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Welcome to the April Edition

Well April is a busy month, Easter at the beginning and ANZAC Day towards the end of the month. While I do not intend to put my foot in it, this year we should be able to celebrate ANZAC Day and remember those who sacfriced so much for us. Just remember if you do go to a big public gathering, make sure you follow the current COVID restrictions.

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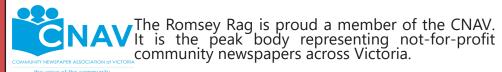
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MEMBER 2021



2nd Apr - Good Friday.

5th Apr - Easter Monday.

10-11th Apr - Historical Society Seymour Cottage working bee.

17-18th Apr - CWA Creative Art Exhibition.

18th Apr - Historical Society Seymour Cottage Devonshire Tea.

24th Apr - RRBATA Progressive Dinner.

25th Apr - ANZAC Day.

27th Apr - RNH's Feed it Forward luncheon.

Major Boost for Emergency Services in Macedon

The State Government has invested \$838,928 in emergency services in Macedon to provide essential vehicles and appliances for local volunteers.

Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas today announced that the Elphinstone, Fryerstown, Romsey and Woodend CFAs would all receive funding to help protect their local community.

These projects are amongst 240 grants sharing in more than \$14 million in funding under the government's 2020-21 Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP).

Grant recipients include:

- Elphinstone CFA, who have received \$2,261 for a new air conditioner
- Fryerstown CFA, who have received \$193,333 for a new light tanker
- Romsey CFA, who have received a \$321,667 for a new medium tanker
- Woodend CFA, who have received a \$321,667 for a new medium tanker

Under the program, the Victorian Government matches every \$1 paid by volunteer groups with a \$2 co-contribution up to \$150,000 per project. This brings the total investment in this project to \$985,891.

The annual grants program gives volunteer emergency service groups the opportunity to apply for grants of up to \$150,000 to purchase equipment including vehicles, trucks, tankers, watercraft and trailers, and for minor improvements including refurbishments and amenities, such as kitchens and change rooms. For more information about the VESEP, visit the Emergency Management Victoria website – emv.vic. gov.au



April In Your Garden - Melanie Kinsey

I know its autumn when the autumn crocus Colchicum species appear. They may be tiny but their unique shade of the mauve really catches your eye. I also know its autumn when the berries on my variegated porcelain vine Ampelopsis brevipedunculata 'Elegans' begin to turn from emerald to turquoise, sapphire and amethyst. They are so exquisite, last for ages and the birds leave them well alone! Lastly the ox-tongue lily Haemanthus coccineus has poked its orange tongues through the soil opening up to intriguing shaving brush type flowers. The bulbs react to the first autumn rain with their flowers which will then be followed by their long wide leaves.

I was lucky to receive a gift of some well-loved old cacti in a range of pots last weekend. I spent a lovely afternoon repotting them into slightly bigger pots and hopefully they'll settle into their new abodes before winter. Following advice from Gardening Australia I tackled my rhubarb growing in large self-watering pots and divided them up. I now have just one plant per pot to give them lots of room. I added a lot of cow manure to each pot – mixed in well with the potting mix, blood 'n' bone and pelletised chook poo. They should eventually rocket away – fingers crossed! Rhubarb pie for winter!

I have also been taking lots of cuttings – its time to prune your geraniums so what better time than to take lots of cuttings! I have also taken cuttings from a rosemary bush with particularly blue flowers, some daisies, my lemon scented correa and the grey leaved old-fashioned dusty miller Centaurea cinerea. The grey leaves are a great foil against the shades of green and occasional burgundy in the shrub bed.



Romsey Mechanics Institute



CoM The was pleasantly surprised when we were contacted by DELWP offering to assist us to pay for the recent damage caused by the break-in to the Billiards Room. Our thanks to **Paul Pinder** for his excellent work

replacing the external door. We now have a much more solid door in place. The small window in the kitchen will need specialised work. It should be replaced in the next few weeks

trial run of the new projector and screen. All went very well

RMI. The intention was to address a number of local issues positive comments throughout the day. Thanks also to Di, and to gather information from the community as to what Gail and Kathy for all their hard work to organise the day they felt was happening and how these problems might be best addressed. A good crowd attended and were able It is pleasing to see so many of our old "Regular Users" to air their concerns. Sqt Eddie Barrak was very pleased to returning to the RMI and beginning their sessions. We have receive feedback, some good, some not so good, from the picked up a few new "Regulars" so keep an eye out for the community.

The CWA District AGM CWA CENTRAL HIGHLANDS nnual General Mee n FFRRIJARY 2021

The Romsey CWA held their district AGM at the RMI in mid Our Antiques and Collectables Fair was held on Saturday February. The meeting was a great success and it the first March 20th. All stalls were taken and there was a steady flow of people through the front door and out the supper room door. Our thanks to the Romsey CWA for their wonderful The Romsey Police recently held a public forum at the morning and afternoon teas. They received many very

new offerings at the RMI.

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THEME: **Engage, Support, Challenge Product/Resource:** Grasses - Not just lawn **Country of Study: Indigenous Australia**

Thanksgiving Fund: Endometriosis Research through the Jean Hailes Medical Centre for Women

State Project: CWA of Vic. Inc. IT and Systems Upgrade and

Maintenance

Social Issues Focus: Safe Homes for All

CWA is not just for older women; it is for women of any age the Romsey IGA. Please come along to see the many items wanting to be involved in their local community and also be we will have for sale. connected to a world-wide organisation of friendship and volunteer organisation.

Our friendly monthly meeting is on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 10.00 am to approx. 12.00 noon. Meetings This month's recipe is are held in the supper room (side entrance) of the Romsey Mechanics Institute, Main Rd, Romsey. Examples of crafts we 140 grams melted copha, do are: knitting, sewing, crochet, cooking, beading, paper- 220 grams icing sugar, craft.

Our Romsey Branch participates in various community 1 egg, activities, and we welcome new members. Come and join us! 220 grams coffee biscuits, Membership is very affordable.

We have decided to hold our craft days separately on the 3rd set. Ice with chocolate icing. Keep in fridge. Thursday of the month. Come along and join us. The more the merrier.

We are again helping the RMI Hall committee with its President: annual antiques day on the 20th March. We will be offering Secretary: Devonshire teas and sandwiches.

1st May we will be holding our Mother's Day stall outside



Don't forget to join us at the Group Creative Arts Exhibition community care. We have a lot of fun and laughs while being at the Masonic Centre 7 Yaldwyn St Kyneton on the 17th & creative and raising funds for community projects. CWA is a 18th of April. There will many wonderful items on display. Entry \$5.

> Chocolate Hedgehog: 1 heaped tspn cocoa,

Vanilla.

With us now able to hold our meetings again in the RMI Melt copha and pour over icing sugar, cocoa, vanilla and egg. hall, it was lovely to see the girls together at our last meeting. Place in layers alternately with biscuits in a bar tin. Allow to

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The Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club provides an opportunity for retirees or semi retired people to relax and enjoy the welcoming company of those at the same stage of life.

Our monthly meeting (4th Thursday of the month) is a chance to catch-up with new and old friends and hear interesting speakers on a wide variety of topics.

The next meeting of the Romsey Lancefield Probus Club is on Thursday 29th April, 2021 at 10am. St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey.

The Guest Speaker will be Tony O'Brien, President Romsey/Lancefield RSL

On May 27th 2021 we will be celebrating our 20th Anniversary, which was to be held in May. 2020. But because of Covid-19 it was postponed.

Also, on this day our club will celebrate its 21st Birthday.

Trips: April, 21st -23rd 2021, Bendigo Goldfields Tour

May, 2021 (date to be announced) 6-day Coach Tour to Mildura and Broken Hill Please contact Shirley Lewandowski on 0425 700 693 for further information.

Contact: President:

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Romsey Region Business & Tourism Association (RRBATA)

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Romsey Online Remember 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".

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RRBATA Update

Poetry in Motion"

An initiative of the Macedon Ranges Shire dinner event. Council's Visitor Economy Strategy, this *More information* available on Facebook festival will engage the many thousands of (Romsey Lancefield Business and Living) and visitors that head to the Macedon Ranges— www.rrbata.com.au. Tickets at TRY Booking. especially Macedon and Mt Macedon in Autumn -and get them involved in Economic Development Strategy 2021activities throughout the Shire.

A feature event in the Autumn Festival's calendar will be the inaugural "Romsey **Progressive** Dinner - Poetry in Motion" to be held on Saturday 24th April 2021 presented



by RRBATA, it will engage three Romsey strategy documents over the years and restaurants (Soltan Pepper, Evan's Wine urges all community members to "have a Bar and Bistro, Verdure) in a "progressive say" when similar consultation opportunities dinner" format. Three groups (of 50 guests arise. It really can make a difference! in each) will rotate between the restaurants. Between each course, local makers will be **Another Dinner.... Save the Date!** showcased at transition sites ("Creative RRBATA had its plans for last year's Zones"). As an ode to Vincent Buckley Business and Community Dinner scuttled (1925-1988), the well-known poet who grew by COVID-19 but is pleased to announce it up in Romsey, there will be an entertaining has been reconvened to Thursday 27th May poetry theme at each restaurant. Vibrant 2021 to be held at Glen Erin. Stay tuned for volunteers will look after each group of more information and booking details via diners and street buskers will add energy to Facebook (Romsey and Lancefield Business the vibe. This will be a fun evening which will and Living) and www.rrbata.org.au . showcase our wonderful Macedon Ranges

Here comes the Autumn Festival 2021.... businesses, hospitality and produce. This AND the "Romsey Progressive Dinner - will be a forerunner to possible expansion next year into a larger poetry festival and

Council is currently undertaking the draft of the new Economic Development Strategy 2021-2031. Whilst this may seem "dry" to many, documents such as this form the roadmaps that Council will be committed to follow. The document's implications extend from business prosperity to education and training to transport to, more generally, the wellbeing of our community. RRBATA has had active involvement in this and other

Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society

gardens of the historic Seymour Cottage (c1856) – 20 Palmer oldest cottage (c1856), you are encouraged to come along Street Romsey.

The Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society are excited to announce that on Sunday 18 April, as part of the Volunteers are invited to contribute two hours of gardening Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival 2021, Sidney Seymour time on Saturday 10th of April &/or Sunday 11th April to Cottage gardens will be open to the public!

The Cottage property was closed to the public in 2017 Please phone the Cottage Coordinator John Spring 0409 because of structural concerns inside resulting from the 861 876 to volunteer a small amount of your time! We hope extent of termite damage. While the Cottage will remain to see you for this important event. closed, the gardens are re-opening. A gold coin entry to the property will be applicable. Come and enjoy a Devonshire Would you like to read more about the heritage listed Tea in Sidney Seymour's glorious autumn garden. Scones, Seymour Cottage – go to URL https://vhd.heritagecouncil. jam and cream are only the beginning....

Sunday April 18th - Come and enjoy a Devonshire Tea in the If you feel concerned about the restoration of Romsey's to either or both garden working bees to prepare for the reopening of the Sidney Seymour Cottage garden.

help prepare the garden for our Sunday 18 April event.

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Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society web site www. romseylancefieldhistorical. org.au

Murphy Street Footpath

A number of years ago locals were surprised to see a footpath in Wrixon Street on the Shire's agenda. Sadly, that footpath was about 20m long and ran from below the walkway up to Romsey Heights to the corner with Murphy Street. Certainly not what most people were expecting. Both sides of Murphy Street remained rough with numerous tripping points, narrow cross-over at Pohlman Street and steep drops down to Telstra and other service pits.

So, life continued on as per usual with most people, especially young families with prams, being forced to walk down the middle of the street. In September of 2019 Hazel Allen felt that "enough was enough" and something had to be done about the footpath before there was a serious accident. With the help of other Wrixon Streeters she composed a letter to the MRSC asking consideration be given to a footpath in Murphy Street between Wrixon Street and Pohlman Street.

The letter outlined her concerns about the dangers inherent in the existing "footpath" and the rising chance of an accident from increased traffic and the number of people who felt forced to walk on the street. Numerous vehicles were avoiding the new round-about and driving via Wrixon and Murphy Streets and there was increased heavy vehicle traffic from both New Earth Constructions and the Supermarket. A properly constructed footpath was much needed. Hazel even sat at the corner of Murphy and Wrixon Streets collecting

signatures for a petition in favour of the

new footpath. Over 200 people signed, and this was included with the letter. Unfortunately, this first letter did not get the desired response.

Not to be deterred Hazel had another go.

In November of 2019 a second letter was prepared. It contained photographs of the trouble spots, detailed measurements of the width of the crossover and the depth of the drop to service pits and to Pohlman Street. In mid 2020 Shirley was notified by MRSC that the footpath between Wrixon St and Pohlman St, scheduled to be done in a few years' time, would be "fast tracked" and completed in early 2021.



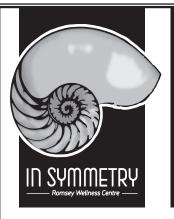


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The Mount Players Finally Re-Open the Curtains



It is with much pride and excitement that I put pen to paper (or fingers to keyboard) this month.

Our theatre finally welcomed in its first group for a play reading in February, and to see people sitting in our auditorium after so long was very moving indeed.

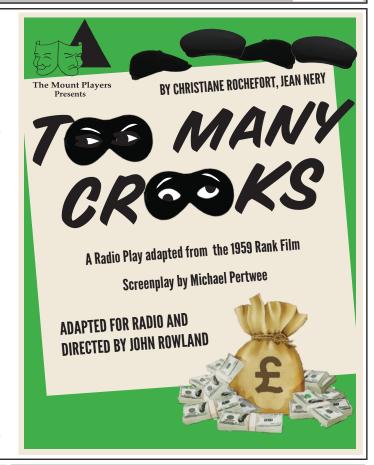
We are now in rehearsal for our first show, Too Many Crooks, opening on 14th May. Step back in time and be part of the audience at a BBC radio play, with live sound effects and 6 actors taking on numerous roles to tell the hilarious story of a bunch of crooks who just can't get it right!

Adapted from the 1959 British comedy movie starring among others, Terry Thomas, Sydney James & George Cole. Director, John Rowlands has adapted the script for the stage and promises lots of laughs.

We will have a limited seating capacity due to Covid restrictions so get in early to secure yourself a seat.

For full details on the show and to book tickets we invite you to our website www.themountplayers.com You can also check out our What's On section for our monthly play readings where everyone is welcome.

By Karen Hunt



Mary-Anne Thomas MP

LABOR MEMBER FOR MACEDON

As your local Member of Parliament I am keen to hear from the community and assist with

any State Government matter.

Mary-Anne Thomas

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At the Romsey Rag AGM in March we had to say goodbye and thank you to two of our committee members, Pam Neil and Jane Nixon. Both have played an important in the development of "The Rag" since 2018 and we wish them well as they both move on to other fields.

Thanks again from all the committee.



News from the Shire



Grants Applications Now Open!

Local community groups and organisations are encouraged to apply to Council's grants programs, the Community Funding Scheme and Events & Festivals Grant Program for 2021-22.

These grants programs opened on Monday 29 March and applications close 5pm, Monday 3 May.

This year, Council is providing \$80,000 in additional grants streams to support local community groups during the pandemic.

COVID-19 Recovery fund support

Up to \$5,000 is available to eligible not-for-profit groups or organisations based in Macedon Ranges Shire for:

- Support to be COVIDSafe compliant.
- Virtual events
- Online content
- Re-opening events for community facilities
- Reactivation events to get clubs and groups back together
- Alternative ways of holding events
- Bringing people together
- Social inclusion.

Community Funding Scheme

The Community Funding Scheme (CFS) provides funds to not-for-profit community groups for programs and initiatives that benefit the shire and meet local needs in line with Council goals.

Events and Festivals Grant Program

This program assists groups and organisations seeking funding and/or in-kind support for events and festivals within the shire. Three different funding tiers apply, depending on the size, focus and complexity of the proposed event or festival.

For more information, call (03) 5422 0333, email grants@mrsc.vic.gov.au or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/grants

Want to Improve the Health of Your Horse and Your Land?

Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Melbourne Water are partnering to offer a \$100 discount for horse owners to participate in an online equiculture course.

Equiculture – short for equine permaculture – is a holistic horse property management program that promotes sustainable farm and pasture management techniques designed with your horse's welfare and natural behaviour in mind.

The equiculture program is delivered digitally, with participants able to learn at their own pace. Fifteen modules teach participants all about healthy soil and pasture, managing weeds, mud and erosion, property design and layouts as well as managing optimal equine health.

"Riding horses recreationally or as part of farming practices is very common in the Macedon ranges, and we know how important caring for the health of horses is for riders," said Angela Hughes, Director Environment and Planning.

"Rural landholders have regularly told us they want more opportunities to learn about land management and Council is pleased to support that through the equiculture program. Places in this discounted course are limited so contact us to secure your spot."

Completion of the Equiculture course can also be incorporated into the Pony Club Australia K or C* certificates.

To get your discount code, contact Jason McAinch on 0455 210 436 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/sustainable-farming

Places are limited so get in quick!

Visit the Equiculture webpage to find out more: www.equiculture.net.

'Cool Changes' Romsey and Lancefield

Share your vision for a more sustainable Romsey and Lancefield region. 'Cool Changes' is Council's program for facilitating the development of local climate change action plans. This community led approach allows for plans to be developed by local communities, for them to own and implement into the future.

Keep an eye out for listening posts at Lancefield Farmer's Market on 27 March and outside Romsey IGA on 17 April. You can also find out more or contribute your ideas via an online project hub mrsc.vic.gov.au/cool-changes

Learn more about how a local climate change action plan will be developed with the community over the next few months, and start sharing your ideas for creating a more sustainable future.

Anyone who has a connection to Romsey and Lancefield is encouraged to be part of the project, and help ensure it is as inclusive and community-driven as possible.



News from the Shire



Fun for the Kids! Create a Statement with Craft Eco-Activism School Holiday Workshop

Artist-led creative school holiday program, KTH Kids presents the perfect workshop for the young activist.

Craft Eco-activism uses collage, drawing and stencilling techniques to make colourful badges, tee-shirts, bumper stickers, posters and placards. Participants will learn how to artfully communicate issues that are important to them.

Let's hear the voices of Macedon Ranges kids!

Date and time: Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday

15 April, 10.30am to 2pm. Location: Kyneton Town Hall Cost: \$12.50 per child

Tickets and further information contact the box office on 1300 888 802

mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts-workshops



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2021 Immunisation Timetable

All children and adults are required to remain at the immunisation venue for at least 15 minutes after receiving any vaccination.

Where	Time	Day	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Gisborne Manna Gum Family & Children's Centre 71 Robertson St	9.15 am to 10.15 am	onth	7	4	4	1	6	3	1	5	2	7	4	2
Kyneton Mechanics Institute 81 Mollison St	12 pm to 1.00 pm	1st Thursday of the month	7	4	4	1	6	3	1	5	2	7	4	2
Woodend Library & Service Centre 117 High St	2.30 pm to 3.30 pm	181	7	4	4	1	6	3	1	5	2	7	4	2
Riddells Creek Senior Citizens Hall 74-76 Main Rd	9.30 am to 10.30 am	of the month	19	16	16	20	18	15	20	17	21	19	16	21
Romsey Community Hub 98-100 Main St	11.30 am to 12.30 pm	3rd Tuesday of the	19	16	16	20	18	15	20	17	21	19	16	21

Please note: Immunisation sessions will be cancelled on "Code Red" and possibly on "Extreme" and "Severe" fire danger days as declared by the Country Fire Authority.

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April 2021

2021 Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow

Australia's biggest comedy festival is hitting the road!

Australia's favourite comedy convoy can't wait to tour the country once again.

Join the Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow as it rolls into towns around the country to home deliver an all killer, no filler line-up of Australian stars and talented newcomers.

It will be a night of stand-up, sketch, satire, silliness and song to satisfy all your comedy cravings.

Friday 30 April, 7.30pm

Kyneton Town Hall: 129 Mollison Street, Kyneton

Bookings: 1300 888 802 or online: mrsc.vic. gov.au/arts-events

May 2021

Australian Blues Brothers 21st Century Tribute Show

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Shake your tail feather as this rhythm and blues band rolls into town.

Join this ten-piece tribute band for a morning of feel-good hits from one of the greatest movies of all time—The Blues Brothers.

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It's toe-tapping, hip-shaking, hand-clapping goodness, and not to be missed.

They got a tank full of gas! Half a pack of cigarettes! It's dark ... and we're wearing sunglasses.

Friday 7 May, 11.30am - Complimentary morning tea from 10.30am.

Kyneton Town Hall: 129 Mollison Street, Kyneton

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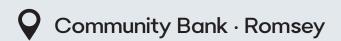


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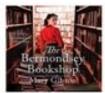
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DIARY DATES:

**Please note all Goldfields Libraries will be closed over the Easter period, from Good Friday 2 April – Easter Monday 5 April, inclusively.

Term 1 School Holidays at Romsey Library, 29 March – Friday 16 AprilPop into Romsey Library and grab a copy of our School Holiday Program or keep up to date via our website: www.goldfieldslibraries.com/events

Easter Craft

Hop into Romsey Library and get crafty at our Easter Craft table For primary school aged children

Bookings not required but please be mindful of others and practice social distancing.

Cheeky Chicken Chase

Chickens are out and about! Chase down the chicken posters in the library to unscramble a secret message and earn a special reward! Suitable for young families. Collect an entry form at the library.

Worry Warriors, Tuesday 13 April 11am

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Curious about any of the titles we have mentioned in this edition of the Rag?

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Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens APRIL 2021



It was great to once again be able to take part in our monthly Bus Trips. Our trip to Ballarat Wildlife Park was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Our April Bus Trip will be to another regional city, Bendigo. We will visit the **PepperGreen Farm Market** and **Bendigo Cathedral** with lunch at Bendigo Stadium.

PepperGreen Farm is a not-for-profit, social enterprise offering hospitality, tourism, micro business skills training, educational demonstrations, well-being programs and a retail outlet and café for local makers and producers. It originally served as a Chinese market garden.

Depart: Lancefield Post Office – 8:45am

Romsey Mechanics Institute— 9am – out the front.

For further information please contact **Helen** on **0409 064 303** or **Rae** on **0408 338 759**. Why not join us for a relaxed lunch, chat and get together. **We meet from 11am every Monday at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics' Institute.**

Hope to see you soon.



Lions Presentation Awards



Lions Presentation Awards Day, held at the Glen Erin Winery, Lancefield on the 21st February 2021. These awards are presented to our Lions Members for long term commitment and assistance to our Club and the Community.

In attendance were special guests, The Mayor of Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Jennifer Anderson, Lions District Governor 2020-2021 Robyn Fallon, Carol and Doug Newnham. Councillor Geoff Neil was MC for the day.



Ged McLaughlin being presented with a framed certificate and Life membership to Lions Licola by Lions District Governor 2020-2021 Robyn Fallon and Councillor Geoff Neil. This facility is a fun camp for youths whose family live in hardship, to enjoy outdoor activities and is run by Lions members.

Current Members who were able to attend on the day.

 Back Row. Les Saultry, Ken Colson, Joe Vella. Second Row. Russell Neyland, Paul Doherty, Ged McLaughlin, Werner Ladzik, Geoff Clarke. Seated. Angela Heywood, Wendie McLaughlin, Robyn Aitken Also in attendance:

- · Pam Amezdroz received a 15 year Chevron
- Werner Ladzik received a 35 year Chevron
- Robyn Aitken also received a 10 year Chevron
- Three other members who unfortunately were unable to attend will each receive a chevron for their years of membership:
- Matthew Batchelor. 10 year Chevron
- Milos Starec. 20 year Chevron
- Patrick Sullivan. 35 year Chevron





Doug Newnham receiving a 45 year Chevron



Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke RATATOUILLE

idea of how to overcook vegetables into a soft, sloppy mass a good handful of chopped baby spinach leaves. - so I decided to cook MY version of that Vegetable Stew. But, before I explain how I served my version to Jan, here's Once the warm mixture (the aubergine softened and diced how the French explain their version.

'A delicious stew from Provence, in France. It is a mixture waited for a reaction from Jan ... she's still with me. of aubergine (egg-plant), sweet peppers, tomatoes and courgettes (zucchini), all diced, fried in just enough olive oil to cover the bottom of the pan, and gently stewed until they form a rich soft mass. The dish is liberally flavoured with garlic, salt and pepper.'

Here's my version:

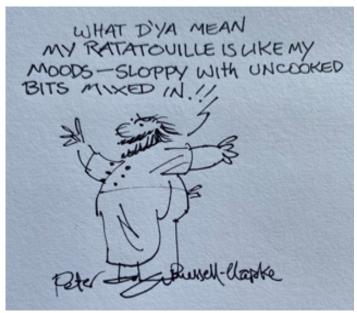
First, I sliced half a small aubergine into medallions which I cooked to softness in my daily soup.

In a pan wet with olive oil I fried half a brown onion, sliced, with 2 cloves of garlic also sliced. When they softened, I included florets of broccoli and cauliflower and 2 ripe red tomatoes which I'd quartered. (The tomatoes cooked to a slush, the broccoli and cauliflower softened but retained their shape.). I sprinkled a small handful of sunflower seeds into the mixture and added a grated knob of raw ginger and a small amount of grated carrot with a splash of light soy sauce and a small dash of tomato sauce.

When this warmed I added a few shakes of oil then some

RATATOUILLE - pronounced RAT-TAT-TWO-EE - a French finely chopped raw carrot (so it would remain crunchy) and

were added) was served beside some buttered seeded toast, I spooned a little honey over the lot (except the toast) and





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Romsey Mens Shed







From the recent Grand Opening of the new Romsey Mens Shed



New Arts Achievement Award Lunch

The Zonta Club of Kyneton is excited to launch an Arts Achievement Award at its International Women's Day dinner on Wednesday 3 March. The award has been created to encourage young women in the Macedon Ranges region to grow their artistic talents. It is open to all art forms ranging from film to fashion, painting to poetry, sculpture to singing.

The seed for this award was planted by Deborah Cheetham AO, who was the guest speaker at the club's 2020 International Women's Day dinner. Local Macedon Ranges artist, Jenni Mills was also keen for local female artists be acknowledged for their passion and excellence and be provided with support for their ongoing educational pursuits. Zonta Club members have taken on this challenge and are proud to offer this inaugural award for achievement in the Arts.

The successful applicant will be awarded \$400 to assist with pursuing their future endeavours.

Applications are now open. Closing date 26 April 2021.

For award requirements and applications contact awards@zontakyneton.org.au



From the Left to right local Macedon Ranges artist Jenni Mills, Zonta Club of Kyneton President, Donna Fabris, Zonta Club of Kyneton Service Committee member, Pip Close Taken at IWD event 3 March 2021





Deep Creek Landcare Group

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the constant barrage of bad news from here and around the Sandro said. "nature bathing".

your toes at the beach or just sitting in a park.

Nature Bathing was the subject of a chat last November I could invoke Lara Bingle here but I will settle with "what are to go outside and be in nature.

area of science," Sandro said.

"Many of us know that it's healthy to be out in nature, that go for a trip and reconnect with different environments. we come back feeling relaxed, we get a bit of sunshine and During January and February 87 Indian Myna birds were vitamin D. Certainly this year more than ever it's been critical trapped. We have traps to spend time outside."

Sandro said spending time outdoors in green spaces such as if it is laughs you are parks or reserves has a significant bearing on the lowering of after we have nesting stress in our body.

"Time outside decreases our stress levels; it decreases our available cortisol levels. It's shown to increase your memory, your discount price of \$25. mood and even your immune function – likely all through Annual the mediator of stress," he explained

"Stress hormones affect every part of our body and our brain, per family. our sleep, our mood, our blood pressure and our risk of follow us on Facebook, illnesses like heart disease and diabetes. So, if you can do contact our President, things to reduce your stress it has really positive impacts on Phil Severs (0476 324 almost every aspect of your body and your health."

Although science can account for the physical and some of monthly meetings in the the mental benefits we get from being immersed in nature, Lancefield does it explain all of them? Sandro doesn't believe so.

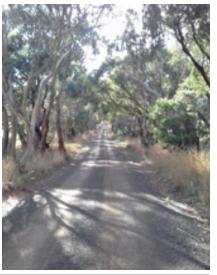
I am feeling calm, I am feeling good! I feel as if I can cope "A lot of it is physiology, it is how that environment affects with the complexities and pace of the modern world and your body and as I said a lot of it is mediated through stress,"

globe. No, I am not high on illicit substances or endorphins "[But] there are certainly some intangibles and science can't after a long run. I have put my "happy hat" on -I have been explain all of the benefits you get from being in nature. Part of it is the magic of just being in green space, being outside, No we're not talking about taking a bath outdoors. Nature or breathing fresh air in your lungs and having sun on your skin." forest bathing is spending time in nature and really taking in "There was a big study done last year with 20,000 people the sights, smells, sounds and sensations around you. It could which showed definitively that your mental and physical be bird watching in a rainforest, feeling the sand between health benefit enormously from 2 hours per week of being in nature."

between VicHealth CEO Dr Sandro Demaio and Raf Epstein you waiting for?" As Macedon Ranges' residents we are lucky on ABC Radio Melbourne about the benefits of making time to have such clean air, an abundance of flora and fauna, open spaces, relatively quiet roads and a host of leisure activities". "There's a Japanese tradition called shirin-yoku [forest We do not have to go very far to indulge in a spot of nature bathing], which is actually a form of eco-therapy, it's a whole bathing and feel the benefits! We could just go out into the backyard, turn off the phone and tune into nature or we could

available to borrow but boxes for Kookaburras for

Landcare membership is or attend 000) Mechanics Hall.



REMINDER: VICTORIANS ASKED TO EXPLAIN WHY THEY DIDN'T VOTE

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) is urging Victorians who were sent an Apparent Failure to Vote Notice to respond by the 28-day deadline with a detailed explanation.

The notice - which is a not a fine - asks apparent non-voters for a reason for why they appear not to have voted in the 2020 local council elections.

A detailed response with supporting documentation, where possible, will help to determine if the excuse is considered sufficient, while ignoring the notice, or not providing a sufficient reason for not voting, may result in an infringement notice and a penalty of \$83.

Electoral Commissioner, Warwick Gately, said that recipients should contact the VEC for assistance if unsure what to do, rather than ignore the notice.

'If you need help understanding what the notice means and what you need to do, you can call us on 1300 551 575 or visit our website at vec.vic.gov.au [3]. We are seeking from you a reason why you appear not to have voted,' Mr Gately said.

'I also encourage you to sign up to our VoterAlert service, to make sure you're notified whenever there's a State or local council election happening.'

People can sign up at vec.vic.gov.au/voteralert [4] to receive important reminders about upcoming State and local council elections.





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PASTOR'S PARABLES

An Easter revelation: The Servant King



Can God be both God and man King and servant?

Have you ever considered that a 'good' king is a servant to his people? He holds his power and position for the betterment of his subjects. He is not above the laws he makes; he is subject to them. He always has his nation's best interests at heart and is willing to lay down his life for his people.

Jesus Christ is known as the Lord of Lords and King of Kings. As God, Jesus is Sovereign over all His creation, yet still He serves mankind daily with oxygen, gravity and sunshine.

As man, Jesus is subject to all the laws that God has decreed (the many commandments). He is also subject to all the laws of perfection. He must always be righteous, fair, truthful and sinless. Hebrews 4:15 states: **For we do not**

have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weakness, but in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Furthermore, as with any good king, Christ has shown He is willing to lay down His life for the safety and best interests of His people.

John 10:11 states: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep." Christ went willingly to the cross to pay the penalty of sin, so all who believe in Him may have eternal life. John 3:16.

Our Creator, so in love with His Creation, and so that He could continue to have relationship with those He Created, laid down His Life because we messed up and as a result separated ourselves from Him.

Now through not only His death, but His Resurrection, we are restored back into that place where we can have intimate relationship with Him, as was His purpose in Creating us in the beginning.

May you ponder this amazing truth this Easter.

Need help in understanding?? It would be our pleasure to help you find these precious truths in the Bible (that never changes) and see you become all that you can be in life and in God.

Easter Blessings, from Pastor Marilyn Hunter and all @ Encourage Church.



The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Lancefield and St. Paul's Romsey

Christ Church Anglican Lancefield with St Paul's Church Romsey

Sunday Services:

Regular weekly Church Services are:

Romsey Church Service 9am each Sunday: Lancefield Church Service - 10:30am each Sunday

Easter Church Service will be:

Good Friday: Romsey combined service at 10:00am

Easter Sunday Romsey 9:00am Easter Sunday Lancefield 10:30am

Introducing our Locum, the Rev David Greentree who has joined our Parish and will be with us till the end of March.

Bereavement Notice

Vale: William George Lobb (George) of Woodlands and Romsey died 10th March 2021
Dearly loved husband of Elaine, much loved Fathers of David (Dec), Ian (Dec) Anne, Richard,
Duncan and their families. George will be extremely missed. Always in our prayers.

St Paul's Romsey Op Shop has re-opened on

Friday 12:30pm - 4:30pm Saturday 10:00am - 1:00pm

Please drop your donations of clean quality clothing etc into the Op Shop on Friday & Saturday during open hours only. No electrical goods, Prams, baby cots or mattresses can be left. Owing to Covid-19 regulations the op shop cannot accept toys of any nature. Please do not leave items at front fence as they become unusable owing to weather conditions.



MACEDON RANGES UNITING CHURCH PARTNERSHIP CONTACTS

Ministers: Pastor Annette Buckley Ph. 5429 5351 or 0457 608 539 Rev. Linda Young Ph. 0412 137 783

Website: www.macedonrangesunitingchurch.org.au

Easter Services: Good Friday 2nd April 10.45am at Lancefield Uniting Church

Easter Sunday 4th April at 9am at Romsey Uniting Church

Prayer for the Day

Today, God, the world is turning, there is beauty around us, we have people who love us, and people to love.

There may be troubles and worries.

There are issues to face, and problems to solve.

Nothing will magically take these away, but we have the choice to see good, to savour what is right, to appreciate what is lovely, to honour the efforts of others, and to be grateful for the small things.

These help us in our coping, they lighten our spirits, and bring some balance to our thinking. May we look beyond our present trials, and see hope and support, at least the kind that we might share with others.

Love us through our hardships.

Lift our spirits when they fall.

Be with us and bless as we pray.

Amen.

Philippians 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God, and the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

-Jon Humphreys - Prayers that Unite



On Sunday 30th May, 2021 The Singularity Choir will again be giving a performance in the Romsey Uniting Church Hall. This year they will be performing Gilbert & Sullivans **The Mikado.** Cost: \$20.00 per person or \$15.00 concession.

Because of the Covid-19 social distancing seating is limited, therefore bookings must be made. To make a booking please contact - Jeni Clampit 5429 5480 or email: jeniferclampit@bigpond.com

MASS ATTENDANCE AVAILABLE BY BOOKING ONLY

As Mass numbers are restricted at this time, attendance at Mass is by registration only. Please contact the Secretary at lancefield@cam.org.au or by phone on 5429 2130 to reserve your place at the next available Mass. Social distancing, hygiene protocols and QR code sign-in are all place at our churches. Please do not show up at Mass without a booking as you may be turned away. Thank you for your co-operation to keep our churches open.

Current Mass Times:

Sunday Mass

Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 9am and will alternate between Lancefield & Romsey. 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month in Romsey, 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays of the month in Lancefield.

Saturday Healing Mass

The Healing Mass will be celebrated at 10am in Romsey on the 1st Saturday of each month.

Baptisms

Baptisms are held at 2pm on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Please contact the office for the next available date.

Sacraments

Due to Covid restrictions, children not attending St. Mary's School aren't able to join in with the Sacrament program run through the school this year therefore they will be celebrated privately during the Sunday Mass. Please contact the Secretary to book your child into the program as details will be finalised in the coming weeks. All children booked in to receive a Sacrament last year will be contacted to participate this year as soon as the details are confirmed.

Should a parishioner want to go to Reconciliation, please contact Fr. Martin directly at Woodend on 5427 2690 to book a time.

Please direct enquiries to the parish office on 5429 2130 or email at lancefield@cam.org.au

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> Chairperson Mr. Noel Shaw 5429 5509

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Romsey Golf Club, Men's & Women's Reports

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President 0417 088 891 Secretary 0400 768 040

A meeting plan for the reviewing and adjusting the Romsey Sporting Precinct Master Plan was held on March 15th. All user groups sent representatives and there was wide ranging discussion on what the current and future needs of the area were. A steering committee was set up to work with the user groups and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

2021 Summer Cup (Dedicated to the memory of Dean Jones): The final round of the 2021 Summer Cup was held over because of the mid-February lockdown and was finally played on Sat March 6th. 1st place was virtually sewn up (Davey Kenney – 28.5pts) but there were five players who could take out 2nd and 3rd. Conditions were almost perfrct for golf and a number of players returned excellent scores. In the end it was 87/8/69 from RGC Captain that secured 2nd place (22 pts). Andrew Clememt also palyed well returning 80/8/72 to take out 3rd spot (17 pts)

Twilight Golf: Our very popular Twilight Golf usually finishes at the end of February but, this year, by popular demand, we have extended until the 26th of March. The final round of the "Titan of Twilight" saw 1st (Keith Hocking – 40pts) & 2nd (Sherif Abdel-Sayed - 28 pts) well and truly secured So, it was a fight out for 3rd. It came down to a five-way countback with Jim Patton winning on the 4th individual hole countback. This gave Jim 16pts just enough to grab to grab 3rd spot, also on a countback.

RGC Pres Anthony Lakey

Mal Mottram, Davey Kenney, Andrew Clement &

Men's and women's pennant will begin in the final weeks of March. RGC has entered a men's handicap team in Division Three, our women will also enter a handicap team in Division two south.

The 28th Romsey Challenge Bowl will be held at RGC on Thursday April 8th. This is a team stableford events and draws teams from all over Dalhousie and surrounding areas.

We would like to thank the local police for their efforts to sort out a few problems we have been having down at Romsey Park. A few unsavoury individuals have been moved on and a few others are now well aware that their behaviour and actions are being watched.

All bookings at: https://www.romseygolfclub.net "BOOK NOW" button
For detailed reports on all results; https://www.romseygolfclub.net/results/2020/

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS & OBSERVATIONS

Friday 2nd April Good Friday

Saturday 3rd April Easter Saturday

Sunday 4th April Easter Sunday

Monday 5th April Easter Monday

Sunday 25th April ANZAC Day

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Saturday 25th December Christmas Day

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RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS AND WELLBEING

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Catholic Education Melbourne 2016, Horizons of Hope

At St Mary's, as part of our weekly timetable, we have taken on the Respectful Relationship education program also known as 'The Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships professional learning program.' The program includes:

- classroom videos of teachers delivering the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships with their students.
- activities to encourage teachers to reflect how they model social and emotional skills to students' academic podcasts
- whole school approach to delivering a core component of the Victorian curriculum
- Victorian Curriculum F-10 about respectful relationships in both health and physical education and personal and social capability. In the Health and Physical Education curriculum, students develop the knowledge, understanding and skills to strengthen their sense of self, and build and manage safe and respectful relationships. In the Personal and Social Capability curriculum, students learn to recognise and regulate emotions, develop empathy for others and establish and build a framework for positive relationships.

In partnership with our implementation of the curriculum in our weekly timetable, we connect this with developing relationships outside the classroom and are putting in place different activities for students to interact and be resilient, and respectful to each other.

One inquisitive that we have implemented this term is our outdoor break activities. To complement the in-class program, we have provided games and activities in the yard where students who may not be attracted to the physical side activities can come and enjoy a game, read a story or build Lego.

Our team at St Mary's are continually working together to improve and cater for all children both academically and socially and our activities have proven to be a BIG hit.

Enrolments are now open for 2022

Please contact the main office (5429 1359) for enrolment packs or to organise a personalised school tour with our principal. Enrolments close 25th June 2021 with acceptance notification sent to families on the 21st July 2021.

Jo Shannon (Community Liaison Leader)





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