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FUN & FITNESS!**

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Welcome to the October Edition of The Romsey Rag

Where has the year gone? We are now in the last quarter of the year with only 12 weeks until Christmas! But before we focus on that the weather is starting to warm up so now is the time to be spring cleaning. While the warmer weather will bring a welcome change, it is a good time to re-visit your fire safety plans just in case you are faced with the need to evacuate your home in the event of a bush fire.

After a recent review the Committee has put together new advertising rates for 2019/2020. These can be found on page 22.

At the end of September the old email address was decommissioned, please ensure you send all correspondence to our new email below:

email@theromseyrag.com.au

The Romsey Rag Committee are made up of volunteers, many of whom are work full time, therefore it is important to ensure adverts/articles are received by the deadline. With this in mind please allow 48 hours for responses to emails.

NEW MEMBERS WANTED

ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB



EVERYBODY WELCOME - TRY THE GAME

GREEN AND BOWLS AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT

CONTACT: GRAEME CUTHBERT (CEO) 54295359



Fire Station Siren Testing

The Romsey Fire Brigade has recently re-introduced monthly testing of its Station siren as part of the regular testing of equipment.

Each Sunday volunteers forgo a weekend sleep in to check and maintain Brigade equipment to ensure it is ready for use when an emergency happens. Equipment checked includes the fire appliances, radios, pumps, defibrillators and chainsaws.



Residents in the vicinity of the Fire Station may now hear the Station siren being checked on the last Sunday of the month as part of the maintenance schedule. The siren is used as a backup system by the Brigade to call fire fighters to the Station when other alerting systems have failed.

It is not used at Romsey to advise the community of an emergency. For information about emergencies that may affect Romsey, residents should continue to rely upon other approved community warning sources such as the CFA website (www.cfa.vic.gov.au), through Twitter @CFA_Updates, the CFA (Country Fire Authority) Facebook page, the VicEmergency app and emergency warnings provided over radio stations such as ABC Melbourne.

Romsey Brigade History

There has been a fire brigade serving the Romsey community since 1884. The Brigade is proud of this history and is working on documenting details about the people and events that have shaped the fire brigade of today.

Residents who may have memorabilia, photos or other important information to contribute to the history that is being documented are encouraged to contact the Brigade via the Brigade Secretary paul.wallworth@members.cfa.vic.gov.au.

“WHATS ON” in and Around Romsey this October



- 3rd October** Romsey & Lancefield Social Club trip to Melbourne Zoo.
- 12th October** Cabaret show Exposing Edith, Kyneton Town Hall.
- 20th October** Romsey CWA Shopping Tour, various destinations Melbourne.
- 20th October** Macedon Ranges Montessori Preschool Spring Fete, 61 Main Rd, Riddells Creek. 10am to 2pm. Same day as the Riddells Creek Farmers Market and just a short walk from there. \$7.50 Entry per child (Adults free entry). All ages, everyone welcome.
- 20th October** Sunbury Model Train Show, St Anne’s Church Hall, Riddell Rd, Sunbury 10am—5pm.
Admission: Adults \$8 - Child \$2 – Pensioner \$5 – Family \$18
- 21st October** Sunbury Model Train Show, St Anne’s Church Hall, Riddell Rd, Sunbury 10am—4pm.
Admission: Adults \$8 - Child \$2 – Pensioner \$5 – Family \$18



Are you a sporting or community group wishing to inform the community of your up and coming events?

If so please contact us via the email below to discuss various options that may suit you:

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CWA - 2018 STATE THEMES



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THEME :	Celebrating 90 years of Diversity
Product/Resource :	Lamb and Wool
Country of Study :	Peru
Thanksgiving Fund :	National Centre for Farmer Health
State Project :	Umina B & B
Social Issues Focus :	Elder Abuse

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. CWA is a volunteer organisation.

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. Examples of crafts we do are: knitting, sewing, crochet, cooking, beading, paper-craft.

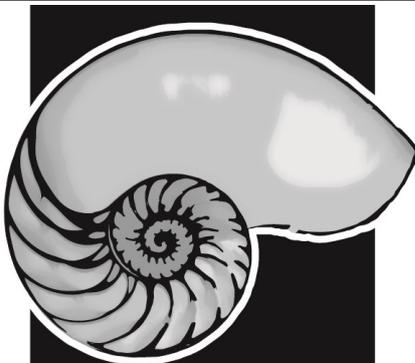
August was a very important month for our branch. We celebrated our 80th birthday. What an amazing achievement.

One of our members is currently working on the branch history and is looking for any information that members of our community may have on CWA Romsey, e.g. photos, newspaper clippings or branch awards.

Upcoming events-

Saturday October 20th - Shopping Tour to various Melbourne outlets. Non-members are welcome. Please call Wendy Foster 0409175667 for further details.

Our Romsey Branch participates in various community activities, and we welcome new members. Come and join us! Membership is very affordable.



IN SYMMETRY
Romsey Wellness Centre

120 Main Street Romsey
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**** NEW LOCATION & A NEW NAME ****

Essence of Chinese Medicine

is moving up the street to expand & diversify its services.

The change in location & brand is due to my ultimate dream to build a wellness hub where a range of health practitioners can come together under the one roof for our community. Come in & see us once we open :0)

Opening Monday 8th October

Judythe Barret-Croxford
Dip CI Hyp MAAHS...TFT Algo
**Life Direction
Coach**

1. What's a Life Direction Coach?

Life Direction Coach is a coach for Life Success

A Life Coach is often thought about as a "Coach for Life Success". A personal coach can help the client reach his/her dreams by focusing on tangible goals. A Life Coach works on a client's self improvement to achieve professional and/or personal goals. The client will become his/her very best and will learn new and effective ways of doing things. The life coaching sessions will assure that the client is able to deal with future events in a more positive and successful way.

Life coaching assures that goals and values are in harmony

A Life Coach will make sure that the client has a clear direction in life and that the goals are in harmony with the client's values. This is very important because if there is conflict there can be no success, but if the client works from a place of clarity and harmony, positive results will appear faster. A personal coach guides the client, step by step, to success.

Judythe Barret-Croxford:

- Thought Field Therapy Practitioner.
- Transpersonal Counsellor and Therapist.
- Time Line Practitioner.
- Heart Math Certified Trainer.
- EM Practitioner.
- Counsellor and Clinical Hypnotherapist

Phone for Appointment: 0422038319

Romsey Mechanics Institute Monthly Update

Over the last few years the CoM has worked hard to weather-proof the whole building, part of this process was the removal of the heavily ivy covered old wood shed. This shed did not allow any wind down the southern side of the building and this greatly reduced the drying of that side. The CoM worked closely with our neighbour on that side to remove much of the old, severely damaged fence. A new fence has now been built making both our neighbour and the RMI far more secure.

A few years ago we planted a number of indigenous, native flowering bushes along the eastern boundary of the RMI. These plants have all survived and this spring we are hoping they will more than double in size and provide habitat and food for many insects and smaller birds.

We would like to thank all those people who took the time to support the RMI "Pick My Project" application for a complete toilet upgrade. If we are successful, the RMI and the town will have a modern and far more

flexible facility better able to cater for many and varied events. We wish all the other Romsey application all the very best.

The RMI is hosting Pevan & Sarah Children's Concert on October 2nd. More information at;

<http://www.romseymechanicsinstitute.com/events/pevan-sarahs-childrens-concert/>

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, or via the web site. We are more than happy to discuss your function, show you through the hall or supper room and explain the hire process.



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Shakespeare comes to the Mountview Theatre

Our fourth and final production for 2019 – Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew* will open on Friday 9th November and run till Sunday 1st December. Melbourne Director, Drew Mason, has enjoyed himself immensely by setting this production during the Suffragette

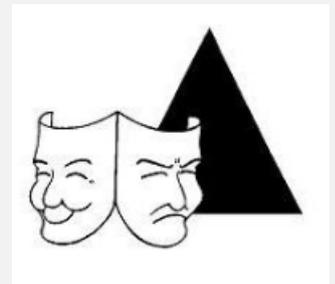


movement of the early Twentieth Century. An era of great social change for Western democracies being led by some very strong, passionate woman...much like the character in this play, Kate. Shrew is pacey, funny and a must see for both first time Shakespeare goes and of course the die hards! Tickets are now on sale via our website www.themountplayers.com

Auditions for our first production of 2019, **Educating Rita** By Willy Russell, directed by Natasha Boyd will take place on 18/19 November. The play requires 2 actors. 1 male aged 50 – late 60's and 1 female aged mid 20's – early 30's. A prepared monologue from the play will be required. For full details and to book an audition time contact Natasha Boyd at info@bookbonding.com.au or phone 0413 188 513.

By Karen Hunt

The Mount Players Mountview Theatre



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Get Snapping Photo Competition

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate those of you who have entered your amazing photos in the 2018 Get Snapping Competition.

If you would like to view the entries, feel free to visit the Get Snapping Facebook Group and the Get Snapping Competition Facebook page.

There is also a People's Choice prize, so please make sure that you vote for your favourite picture by selecting it and hitting 'Like'.

By now all of the main judging will have taken place but you have until 17th October to vote for your favourite.

Prize presentations will take place at the Hub on Thursday the 18th of October at 6.30 pm.

All interested persons are welcome to attend.

Winning photos will be published in the November edition of the Romsey Rag.



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Take a Walk with the Wildflowers this Spring

Explore the wonders of wildflowers in full bloom with a guided walk through the Woodend Grassland Reserve on Saturday 6 October from 2pm to 4pm.

Renowned for its rich diversity of herbs, lilies and orchids, the Woodend Grassland Reserve is considered to be the most significant area of natural grassland vegetation in the region, boasting a number of rare species within it.

Central Victorian botanist and ecologist Paul Foreman, who has over 20 years' experience in land management and nature

conservation will lead the walk, with highlights likely to include Slender Sun Orchids, Flax Lilies, Parrot Peas, and the Nationally Endangered Matted-flax Lily.

The Woodend Grassland Reserve is located next to Buffalo Stadium at 1 Forest Street, Woodend.

This free event is a partnership between Council and Woodend Landcare.

For more information or to book, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events or call 5421 9660.

2019 Australia Day Awards and Township Celebration Grants Now Open

Each year, Council's Australia Day awards recognise and celebrate community members and organisations that make significant contributions to their local communities.

Nominations and applications are now open for the 2019 Australia Day Awards, and township celebration grants for community groups planning to hold free Australia Day community events.

If you know an individual or group you would like acknowledged, nominate them today.

The awards provide the opportunity for Council and our community to recognise and celebrate inspirational people who make ongoing contributions to the shire.

Nominations are open in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year

- Community Achievement
- Community Event
- Arts Ambassador

Entry is open to all people who live, work or study in the Macedon Ranges Shire at the time of nomination.

If you're involved with a community group that's planning to hold a free Australia Day event, you can apply for an Australia Day township celebration grant up to \$500.

Award nominations and grant applications close on Wednesday 31 October 2018.

For more information about the award categories, nomination forms and grant applications, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/australiaday

Award winners will be announced at the Australia Day celebrations on Saturday 26 January 2019 at Kyneton Mechanics

Works on Roads, Drains and Footpath Networks Underway

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is making improvements to roads, drains and footpath networks throughout the shire.

The following works are currently underway:

- Kerb and channel upgrades, Yaldwyn Street East, Kyneton
- Road construction at Chanters Lane, Tylden and Romsey Road, Romsey
- Minor drainage works at Mount Macedon Road, Woodend
- Footpath renewal works at Edgecombe and Epping streets, Kyneton and The Boulevard, Gisborne

The following works are complete:

- Landscaping on two new roundabouts at the Station Road intersection in Gisborne
- Works to update the pavement around the Kyneton War Memorial

The following works are due to be completed shortly:

- Drainage network upgrades at Forest Street, Woodend; Hotham Avenue, Mount Macedon; Clements Road, Springfield and Gardiner Reserve, Gisborne
- Footpath works at Fisher Street and Wyralla Crescent, Gisborne, Barry Road, New Gisborne and Baynton and High streets, Kyneton
- Upgrades to the asphalt surface at Fersfield Road, Gisborne and Barbower Road, Edgecombe
- Road works at Green Street, Macedon and Somerville Lane, Riddells Creek

Upgrades to almost two kilometres of footpath works along the Campaspe River Walking Trail in Kyneton are underway.

Improvements include 2km of the existing gravel path upgraded to a 2.5m wide concrete shared path from Piper Street to the edge of Wedge Street.

The upgrade will increase accessibility for people using wheelchairs or walking frames, and make the trail more suitable for walkers, runners, cyclists and people pushing trams.

The project was funded by the Victorian Government's Regional Development – Infrastructure Fund (\$300,000), the Transport Investing in Regions Fund (\$50,000) and Council (\$200,000).

Further sections will be developed as funding becomes available.

For more information on works and projects in the shire, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/works

Local families encouraged to walk to school this October and win!

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is encouraging families in the shire to get active on their school trips and win, by signing up for Walk to School month this October.

VicHealth's Walk to School month encourages primary school students to walk, scoot or ride to school from Monday 8 October to Friday 2 November, and help children build healthy habits for life.

Get involved in the program through a participating local school or as an individual student, share your walk to school on Facebook using the hashtags #macedonranges and #walktoschool and go into the draw to win great prizes, including a scooter, kids fitness tracker, sports equipment, free entry to Hanging Rock and swim passes.

Winners will be drawn on Monday 5 November. For more information, including terms and conditions visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/walktoschool or call Nikki on 5422 0264.

To register for Walk to School month visit walktoschool.vic.gov.au

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Council's Plan to Help Protect Plants and Animals in the Shire

Flourishing and connected communities of native plants and animals, plentiful and accessible natural places, and healthy and vibrant waterways are all part of Council's vision for the shire, as outlined in the new draft Macedon Ranges Biodiversity Strategy.

Council is seeking input and feedback on the strategy, which identifies policy and planning initiatives, as well as priorities for protection, community engagement and processes for monitoring biodiversity.

The draft strategy proposes to:

- Establish a landscape connectivity plan to increase native vegetation cover, supporting significant habitat patches and numerous threatened species.
- Support private land conservation through a new landholder education program and increased resources for ensuring compliance with native vegetation regulations.
- Investigate planning provisions to ensure the ongoing protection of areas of high conservation value, including

restructuring and expansion of existing Vegetation Protection Overlays.

- Establish a comprehensive biodiversity monitoring program utilising a series of focal species and the involvement of citizen science and community surveys.

Have your say

To view the draft Macedon Ranges Biodiversity Strategy, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay or a Council customer service centre in Kyneton, Gisborne, Romsey and Woodend.

The draft will also be on display at Council's information stall at the Woodend Farmers Market on Saturday 6 October.

Feedback can be sent to Macedon Ranges Shire Council, PO Box 151, Kyneton VIC 3444 or emailed to mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au by Sunday 21 October 2018.

For more information, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay or call Krista Patterson-Majoors on 5421 9503.

Protecting our Trees from the Elm Leaf Beetle

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is treating elm trees located in local streets, parks and reserves in Kyneton and Lancefield for Elm Leaf Beetle.

The annual control program will treat around 850 trees, aiming to protect elm trees from the pest, which feeds on the leaves of elm trees and defoliates mature trees. Trees that have been attacked present a distinctive round hole in their leaves and repeated infestations can seriously weaken trees. While it is impossible to eradicate the beetle, Council has developed a preventative management program to protect significant stands of elms, which are predominantly in our parks and avenues.

Treatment will continue through October and November at locations including the botanical gardens in Kyneton, Gisborne and Tylden.

Treatment methods include spraying and injecting the soil around the root zones of trees with low toxicity insecticide. This safe and effective method of treating large trees tends to protect them for more than one season.

Council is a member of Friends of the Elms Inc. (FOTE), which maintains a state-wide elm register and helps local government and other bodies to manage threats to elm trees.

Residents with elm trees on their properties are strongly encouraged to register their trees by contacting FOTE via foteinc@hotmail.com or 0409 870 860. Please note: residents are responsible for treatment works on their own land.

For more information about Council's Elm Leaf Beetle management program, call 5422 0333.

Free Registrations for Desexed Cats

Want to register your cat for free? Then why not take advantage of Council's new offer of free first-year registration for desexed cats.

Council is encouraging residents to be responsible pet owners and ensure their cats are desexed, microchipped, and registered with Council.

Council impound statistics show an increasing number of unwanted cats coming into the pound system, mostly

undesexed and unidentified.

It is hoped that the free first-year registration for desexed cats initiative will reduce the number of unwanted cats in our community, reduce impacts on wildlife and reduce some of the nuisance issues caused by cats such as roaming, urine marking, and aggression.

For more information on the benefits of registration and how to register your cat with Council, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/pet-



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Join in the Fun During Children's Week

Come along to one of the free, family-friendly events being held in the shire during Children's Week, from Friday 19th October to Sunday 28th October.

Children's Week is a national celebration recognising the talents, skills, achievements and rights of young people.

Council is hosting a series of free events during Children's Week from entertainer and educator, Team Henderson.

His performance *The Clown in the Suitcase*, combines music, juggling, magic and slapstick comedy, and is suited to children aged 2 to 5 years of age.

Performances are being held on the following:

- Monday 22nd October, 10am and 1pm at Manna Gum Family & Children's Centre, 71 Robertson Street, Gisborne
- Tuesday 23rd October, 10am and 1.30pm at Kyneton Mechanics Institute, 81 Mollison Street, Kyneton
- Thursday 25th October, 10am and 1.30pm at Woodend Community Centre, Cnr High and Forest streets, Woodend

Each performance is free and runs for 45 minutes.

The events are presented by Macedon Ranges Shire Council, in partnership with the Victorian Government.

To find out more, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/events or call 5422 0333.

Family-Friendly Events to get you Exploring the Great Outdoors

From workshops for children and wildflower walks, to breakfast with the birds, our October program of environment events will have you itching to get outdoors to explore.

Nature workshops for children

What do nocturnal animals really get up to at night? Join Victorian National Parks Association's Caitlin Griffith to find out as she shares pictures of nocturnal animals snapped in the Wombat State Forest and Bunyip State Park. Children will also get a chance to see how wildlife cameras work.

When: Thursday 4 October, 10am to 11am (Woodend) and 2pm to 3pm (Romsey).

Where: Woodend Library, and Romsey Library

Wildflower walk

Explore the wonders of wildflowers in full bloom with a guided walk through the Woodend Grassland Reserve. Renowned for its rich diversity of herbs, lilies and orchids, the reserve is considered to be one of the most significant areas of natural grassland vegetation in the region. Highlights of the walk may include sightings of the Slender Sun Orchids, Flax Lillies, Parrot Peas, and the Nationally Endangered

Matted-flax Lilly.

When: Saturday 6 October, 2pm to 4pm

Where: Woodend Grassland Reserve, 1 Forest Street, Woodend (located next to Buffalo Stadium).

Breakfast with the birds (National Bird Week event)

Join a local bird expert at this unique bird-watching event. The breakfast will include a walk over Mount Gisborne Reserve with an eye to the skies, to spot and identify birds.

When: Saturday 20 October, 8am to 9.30am

Where: Mount Gisborne Reserve, 198 Mount Gisborne Road, Gisborne

Jacksons Creek bird walk (National Bird Week event)

Want to know what birds call Jacksons Creek Reserve home? Come and be part of a special walk along Jacksons Creek with a bird expert and get tips on identifying birds.

When: Sunday 21 October, 9am to 10.30am

Where: Jacksons Creek Reserve, 10 Brantome Street, Gisborne

Bookings are essential and numbers are limited. For more information, or to register your interest visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events or call 5421 9660

Get involved in the 2018 Victorian Seniors Festival

Clear the diary, pull out your dancing shoes and get set to boogie during the 2018 Seniors Festival events in Macedon Ranges Shire.

On Wednesday 17th October, residents will have the chance to hit the dancefloor at the annual Grey Light Dance, held in partnership with Kyneton Police.

The event will be held from 1.30pm at Kyneton Town Hall, with local band Growing Up Is Optional providing entertainment.

Transport will be available but must be requested when booking.

The event is free, however bookings are essential. Call Stephanie on 5422 0258 or email sharper@mrsc.vic.gov.au to RSVP.

Aquatic & Leisure Centre Activities

Our aquatic and leisure centres will offer seniors the opportunity to try a variety of activities for free.

These include:

- Aqua Aerobics, Monday 8 October, 9.15am Gisborne Aquatic Centre
- Gentle Exercise, Tuesday 9 October, 10.45am (followed by morning tea) Buffalo Sports Stadium
- Aqua Aerobics, Tuesday 9 October, 9.15am Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre
- Staying Strong, Wednesday 10 October, 10.30am (followed by morning tea) Romsey Recreation Centre
- Strength for Health, Thursday 11 October, 10am (followed by morning tea) Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre
- Staying Strong, Friday 12 October, 10.30am (followed by morning tea) Gisborne Fitness Centre

Contact your local sports and fitness centre or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/leisure for more details.

Create Marketing Magic at Council's Business Networking Night

Community News



Marketing practitioner and entrepreneur, Phillip Fusco, will share his extraordinary achievements in the business sector and beyond at a Council-organised business networking night at The Parkland on Thursday 18 October from 6.30pm to 9pm.

relationships—including networking, which he says is one of the keys to success.

Phillip has been involved in a broad range of industries throughout his career, including agriculture, marketing, construction and retail, and has worked in countries such as Europe, China, America and the Middle East.

Come along and connect with other local businesses, enjoy great food and local wines, and pick up some tips on how you can market your business.

Phillip will share his insight on regional opportunities in the sector, with a focus on marketing and the importance of forming

The event is being held at The Parkland, 37c Piper Street, Kyneton, and tickets are \$45 for Macedon Ranges businesses and \$65 for others. Bookings are essential.

For more information or to book, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-events or call (03) 5421 9616.

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Tech-Savvy Seniors

A range of other events and activities are taking place across the shire during October for seniors, include the following events at the Kyneton Library from 10am to 11.30am:

Tech-Savvy Seniors Drop-in group, Fridays, from Friday 12th October

Gain advice from and troubleshoot with your peers at this weekly drop-in session for senior digital device users.

Introduction to Social Media and Facebook, Friday 26th October

Social media can open up a whole new way of keeping in touch with your family, friends and community. Gain a basic understanding by exploring Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Skype and learn how to set up your own account.

Bookings can be made online at Goldfields Libraries, ncgrl.vic.gov.au, in person at the Kyneton Library (3 Baynton Street, Kyneton) or call 5422 1365.

The Victorian Seniors Festival is a Victorian Government initiative that supports and celebrates the contribution of Victoria's one million-plus seniors.

Now in its 36th year, the Festival will showcase social, cultural and educational activities in October, which are hosted by the Victorian Government, local councils, community groups and commercial partners.

Throughout October, events are free or low-cost, and free public transport will be available for Seniors Card holders across Victoria from Sunday 7 to Sunday 14 October.

For more information about events and activities, visit Seniors Online, call 1300 135 090 or pick up a free Victorian Seniors Festival program at local libraries, Council offices or local neighbourhood house.

To find out more about the 2018 Victorian Seniors Festival events in the Macedon Ranges Shire, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/events

October arts events in Kyneton

October's program of arts and cultural events mixes Parisian street music with an exhibition highlighting the everlasting bond between humans and horses.

Equus at Kyneton Museum

Bringing together photographs, original paintings, historical artefacts and more, *Equus* shines a light on the unique relationship between horse and human.

Showing at Kyneton Museum from Friday 21 September, the exhibition presents a range of items that chart the evolution of equine fashion and man's reliance on the horse in agriculture and transport.

Objects on show include original blacksmith tools, decorative riding habits, historical side-saddles, wagons, riding boots from the late 1890s, and more.

Kyneton Museum is at 67 Piper Street, Kyneton and open Friday to Sunday, 11am to 4pm. Entry fees apply.

Exposing Edith at Kyneton Town Hall

Taking a voyage of love, loss and sorrow on Friday 12 October with the award-winning cabaret show, *Exposing Edith*.

Dubbed 'The Little Sparrow' by those that saw her singing on the street corners of Paris in the 1930s, the show pays tribute to the late French chanteuse, Edith Piaf.

Performed at Kyneton Town Hall at 11.30am, the work is created by and stars Michaela Burger and Greg Wain, and delves into the music and stories from Edith's life.

Tickets are \$25 adults, \$22.50 seniors and \$20 concession.

For more information or to book tickets for any of these shows, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/museum (Kyneton Museum), mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets (Kyneton Town Hall), or call 1300 888 802.

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Join Probud for Fun & Fellowship

Probud 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.

Our 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 60-90+ years. We enjoy each other's company and have made good friendships along the way. Always plenty of chat and laughter whenever we are together.

Now, are you retired or close to retiring from work? Why not come and join the friendly folk in the Romsey & Lancefield Probud Club and learn more about what Probud can offer to assist you in staying active. Alternatively phone us to enquire.

Check out our website for information about the Romsey & Lancefield Probud Club
rprobud.org.au

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 on
Thursday 18th October, 2018
Followed by lunch at Soltan Pepper**

This is one week earlier as some of our members will be travelling to Kangaroo Island the next week.

Guest Speaker: Gary Sanders former Cricketer and Coach.

Our group enjoy fortnightly coffee mornings and the alternate week 10 Pin Bowling at AMF Bowling Watergardens.

The dates for October Coffee morning - 5th & 19th at Cookies Country Café, Romsey.



Romsey & Lancefield Social Club



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

We meet **Every Monday** in the back rooms of the Romsey Mechanics Hall from 11am to 3pm for lunch and afternoon tea.

Hot soup, rolls, nibbles and biscuits and cake. Cost \$5.

Some groups play cards, others sit and chat and now we have Bingo.

For those who don't drive, we have a council bus that will pick you up and drop you off in the afternoon.

For more information contact:

Eileen French 0412 787 213

Once a month we have professional cooks who come in and prepare a 2-course lunch for us.

This meal is \$10.

On the first Wednesday of the month we have bus trips to some very interesting places. The trip includes a 2-course meal and morning tea. Trips are \$45 which includes your lunch.

What a bargain, we do not have an age limit, maybe you are retired and want a break from driving, maybe you just want an excuse to get out of town or even just have a fun day with like minded people who enjoy exploring and visiting new places or revisiting somewhere you visited a long time ago.

Come along and give us a try!



Recently the social club visited the Telecom Museum.

Wednesday 3rd October 2018 – Melbourne Zoo

This month we set off and take a journey through a world of wildlife in the heart of Melbourne. With over 320 animal species from all around the world, a trip to the Zoo never fails to disappoint. Lunch BYO or buy at own cost.

Depart: Lancefield – 9.00, Romsey – 9.15am

Wednesday 7th November 2018 – Airport West

This trip, which has a later start, will see us off to Airport West. We will enjoy a 2 x course meal at Skyways Hotel. After lunch the bus will drop off anyone who would like to do some shopping at Westfield.

Depart: Lancefield – 11.00am, Romsey – 11.15am

Wednesday 3rd December 2018 - Craigieburn

The final trip for the year is to Craigieburn. We will enjoy an all you can eat buffet at the Highlands Hotel then have free time for shopping at the Craigieburn Shopping Centre.



RRBATA UPDATE

Romsey Streetscape Project Official Milestone Event

An official milestone event was held on Wednesday 29th August, to mark the soon to be completed Romsey Streetscape Enhancement Project. Margot Stork, CEO Macedon Ranges Shire Council, hosted the event which culminated with Mary-Anne Thomas (Member for Macedon) and Mayor Jennifer Anderson cutting the ribbon. The project, which was funded by both Regional Development Victoria (State Government) and Macedon Ranges Shire Council will be completed later this year when the lighting works stage is completed. It was great to see so many community working group members who had worked toward the project's concept plans in attendance at this event. A broader community celebration will be held once the works have been completed.



RRBATA 9th Annual Business Breakfast

Book Now! RRBATA's 9th Annual Business Breakfast will be held on **Friday 12th October 2018** (7am for 7.30am start) at Glen Erin at Lancefield. The recent RRBATA Business Dinner in April was a huge success. DON'T MISS OUT on this special annual event. Tickets are available through Try Booking at \$45 per person. Watch RRBATA Facebook and Romsey Online for updates.

Christmas In Romsey 2018 - More Funding Success!

In addition to many local business sponsors, RRBATA's Arts Culture Events (ACE) working group has received a major sponsorship from the Bendigo Bank's local community branch. This, along with other generous support from MRSC and local businesses (Ray White Romsey, Just In Time Transport, Romsey Hardware, Romsey IGA, Verdure, Rue De Fleur, Chess Real Estate) will ensure that the Christmas In Romsey 2018 will be even bigger and better than last year! This will be most valuable in the context of the Festival expanding further this year (more trees, more events!) **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to ensure the festival runs smoothly and is enjoyed by all. Please contact Sandra Chestnutt if you can be of assistance – 54296278, schestnutt@rocketmail.com

Secretary and/or Minute Secretary Needed

RRBATA Committee of Management is in urgent need of a volunteer to act as Minute Secretary at RRBATA Committee of

Management meetings. This is not a committee position. As such, the role is ex-officio but would be of huge assistance to the committee. In addition, the executive position of Secretary is currently vacant. Please contact Jenny Stillman (ph. 0412 349849, email: jennystillman@optusnet.com.au) if you would like further information.

RRBATA Membership Package

RRBATA Membership is open to all businesses, organizations and individuals who support Romsey business and tourism. Website listing, discounts to RRBATA events, and reciprocal membership rights with Business Kyneton (formerly Kyneton BATA) are included in the 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

Remember - 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

Community News



Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA)

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Sat 9.30am-12.30pm
Sunday Closed

Library Services

Open up your horizons with Goldfields Libraries eLibrary! Goldfields Libraries eLibrary offers free access to a huge range of online learning and enjoyment opportunities for all interests and ages.

LIBRARY PROGRAMMES & EVENTS

School Holiday Activities

Nature Workshop – Thursday 4th October 2:00pm

Join National Parks Association's Caitlin Griffith to try out being a wildlife biologist. Caitlin will share images of nocturnal wildlife caught on camera as part of a local scientific project, followed by a book reading and the chance to see how wildlife cameras work.



Please book through our website www.goldfieldslibraries.com and check out more holiday activities at the other Goldfields Libraries.

Facebook Online Learning Workshop

Wednesday 3rd October 11:00am

Learn the basics of Facebook and open up a whole new world of communication with your family and friends. Learn about online information and resources in these introductory workshops run by your friendly library staff. BYO device or use one supplied by the library.

Bookings through the website www.goldfieldslibraries.com or by phoning the Romsey Library 54492726.

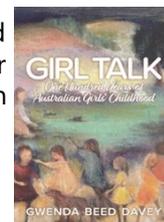
Author Talk – Gwenda Beed Davey "Girl Talk"

Wednesday 10th October 2:00pm

What was it like to be an Australian girl in decades gone by? Join Gwenda Beed Davey, psychologist and oral historian, as she looks at how life has changed for girls between 1910 and 2010 through the voices of ten Australian-born women.

Book sales and signings.

In celebration of International Day of the Girl Child (Thu 11 Oct).



Bookings through the website www.goldfieldslibraries.com or by phoning the Romsey Library 54492726.

Face Painting

Monday 22nd October 10:30am

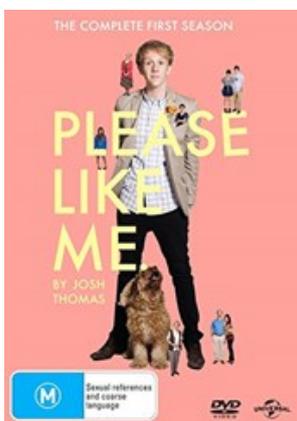
Face painting from our friends at Pass-the-Parcel as well as stories, songs and fun!



No bookings required.

Library Reviews by Laura Mitchell

Please Like Me Season 1 DVD



Please Like Me follows the misadventures of a young man in his early 20s, living in the inner suburbs of Melbourne with his equally dysfunctional friends and family. In this first season Josh comes to terms with his sexuality and struggles to support his mother through a period of poor mental health. The strength of Please Like Me lies in writing and performances that bring depth and lightness to relatable topics. I bumbled through my own early 20s with people very much like these characters as we dealt with similar issues.

Even the set has the same comforting dagginess that many of us may recognise from share-houses we have known. I was quickly hooked and have watched the whole series at least three times

The Hate Race

Maxine Beneba Clarke



This is Melbourne author Maxine Beneba Clarke's memoir of growing up in the 80s and 90s in Sydney's outer west, written in simple and beautiful prose. Like Please Like Me, The Hate Race contains many details that make it relatable to someone of my age and background – a childhood spent catching tadpoles and coveting Cabbage Patch kids. This makes the difference between her childhood and my own all the more stark. The central theme of the memoir is the racism that Beneba Clarke experienced on a daily

basis, threaded throughout her interactions with children and adults alike. It comes in many forms, some overt and many more insidious. The Hate Race is an important read for white people seeking to understand the reality of life in Australia for people of colour and invites a healthy dose of reflection on how small, unthinking behaviour may impact those around us.

LIBRARY PROGRAMMES & EVENTS

Improving Your Business with Milton Collins

Thursday 25th October 6:30pm

Milton will show you how ActionCOACH have helped thousands of business owners use the strategies they recommend and how they are now running their business rather than the business running them.

BOOKINGS REQUIRED www.goldfieldslibraries.com or by phoning the Romsey Library 5449 2726.

eLibrary resources (Online Learning Workshop)

Wednesday 28th November 11:00am



Learn about the many fantastic resources available in

Goldfields Libraries' eCollection including books, magazines, music, family history and children's virtual stories.

Learn about online information and resources in these introductory workshops run by your friendly library staff.

BYO device or use one supplied by the library.

BOOKINGS REQUIRED www.goldfieldslibraries.com or by phoning the Romsey Library 5449 2726.

The Ancestry Workshop in August was very successful so we are looking at running another couple of sessions in the Summer program. Patrons who missed out on the August session are first in line for the next sessions so put your name on our waiting list. Romsey Library staff are happy to help with tech support but if you feel you need extra help please book a one-on-one session with us. We can help you make sense of emails, social media, Word, or just navigating around your device. If there is a particular session you are interested in please let us know and we may be able to include it in future programming. Come in to the Library, email us at romsey@ncgrl.vic.gov.au or phone us on 5449 2726.

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By fax: 03 5422 2161

Email: admin@cobaw.org.au

By mail: PO Box 146,
Kyneton
Vic 3444

Opening Hours:
Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm

In person: 47 High Street, Kyneton

Cobaw Opens in Romsey

Cobaw Community Health has opened its new Romsey offices. The new building is located at the old Romsey Primary School on Main Street alongside the Romsey Ecotherapy Park.

Providing experienced and professional care where you need it, Cobaw has delivered services for over 30 years across the Macedon Ranges. The organisation has commenced



Cobaw's Corporate Services team members visit the new building.

operating from the new building and is aiming to provide the full suite of health and wellbeing services in early childhood, youth, families, adults, aged and disability in the near future. To find out how you can access services in Romsey call 1300 0 26229 or drop in and talk to the reception staff. Opening hours are Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm.

Cobaw will be hosting a community event welcoming everyone to visit the new building once the weather warms up. Keep your eyes on future editions of the Romsey Rag for further information.

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The True Story of the First to Discover Gold in Australia

By Peter Mitchell

The early Australian history books stated that Edward Hargreaves was the first to discover gold in Australia. This is not correct.

William and Anne Tom migrated from Cornwall in 1836 to settle on 640 acres in the Orange district. Two of their sons, James and William, became expert horsemen and found work droving stock, travelling widely throughout Australia. James travelled either alone or accompanied by an Aboriginal. He had many stories to tell of his experiences whilst braving the dangers of hostile tribes and bushrangers.

In 1851 the Tom family secured a place in Australian history with the discovery of gold. Edward Hargreaves, who had returned to NSW from the Californian gold rush, stayed at John Lister's hotel. Lister, who had been prospecting for gold, took Hargreaves to the Ophir Creek where they obtained traces of gold.

James Tom joined Hargreaves and Lister on an expedition which also obtained traces of gold. In March 1851, brothers James, William and Henry set out for a point on Ponds Creek, about a mile above the junction with the Ophir. This trip proved successful as they arrived home with a little over sixteen grains of gold. Several weeks later John Lister, James and William Tom found the famous four ounces of gold on 7 and 11 April 1851 at the junction of Lewis Ponds and Seymour Hills Creek, a tributary of the Macquarie River, not far from their home. They sent the nuggets to Hargreaves who promptly persuaded the Colonial Secretary that the find was genuine. Hargreaves received £10,000 reward from the NSW government for being the first to discover gold, together with £2081 from the newly formed Victorian government, and a life annuity of £200. Hargreaves returned to England with the money and the recognition that the Tom brothers and John Lister rightly deserved. In 1923 an obelisk was built in Ophir to mark the site of the first gold discovery in Australia with the names of John Lister, and James and William Tom.

James took up a large tract of land on the Lachlan River called Cowl Cowl Station. In 1858 James and William bought Camerons Run, later called Chintin Grange at the Kilmore land auctions. Chintin Grange was a large property of several thousand acres at Chintin near Romsey. The property was later sold in the 1980s.

James is credited in naming the Springfield district after the name of their family property in Orange.



I often wonder if the articles I do featuring recipes are too simple.

Certainly, one can't have a lot of ingredients a mile long. Or a method which is so complicated King Solomon couldn't unravel it. So does this mean the recipe should be boring or predictable? The answer is to include an unexpected ingredient which is not so exotic as to be unacceptable to the majority of listeners.

For instance, cooking a carrot. It can be boiled, microwaved or pan fried with garlic, butter and honey. But to make it out of the ordinary add tarragon and wrap the carrot in a wilted lettuce leaf.

Or add a dollop of marmalade with garlic juice to a lamb chop.

So, dear reader, the above is the reason I'm suggesting canned tuna and yoghurt with a porterhouse steak.

The Italians have been serving a tuna sauce with veal for centuries. But, because fresh tuna is expensive and often

unobtainable in many regions, I use canned tuna in oil (Sirena brand).

The tuna, oil and all, is tipped into a blender with a good amount of natural yoghurt. (About half the volume of tuna - add enough to suit your taste - but not enough to mask the flavour of the tuna.). Spread an amount over the centre of a plate. The tuna sauce should be wider than the cooked porterhouse you place on it. Either scatter blueberries over the steak and sauce or strategically place two or three strawberries around the steak. Don't overcrowd the plate with other food, other than a few fresh young raw spinach leaves.

If you wish vegetables, either serve them as an entree, or in a separate bowl with oil, lemon juice and mirin.



International Day of Older Persons

On 1st October, the world celebrates the International Day of Older Persons, to stand up against ageism and arguably against elder abuse too.

The World Health Organisation's definition of 'older person' is someone 65 years or older, and the first of the Baby Boomer generation started turning 65 in 2011. So whilst the majority of Baby Boomers are now 'older persons', many would certainly not identify as being elderly.

In fact, Jacqui Brauman of TBA Law considers many of the Baby Boomer generation to also be in the 'Sandwich Generation' - they are sandwiched between their adult children and the needs to their elderly parents. Just when they begin approaching retirement, and they thought they could have some more time to themselves, they feel like their obligations have never been greater.

Because those in the Sandwich Generation tend to be who everyone looks to, to rely on, if something should happen to them in terms of an accident or sudden illness, then the scenario could be disastrous for other family members. Jacqui Brauman encourages the Sandwich Generation to take care of their estate planning, and then talk to both their parents and their children about ensuring theirs is also done. Studies by Public Trustees around Australia have a consensus that at least half of all adults do not have a valid Will. For the Sandwich Generation, they are likely to be the ones left taking care of the estate for the generations on either side of them, if someone is injured or dies.

For their elderly parents, the Sandwich Generation needs to consider Centrelink benefits, aged care (either home help or residential care), failing mental capacity, and also making sure the appropriate people are appointed into roles of attorney and executor for their parents.

With new laws introduced in Victoria in 2015, there are finally criminal penalties for attorneys who do not act in the best interest of the person who appointed them, but this does not

capture every circumstance of elder abuse, unfortunately. Seniors Rights Victoria reveals that physical, social and psychological abuse against the elderly, including mistreatment and neglect, were the most commonly reported forms of abuse. For free, confidential information on a situation you believe may involve elder abuse, please contact Senior Rights Victoria on 1300 368 821.

For their adult children, the Sandwich Generation needs to make sure that their children understand their superannuation, binding nominations and the insurance components that they are entitled to on permanent disablement or death. Their superannuation is often their biggest asset at this age, and because it is not an estate asset, it does need special attention.

If their adult children have children of their own, then the Sandwich Generation need to speak to their children about who they are appointing as guardians. The Sandwich Generation may not want to be guardians for their grandchildren, for fear of not having the energy or health, or even just not wanting the responsibility. Or it could be the opposite, and the Sandwich Generation want to absolutely be the ones appointed as guardians for their grandchildren. None of this should be assumed, but should be spoken about and planned for.

Finally, for themselves, the Sandwich Generation need to ensure they plan properly to transition into retirement, plan for their own ageing, and make sure that their estate will be inherited by their children in the way that is best protected. They will not want their hard-earned estate to be squandered be disputes between their children, or marital breakdowns that their children may face.

The International Day of Older Persons is an ideal day for awareness, educating yourself about estate planning and aged care, and deciding to not put off the hard topics of discussion anymore.

Church News



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At Encourage Church, we are all about people.
God commands us to love one another and by this shall all men know that we are His.
We hope to see you at one of our services or events soon.
Service Time - Sunday 10am
Worship service Sunday 10am
Fortnightly life groups
Youth events
Weekly children's program
<https://facebook.com/encouragechurchromsey/>

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Church Services

HOLY COMMUNION

9am ST. PAUL'S ROMSEY
10.30am CHRIST CHURCH LANCEFIELD

Minister: Rev. Judi Pollard
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PASTORS' PARABLES

Seas of Circumstance

Our body is like a boat and we are its Captain.

We sail through life on the *Seas of Circumstance*.



It is up to us in which direction we head. There will be many waves with *Crests of Exhilaration* and *Troughs of Depression*. Amazingly, the *Winds of Grace* are always blowing. These winds are God's purpose and plans for our lives.

They lead to Life in Abundance and Life Eternal.

However, many of us pull down our *Sails of*

Faith, reach for our *Oars of Craving* and row straight onto the *Reef of Destruction*.

We choose which direction we take. Our decisions determine what our end will be. Where is your life headed at the moment?

The Good news is that whilst we are alive here on earth, it is never too late to change course. If you need help navigating through life, why not pop into Encourage Church and receive the necessary skills to choose the best course for your life and overcome whatever the *Seas of Life* may throw at you.

Please join us for an informative presentation titled "Evolution.... We have a huge, huge problem!!!!" Saturday 27th October 7pm-9.30pm at Encourage Church, 7 Mitchell Court, Romsey.

Pastor Marilyn Hunter

Our aim is to Encourage one another to be all we can be, in Life and in God.

If you would like to know more about faith in Jesus

Please contact Pastor Marilyn or our Church office Ph 5429 6327

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - 4 - TO INSTRUCT

Jesus assured his disciples that when He left them His Spirit would come to them, so that His Living Presence would be with them everywhere and always. When His Holy Spirit came, He would work to make an unbelieving fallen humanity aware of their sinful state, to awaken - us - to the need of accepting Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord. By repentance, seeking God's forgiveness, and so we are reconciled to Him. Then, the Holy Spirit begins His work of transforming the believer's life into the likeness of Christ. We have all had teachers along life's way beginning with our parents, then school, trades and professions. No matter how good our teachers are if we do not heed their teaching and we neglect their instruction we will miss out on our calling. The Holy Spirit comes to teach us what it is to have a personal relationship with God, our Heavenly Father and Jesus, our Saviour and Lord. We may know all about a person without really KNOWING him or her... But we must want to know GOD, and JESUS, the One, Whom He has sent! Even so, He still comes! We must have the questing heart, the enquiring mind, the listening ear and the eager will to hear the Spirit speaking to us. He comes to each of us individually according to where we are at in our spiritual lives. And, day by day, along our life's way, He will guide, govern and fill us, revealing the deep truths of God and truths about ourselves.

The Holy Spirit is God's gracious power as the guiding and enlightening Presence with His people!

"And His that gentle voice we hear,
Soft as the breath of even,
That checks each fault and calms each fear,
And speaks of Heaven"

Last month, some of us enjoyed a pleasant day in fellowship to the Creswick Woollen Mills Outlet Shop at Daylesford. It was profitable for Creswick and for the Christ Church Restoration Fund and satisfied customers. Thank you, to our careful drivers who brought us safely there and back.

We were saddened by the death last month of our esteemed life-long member of Christ Church, Robert Green. He was a faithful stalwart of Christ Church and several community organizations, incl. a past President of the Lancefield/Romsey Historical Society and the Lancefield Mercury Editorial Committee. We extend our prayerful sympathy to Meryl and Family. We remember before the Lord our ailing members, especially Laurie Thomson's daughter, Kath as she recovers from her serious operation.

OCTOBER 2018 DIARY

Our Bible Studies continue each Tuesday morning at 10am at Christ Church Lancefield. We are learning of the life and times of the 8th Century BC Prophets, - Nahum, Habakkuk and Zephaniah. Come and join in fellowship with us around the Word of God and learn of Him and ourselves.

Bishop Philip Huggins, our Regional Bishop retires this month and the Rev. Kate Prowd will be consecrated Bishop in St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday, 6th October 10.30am. to take his place. In appreciation of Bishop Huggins ministry, donations will be received which he has asked to be given to the abolition of slavery and the prostitution of women sold into slavery. Rife in many parts of the world today.

RAFFLE TICKETS - \$2 - on sale SEPT - NOV...
1st & 2nd Prizes - PAINTINGS
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Contact Betty on 0427 209 698 or Glenice on 5429-6418

Church News



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Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts and homes.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

God comes to us, each and every one.

God bless you every day.

Val: A Service of Thanksgiving to Celebrate the life of Helen Clement was held at the Uniting Church on Tuesday 4th September. Helen had been a resident at Willowmeade Aged Care facility in Kilmore for some time, but we were all saddened by her passing. Helen had a true faith in God and he looked after her all throughout her life. Appreciation is extended to all who helped, providing food for the funeral. especially the Romsey Red Cross ladies.

The members of the Romsey Uniting Church are grateful for the support shown for our fundraising for Frontier Services Drought Relief during the Whole Town Garage Sale. The church had a Stall, Sausage Sizzle and Devonshire Teas and we raised the total of \$550.30 which included generous donations. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day.

Nostalgic Memories - More than an apron

The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, because she only had a few.

It was also because it was easier to wash an apron than dresses and aprons used less material. But along with that, it served as a pot-holder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasions was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks and sometimes half hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids. And when the weather was cold, Grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in

that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls. In the autumn, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out, onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men folk knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner. It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace the 'old time apron' that served so many purposes.

They would go crazy now, trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron. I don't think I ever caught anything from an apron - **but love.**

The Victorian Probian November 2012.

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Services & Activities

October 2018

Mondays 1st, 8th, 15th,
22nd, 29th at 2pm 'Cuppa
at Cookies'

3rd 6pm

Church Council at Stracks

7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

9am Worship Service

ST MARY'S PARISH

MASS TIMES

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month:

8:00am Lancefield and 10:00 am Romsey

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

8:00am Romsey and 10:00am Lancefield

COMMUNION SERVICES

Tuesday

9:00am Romsey Church

Saturday

10:00am Romsey Church

ROSARY

Saturdays

9:45am Romsey Church

RECONCILIATION

By arrangement.

BAPTISMS

2018 – Lancefield Church:

December 9th.

2019 – Romsey Church:

February 3rd,

April 7th

June 2nd,

August 4th,

October 6th,

December 1st

2019 – Lancefield Church:

January 13th,

March 10th,

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With spring really arriving members have been hard at work keeping The Romsey Park grass under control. Both the fairways and the rough grow tremendously quickly during Sept/Oct and if we don't get on top of it the growth really gets out of hand. All this work requires a great deal of time and fuel.

The club's bi-annual deep hollow-tyne coring of the greens was undertaken on Thursday 27th, all greens were cored, top-dressed, seeded and fertilised. On the Friday 28th members assembled at Romsey Park to carry out a variety of maintenance and improvement works. Among these were a protective fence behind the 3rd green to stop balls from going into our neighbour's back yard, scarifying and top dressing of all tees and removing dangerous low or damaged branches.

With the 2018/19 Bowls season is about to begin the golf club would like to thank RBC president John Beaumont for his efforts to avoid golf/bowls syllabus clashes on two important days for the golf club, the 2018 Macedon Ranges Spring Cup (Sept 22) and the 2018 Romsey Open Tournament Nov 24/25)

The Golf/Bows rooms are managed by a combined committee. This committee has responsibility for the day to day operations and maintenance of the building. It is sad to report that someone has cut the chain securing the gas bottles and stolen one. Theft such as this not only inconveniences everyone but takes money away from planned improvements. Our thanks to Manny "The Woodman" who has donated a gas cylinder.

RGC Weekly Competition Results;

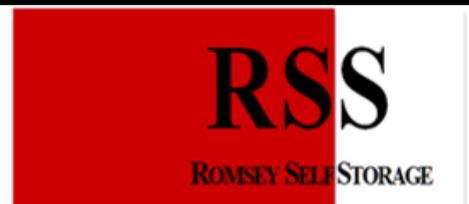
- Aug 15th** **4BBB Stableford – "The Old Course";** Jenny Hartley (16)/Wendy Gosden (19) – 21pts c/b.
- Aug 18th** **Stableford;** Anthony Lakey (22) – 28 pts, Chris vanDerVliet (23) – 27 pts. Yes it was that tough!
- Aug 22nd** **Stableford "The Old Course";** Jenny Hartley (16) 22 pts. from Wendy Gosden.
- Aug 25th** **Monthly Medal;** Anthony Lakey – 95/22/73 from Jim Patton – 93/19/74
- Aug 29th** **Monthly Medal;** Jenny Hartley – 100/24/76 from Elaine Scanlon – 109/30/79 and Wendy Gosden – 112/29/83
- Sept 1st** **Stableford;** Scott Williams (19) – 37 pts C/B from Andrew Clement (10) & Mick Nicholls Snr (23) – 34 pts
- Sept 5th** **Ambrose - "The Old Course";** Jenny Hartley, Denise O'Meara, & Lorraine Robb 56/11.11/44.89, Leila Beasley, Hugh Williams, Neryl-Lea & Roger Sparke 57/10.91/46.09
- Sept 8th** **4B Aggregate Stableford;** Mal Mottram /Anthony Lakey – 65 pts, Kevin Dunn/Mal Mottram – 63 pts
- Sept 12th** **Stableford;** Jenny Hartley – 30 pts.
- Sept 15th** **Monthly Medal;** Les Gaunt – 83/9/74, Andrew Clement – 86/9/77 very cold, windy round.

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Community Poem

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Because now, you see, I understand how that place got its name.

A railway cutting hewn from rock, fire making light,
For men like dancing skeletons to toil both day and night.
'Death railway', men have called it, a railway built on blood,
Every sleeper cost a life, laid down in rock and mud.
Then came Dr Edward Dunlop, known as Weary to his men,
He hardly ever closed his eyes – he'd sleep just now and then.

How did you do it, Weary? How did you carry on?
To keep the hopes of men alive when all real hope was gone.
How many diggers did you save? Did you ever stop to ask?
While your weary hands kept working in the flames of Hellfire Pass.

Weary survived Hellfire Pass, and to his final breath,
Believed hate inside a heart was just another form of death.
So he started building bridges, he knew revenge must cease.
'There'll be no victory,' he said, 'without a lasting peace.'
It is no shame for men to cry – we all cry, weak or brave,
And Weary often shed a tear for those he couldn't save.
So he had it written in his will, 'There's just one thing I ask
Please place my ashes with the boys back there at Hellfire Pass.'

Weary – is that the River Kwai? Or the Murray flowing fast?
Is that the Southern Cross, or the sparks from Hellfire Pass?
No more nightmares, Weary, now you rest in peace at last,
You're the saint who outshone Satan in the flames of Hellfire Pass.

The Burma Railway was built in 1942-43. It is a 415 km railway linking Bangkok and Rangoon. It was completed in October 1943, seventy five years ago. The railway was built for the Empire of Japan by slave labour - 60,000 allied prisoners of war. 13,000 of these prisoners were Australian - starved of food and medicine, they were forced to work impossibly long hours in an unhealthy tropical climate and 2,700 died there

I sent a cartoon to Weary once. It was drawn by Michael Leunig, who had his character, Mr Curly, standing on a hill-top and peering into a large telescope, which he had pointing down towards a city. On the side of the telescope was written the word, understandascope. Weary replied, inviting me for a cup of tea. Perhaps he understood.

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- Red, swollen bite causing pain after a few hours
- Lack of appetite
- Listlessness
- Depression

Taking preventative measure can save your besties life!

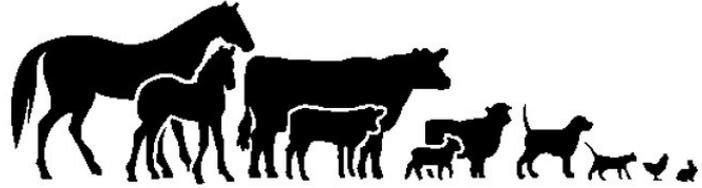
Bees and wasps can be a hazard for pets sniffing around in the garden especially if stung around the mouth and throat. Stings in these areas can be potentially dangerous by causing breathing difficulties. Like humans animals can be allergic to bee stings so if your animal has been stung in the mouth and throat, or has multiple stings anyway on the body see a vet immediately.

Ticks occur in long grass, heathland and woods, so it is a good idea to check your pets if they have been in these areas. There are special tick hooks to remove ticks but if you are unsure visit your vet to prevent parasites taking hold.

Fleas are another common type of bites so watch out for excessive scratching, hair loss and potential infections. To prevent flea infestations, ensure your pet is up to date with their flea treatments.

Heartworms are small parasites that can enter you dog, cat or even ferret's bloodstream through mosquito bites. It is good to be proactive and regularly use preventative products to reduce the risk of heartworm disease. However, preventatives do not kill adult heartworms already in your pet's body, so a blood test is recommended. To find out more information about heartworm, visit heartwormsociety.org and, if you have any concerns, be sure to speak to your vet. A good tip to help minimise mosquito bites is to use citronella-scented candles in the garden to deter them.

No matter what type of bite if you are ever unsure it is best to contact you local vet.



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It has been a steep learning curve for the Committee during this time. A recent review of the costs has resulted in new advertising charges which will be applied in 2019. It has also been decided to move to a financial year account keeping process.

For those who select the 11 month option, we will offer a much reduced cost to run an additional quarter, half or full page advert or flyer.

We will also be offering a special half page "Local Business Showcase". New and/or existing local businesses will be able to let everyone know who you are, what you do, where you are and anything else you wish to include. The Showcase will be published at the top of page 3.

The Not For Profit Community Group Memberships charges have been clarified and will now offer both five and eleven month half and a full page options. All Not For Profit groups will receive information explaining these new charges during November.

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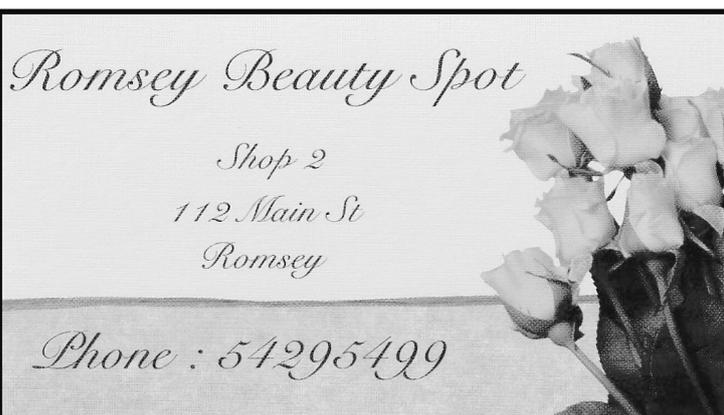
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In the past Relay For Life events in the Macedon Ranges Shire have raised over \$1,450,000 to help the 269 people diagnosed with cancer in the Macedon Ranges Shire every year.

Whether you're volunteering or taking part in the Relay, the Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life is a fun and moving experience for all ages.

A celebration of hope, the Relay For Life provides community members the chance to join together and acknowledge local cancer survivors, patients and carers. While the moving candle ceremony provides participants with the chance to pause and honour loved ones lost.

Now is the time to register for the 2019 Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life with early bird registrations costing only \$25 for an adult or \$60 for a family.

If you're interested in registering a team, joining a team or volunteering please email lancefieldrfl@cancervic.org.au, call 1300 656 585 or visit the Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life Facebook page or http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR/RelayforLife/CCVIC?pg=entry&fr_id=5699

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