around ten year old maths whiz Tanzie, brother Nicky, smelly dog Norman and their mother Jess, who are desperately trying to get Tanzie to the Maths Olympiad in Scotland to hopefully win the coveted prize. Unfortunately with no money, no car and even less luck, they are wondering how this will ever happen. When along comes Ed, a brilliant tech millionaire, who happens upon the family on the side of the road. Ed decides to take a risk and drive them to Scotland. This is where the adventure begins. It is a hilarious and heart-warming story which will leave you feeling warm and fuzzy and reminds us all of the good in humanity.

To reserve a copy, please visit our website: www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au or call us on 54293 086. Please have your library membership card handy.



Adnan's Story: The Search for Truth and Justice: After Serial by Rabia Chaudry

As a regular podcast listener, I recently stumbled upon a fascinating podcast called Serial. After listening to the podcast, I was desperate to find out more of the details of this compelling case. This book covers the 2000 conviction and sentencing of Adnan Syed who at the time was a high school senior in Baltimore, Maryland. Adnan was sentenced to life plus thirty years for killing his then high school girlfriend, Hae Min Lee. Rabia Chaudry, a family friend, never gave up on Adnan and has written this compelling narrative. The book presents a case which was bungled from start to finish. The evidence for the case was clearly compromised at every turn and was never proven beyond a reasonable doubt. The US justice system has clearly failed Adnan and left Hae Min Lee's family without answers. If you are into true crime, this is a must read!

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ROMSEY LIBRARY TEEN BOOK CLUB

Romsey Library is excited to announce a teen book club to be held every Saturday from 10-11am. A morning tea will be provided along with the opportunity to make new friends, discover new authors, and discuss shared texts.

Please register your interest by calling the library on 54293 086 or emailing us at: romsey@ncgrl.vic.gov.au

The Mount Players Happenings

November



*"PRESENT LAUGHTER".....
SURE TO RAISE A GIGGLE*

The Mount Players are well in to rehearsals for their next production *"Present Laughter"*, a play by Noel Coward.

Set in the 1930's, the play revolves around Garry Essendine (played by Michael Treloar), a stage actor approaching middle age. Garry is, and has been, somewhat "gallant" with the ladies during his lifetime and it is all coming home to roost as he prepares to depart for a performance tour of Africa. His secretary Monica Reed (Cherry Servis) does her best, with others, to keep him away from the romantic clutches of Joanna Lyppiatt (Justine Press), and the obsessive professional adoration of Roland Maule (Tim Allan).

The play is light-hearted and entertaining and another excellent opportunity to enjoy a quality production by the **The Mount Players.**

Performances are between 17 November and 3rd December. Book on line through www.themountplayers.com



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The Gisborne Singers Celebrate the Beginning of Time



The Gisborne Singers are ending 2017 with a magnificent choral work which celebrates the beginning of the world. Haydn's "Creation", is a musical masterpiece which tell the story from the biblical perspective, particularly the book of Genesis.

This remarkable work begins in chaos, emerges into light, announces the heavens and earth, introduces plants and animals and finally, celebrates humanity.

Joseph Haydn, the German composer was inspired to write the work in 1798, after hearing the oratorios of another of the Gisborne Singers' favourite composers, Handel. The Creation is Haydn's first oratorio and

arguably his best.

The dramatic 3 part work is a life affirming celebration which deservedly has formed an important part of the world's choral repertoire since it was first performed. The music is dynamic and emotional while the text is as powerful and relevant as it was over 300 years ago.

This Gisborne Singers are the premier choir in the Macedon Ranges and have been performing the world's great choral works for nearly 30 years. Music Director Stephen Brockman will conduct the choir of 50 singers. 2017 has been a busy year for the choir who began the year with their first international tour which included a performance at New York's Carnegie Hall.

The work will be performed in English and will be accompanied by a full orchestra with some of their favourite soloists; soprano, Cristina Russo, tenor, Christopher Roache and bass, Manfred Pohlenz.

When the work premiered at a small private performance in 1799, police had to hold back the hundreds of people who were trying to get in to hear the work. The Gisborne Singers recommend you book early to secure your seats. There will be two performances, November 19th at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton and November 26 at Church of Christ, New Gisborne. For bookings visit the choir's website, gisbornesingers.org.au.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT ROBERT BLAIR 03 5428 7033

Poetry Corner

ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD & DISTRICT AMBULANCE AUXILIARY NEWS

Our auxiliary continues to work hard to support our local station and the wonderful paramedics who work there. From our latest fundraising efforts including the Mothers day raffle, we have purchased some supportive splints. Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets and gave us donations. Our next raffle will be held in November and we will be cooking a BBQ at the November farmers's market in Lancefield.

Our AGM was held in August and once again we congratulate our office bearers : President David Strack, Vice President Geoff Neil, Secretary Helen Richardson and Treasurer Beryl Cole.

We welcome new members Wendy Gosden and Sandra Strack to the auxiliary.

Did you know that the auxiliary has purchased 2 Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) that are accessible in the community?

An AED is a small ,portable electronic device that can shock the heart into a normal rhythm when it stops pumping as a result of a cardiac arrest. They are located at the Romsey service station and the Lancefield service station. **Please note that there are a number of other AEDs locate throughout the community.**

If anyone is interested in joining our auxiliary ,or can assist us in our fundraising efforts, please contact Helen Richardson ph:0448208655

Romsey Branch Report

Staff movements - Dave Newman has gone up to Shepparton on the MICA unit for 3 months followed by a month in Bendigo. Ambulance is rapidly progressing with new skills being introduced regularly. Spending time on busy MICA units has proven to be very beneficial to MICA paramedics in maintaining their skill levels.

New graduate Elise Akmens has just completed her 4th month on road in Romsey. She has been progressing well and will shortly be moved up to Bendigo for her next phase as a graduate ambulance paramedic. She has made considerable progress during her time here in Romsey and is on track to becoming a qualified Ambulance Paramedic.

A new student named Stacey Webber will be starting in Romsey next month, we look forward to training her too.

Two of our staff members Andrew McGowan and Wayne Brown have returned from Melbourne who were part of the new single responder programme for 3 months. They enjoyed their time in Melbourne but are very happy to be back home in Romsey.

Jessica Sheppard is looking at returning from maternity leave after being away for 12 months. We look forward to welcoming her back soon.

Our paramedic educator – Andrew McIlroy is about to have his first child in September

Performance

There has been a recent push from government to improve response performance – A significant amount of money has been invested by government to improve performance, improvements have been made to the way in 000 calls are triaged and the way ambulances are dispatched to cases. Although paramedics don't have a large impact on response times there has been a push for individuals to improve their own performance. Over the last 24 months Romsey as well as other nearby branches have been performing extremely well in regards to response times which is a credit to each individual staff member.

Clinical performance has also been great. Andrew the Paramedic Educator and myself are tasked with auditing patient care records to ensure the clinical perfor-

mance is to the required standard. Andrew and I both agree that Romsey are performing well in that space too. We have had some challenging cases of late which include a young doctor from Romsey who was killed in a motor vehicle accident. Another case attended to by myself was an elderly gentleman found by his family in the middle of the night to be unconscious. The gentleman was in a cardiac rhythm known as ventricular tachycardia which is normally associated with a very poor outcome for the patient. We were able to treat the patient appropriately using the new Zoll cardiac monitors and rendezvous with an intensive care crew en route to hospital. Upon arrival to hospital the patient had improved from being completely unresponsive and in severe life threat to alert and orientated and actually thanking us in person.

More new changes to Ambulance Practice

In the previous 18 months we have seen more changes to Ambulance Practice than what were seen in the previous 10 years. Paramedics can now conduct 12 ECG's which was previously only able to be performed by MICA paramedics. 12 Lead ECG's help aid in the diagnosis of patients suffering a heart attack. Furthermore ALS paramedics will shortly be able to administer thrombolytic medications to patients suffering a heart attack. This drug which aids in dissolving the clot causing a heart attack has been trialed in ambulance practice with some very promising results.



CC Line Dancing

Beginners class Monday mornings 9.00 till 9.40pm
\$5.00

Combined class 9.00 till 10.40am \$7.00
At Romsey Mechanics Hall

Enquiries to Carol on 0419 121369



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Doreen Morgan Correspondent Parish Office: 54291380



~ HOPE ~

**JESUS CHRIST - THE HOPE OF THE
WORLD**

NOVEMBER 2017

One of the greatest gifts our Creator God has given us is HOPE! Hope encourages the human spirit to keep going when all seems lost. Hope shines like a light at the end of the dark tunnel that we are passing through at times of black despair. Hope has a travelling companion, FAITH, the two go hand in hand. For the Christian, hope is not just a blind trust but rests upon faith in the God Who loves and understands

just what it is we are going through. To quote a Christmas Carol, "He knows our needs, to them He is no stranger". The Psalmist of old writes. "God is our hope and strength, a very present help in trouble." (Psalm 46:1) and in the troubled world in which we live today we need His daily Presence with us.

He comes to us through His Holy Spirit when we look to Him and seek Him and so come to Jesus, as our Saviour from sin and the Lord of our lives. Faith and Hope have a senior companion, LOVE, love must rule in our hearts, as Jesus has commanded. "Love always protects, always trusts, always HOPES, always perseveres", so St. Paul writes to the early Christians in Corinth and it is a good message for us to take to heart today.

**"My hope is built on nothing less, Than Jesus' blood and righteousness,
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' Name.**

**On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand."**

E. Mote.

Last month, we said farewell to the Rev. Daniel BOL Nyi-eth who was our Locum here over the past three months, we appreciated his gracious conduct of our services. We were also pleased to welcome the Rev. Jeannie Woollard as our Locum minister until Christmas. Rev. Jeannie is no stranger to us as she commenced her period of curacy here.

NOVEMBER 2017 DIARY

Thurs. Nov. 16th. 8pm. A.M.S. SNOOKER NIGHT at Mrs. Marj. Davis'. 143 Barry St. Romsey.

All men welcome! Enquiries .. Tom 5429-6060.

Sun. Nov. 26th. 10am. COMBINED SERVICE at Christ Church Lancefield. **(No Romsey Service).**

The Service will be followed by the **CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Members please make every effort to be there !!!!!!!!

Doreen Morgan. ... Correspondent
Sunday Worship Times



**Romsey Region Business and Tourism
Association (RRBATA)
UPDATE**

Romsey Streetscape Project Update



The tender process for the civic works component of the Romsey Streetscape Project is underway, meaning that this component of the project (including new bluestone curbing, line marking for service lane angle car parking, elevated pavement crossings in service lanes) is likely to commence before the end of the year.

Detailed plans have been finalised for the enhancement of the Main Street gardens, including the area encompassing the fountain near the Mechanics Institute. New plantings will be colourful and drought tolerant. A copy of these plans is on display at the Romsey Community Hub and the Romsey branch of the Bendigo Bank.

Design detail for lighting initiatives to be undertaken is currently being developed. Heritage street lamps, enhanced footpath lighting and feature illumination of heritage

building facades will be included.

Christmas in Romsey 2017 – Update

RRBATA's Arts Culture and Events (ACE) working group is absolutely delighted to announce that Bendigo Bank has come on board with a massive \$5000 sponsorship for Christmas In Romsey 2017. This assistance, along with that from **Ray White Real Estate** and **Romsey Hardware** (Gold



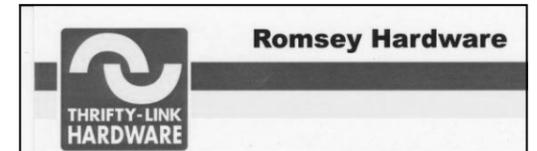
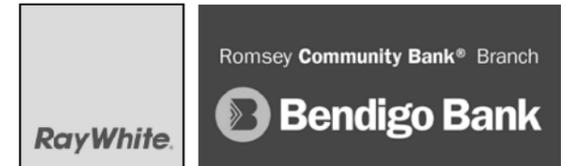
Sponsors), as well as support from Romsey IGA (Silver Sponsor) and Verdure Bistro (Bronze sponsor) will help make Christmas In Romsey 2017 very special. For those other businesses wishing to support Christmas In Romsey – it is not too late to get on board! At the time of going to press, the number of *Main Street Christmas Trees* requested was 48 (compared to 21 last year)! The clusters of illuminated trees will extend between Barry and Murphy Streets. The **Lancefield Men's Shed** has been employed to construct the extra trees ordered (see photo – L to R, Gavin, Neil and Mario. Absent - Rob).

The roll out of such a large number of trees is a huge job and has already commenced. Rounding them up at the end of November and erecting them in the Main Street is logistically challenging but rewarding for all involved.

And, homes and businesses - don't forget to start planning your *lights and decorations* for this year's competition! For more information, go to Romsey Online and RRBATA Facebook.

Romsey WILL BE the Christmas Capital of the Macedon Ranges!

Businesses and community groups with Main Street Christmas Tree queries should contact Abbey Brown (Ph. 0409 427732, Email: abbeyjenkins@hotmail.com).



RRBATA TMR Membership

RRBATA has been invited to be represented on the committee of Tourism Macedon Ranges. TMR's vision is to encourage and support a vibrant and sustainable future for tourism in the Macedon Ranges Shire. As a representative body from the Shire's eastern corridor, RRBATA recognises the importance of this vision and looks forward to making a valuable contribution.

RRBATA Historic Digital Interface Plaques Project Update

The plaques Project continues to progress with the hardworking team of volunteers meeting regularly. It is anticipated that the first 10 plaques will be completed by the end of this year for unveiling early next year. Detailed research is being undertaken to collate information for the plaques and Romsey Online (more extensive history) that is both informative and interesting so as to really engage locals and visitors of all ages. Plaques will include photographs that "add to" the story.

This project has been generously supported by the Bendigo Bank (our community bank) and Macedon Ranges Shire Council's (Places for People program).



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We cannot accept any electrical items including computers, printers etc. Also car seats, prams, cots or any other safety equipment.

Owing to lack of space, we cannot accept large furniture.

Church news



St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey

Parish Priest: Fr. Vinoth Santiago

Fr. Martin Fleming - Administrator

Parish Secretary: Mrs. Tammie Dalgleish

School Principal:

School Website:

C/- Woodend Presbytery 5427 2690

Presbytery 5429 2130

St. Mary's Primary: 5429 1359

Ms. Julie McDougall

www.smlancefield.catholic.edu.au

MASS TIMES

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month:

8:00am Lancefield and 10:00 am Romsey

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

8:00 am Romsey and 10:00am Lancefield

COMMUNION SERVICES

Tuesday

9:00am Romsey Church

Saturday

10:00am Romsey Church

ROSARY

Saturdays 9:45am Romsey

RECONCILIATION

By arrangement.

BAPTISMS

2018 – *Romsey Church* – January 7th, March 4th, May 6th, July 1st, September 2nd & November 4th.

2018 – *Lancefield Church* – February 11th, April 8th, June 10th, August 12th, October 14th & December 9th.

For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

SACRAMENTS

Parents with children not attending St. Mary's School who are scheduled to receive Sacraments in 2018 are invited to

email their details to the secretary at lancefield@cam.org.au to register your child. Information will be sent out early in 2018 with the Sacramental schedule for the year.

Like us at <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysparishlancefieldromsey> to keep up with parish activities and news.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2017

*Advent Reconciliation Wednesday 13th December -

7.00pm - *Lancefield Church*

(Confession)

*Parish Mass of Anointing Friday 15th December -

2.00pm - *Romsey Church*

*Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December - 6.00 pm -

Family Mass - *Romsey Church*

- 11:30 pm - Carols - *Lancefield Church*

- 12:00 am - Midnight Mass - *Lancefield Church*

*Christmas Day Monday 25th December - 9.00 am -

Lancefield Church



Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA) (Cont)

New RRBATA Membership Package

RRBATA's new membership package was launched at the Annual RRBATA Breakfast on Friday 18th August. This heralds a much needed membership drive.

Membership does NOT necessitate committee involvement. Rather, in order for RRBATA to effectively represent and advocate for Romsey region business and tourism, it needs a strong membership base. It also needs renewal of personnel at the management level. Otherwise, there is the real risk of it being unable to effectively continue its contribution to the region's business and local community.

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.

Romsey Online

RRBATA would again like to acknowledge the wonderful contribution from the Bendigo Bank which facilitated this much needed makeover which includes direct linkage to the Lancefield Community website (www.lancefield.org.au). The website must be fed!! 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: Jenny Stillman Phone: 0412 349849
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Church news

Macedon Ranges Uniting Church Partnership

Romsey Uniting Church



25 Pohlman Street, Romsey. 3434 (P.O Box 264)

Chairperson: Mr. Noel Shaw 5429 5509

Secretary: Mrs. Jenifer Clampit 5429 5480

The Macedon Ranges Uniting Church Partnership

Office is at the Riddells Creek Uniting Church, 3 Sutherland Road, Riddells Creek.

Phone: 5428 6920.

Ministers:

Rev. Deacon Wendy Elson 5427 2761

Rev. Peter Cannon 9746 3454

Pastor Annette Buckley 5429 5351

Partnership Email: macedon.ranges.partnership@hotmail.com

Partnership Website:

www.macedonrangesunitingchurch.org.au

Activities in the Partnership in Riddells Creek, Romsey and Lancefield.

Riddells Creek Uniting Church

- Wednesdays 9am Prayer and Meditation

- "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.

- Come and walk the Labyrinth in the Church grounds, on Thursdays at 9am, or at any time.

Romsey

- Mondays 2pm. 'Cuppa at Cookies' Country Cafe, all welcome.

Lancefield Uniting Church

- Lancefield Music 2pm-4pm 1st & 3rd Tuesday in the month, the 3rd Tuesday lunch at 12.30pm before the music program.

- Each Wednesday the church is open for prayer and meditation 11am.

Romsey Church Services & Activities during November 2017

5th 9am. Worship Service followed by a Blessing of the Firemen and Trucks at the Romsey Fire Station.

Morning Tea.

6th 2pm. Coffee Get Together at Cookies Country Cafe

8th 6pm Church Council Meeting at Stracks

12th 9am. Worship & Holy Communion

19th 9am Congregation Worship Service

26th 9am Worship Service

Future events at the Romsey Uniting Church.

November 18th: Car Boot Sale, further information from Sandra Strack - 54270 472

Thursday 21st December - Follow the Star.

The Kyneton Brass Band will again be providing the music for this event. See Advertisements in this edition of the Romsey Rag

Reflection

I was reminded the other day that when the November edition of the Romsey Rag is sent out it will be only 8 weeks to Christmas. I know we don't really want to know about that.

We are coming up to the very busy time of Christmas celebrations and the commercialism surrounding this time always seems to take away the true meaning of Christmas 'The Birth of Christ'.

So perhaps it is time to step back for a moment before that busyness sets in and think about those who may not be able to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas in a joyful way.

Reflect on the recent natural disasters that have caused heartbreak and pain to so many people. Especially those caught up in the Fires in California where thousands of homes and businesses have been destroyed and the homes and families devastated by hurricanes and floods, so many people homeless.

The heartache of the terrible shooting in Vegas.

Also the families who are fleeing from war torn countries.

Then there are those in pain through road accidents and deaths of family and friends.

So much suffering.

On Thursday 9th November 10am-1pm the Romsey Uniting Church will be open for prayer for others, prayers of compassion for those who will find Christmas painful this year, and also prayer for our Firemen as they prepare for the bush fire season in the Macedon Ranges Area. Come and go at any time when you can.

Also at the Romsey Uniting Church there is a lovely memorial seat outside the front of the church, placed there in memory of Verna Johnston. Everyone is welcome to come into the church grounds and sit on that seat to reflect and meditate in a peaceful setting.

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We often deny God's existence for many reasons. When things appear to be going well, it's simply because we don't want Him to exist. We can be so preoccupied fulfilling personal ambitions that we think our plans will be upset if we concede that there is a God.

Every person, without exception, hears God knocking. But many of us don't want to answer just in case someone is there and we have to stop what we are doing and adjust our thinking. (Romans 1:20)

Unfortunately our plans and personal ambitions are often upset by things out of our control. It is then that we realise that we do need someone bigger than ourselves, someone with greater wisdom, someone whom we can lean on and who is more than willing to help us continue our journey in Life.

God is a Gentleman! He will not force entry into our lives. It is up to us to answer the door and let Him in. Understandably, no one wants to be disturbed by an unwelcome guest, but God is our heavenly Father and He comes bearing a great gift (Life abundantly and eternal salvation).

We have so much to lose by ignoring God. Furthermore, change that may occur in our life by answering God's call will only be a change for the better.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:11-13



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These beautiful dark red roses commemorate those from the Romsey Shire who enlisted for the Great War one hundred years ago, and especially the 47 who paid the supreme sacrifice, whose names are:

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If funds become available, it is proposed to incorporate a metal or concrete plaque portraying the unique **Romsey Tribute Medal** (see attached image) that was awarded to all members of the Romsey Shire who enlisted during the Great War.

Lest We Forget – thank you, Mike Garnett

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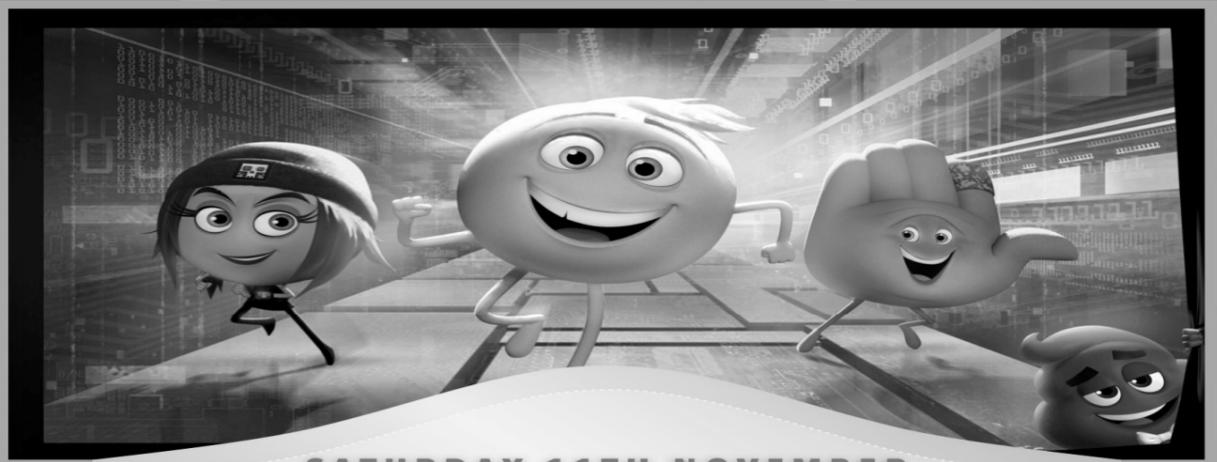
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Where will they go? Who will they meet on the way?

What will we discover at the end of the road?

We will be looking for a stable with live animals where we can sing Christmas Carols, see a real baby, and share some refreshments together.

Parents and children please join us.

Time: Romsey 7:15pm Gather in service road outside Anglican Church

Dress Up: Dress up as wise men, or angels, or shepherds or a person from Bethlehem if you wish. There will be some costumes available to borrow (adult as well as child sizes).

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Questions? Contact: Jay Brooks 5429 6163