



The Romsey Rag

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The Romsey & Lancefield Historical Society's 'History Tea' Open Day at the heritage listed Sidney Seymour Cottage in Palmer St Romsey was a great success. A large number of people came through the gates to see Seymour Cottage gardens, the photography of the Cottage Exhibition, afternoon tea and enjoy the music.

Congratulations to everyone.



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Welcome to the May Edition

It is certainly starting to get cold now and you can feel winter is on its way! Now is a good time to check your heaters before the winter well and truly starts to ensure they are safe and fully functional.

We keep hearing about the COVID jab but its also good to get your flu vaccine as well. Just remember you need to leave two weeks in between receiving each one.

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WHAT'S ON in & around Romsey

14th May - Opening night of "Too Many Crooks" at The Mount Theatre.

18th May - Author Talk with Kirsty Manning, Romsey Library.

30th May - The Mikado at Romsey Uniting Church.

A common summer foot problem – and how to fix it

Lets face it, no one likes sore feet. Especially when you want to get out and about in Summer. Thankfully there are things you can do at home to help.

Heel pain

- Do you get sharp pain under your heel when you get out of bed?
- Does your heel ache at the end of day?

Chances are you may have plantar fasciitis (heel spurs).

Why is it more common in Summer?

- We are more active when the sun is shining
- Walking, running, gardening, and new years resolution gym sessions all increase the stress on our body. If we are not conditioned for this, pain can develop.

Home Tips:

- Rest your foot
- Put an ice pack wrapped in damp tea towel on your heel for a short time
- Stretch your calf muscle
- Change to a more cushioned shoe



When should I seek help?

If your foot problem lasts for longer than 2-3 weeks.

Call Romsey Medical on 5429 5254 for an appointment with Podiatrist Andrew Baddeley.



Coming in for proper assessment and treatment is well worth your time.

May In Your Garden

By Melanie Kinsey

The days are getting shorter and cooler but this fact seems to have passed by my cannas! I divided them last winter and they seemed to take a long time to recover producing flower spikes very late in the season so they are still in full bloom at a time when they are usually finished. My cannas are a dwarf variety called 'Ace of Spades' and they are a rich fire engine red, so are providing some welcome colour in the garden.

The weeping apricot is beginning to turn and the smokebush is giving a few hints of its eventual dazzling display. Many of my succulents are beginning to emerge from their summer dormancy and I'm taking cuttings of aeoniums especially – it's called head chopping because you cut off the main rosette, make a cutting of this and then the remaining stem will hopefully



produce a heap of new baby rosettes. I bought some new plant stands for my succulents to get them off the ground and hopefully out of the reach of slugs

and snails that have made a right mess of some of my plants.

Last weekend I planted 12 cloves of garlic in one of my polystyrene boxes, watered the newly emerging sweet pea seedlings, picked a bunch of late autumn roses, picked the very last cherry tomatoes and froze a big container of them and admired the salvias putting on their last show of flowers before winter. I also watched an eastern spinebill sipping the nectar from the flowers of the Mexican lily *Beschorneria yuccoides*. The long thin flowers seem made for a bird such as this. This is a tough grey-green strappy leaved plant that is doing very well in my garden. It provides a good foil to the round green leaves of other plants.

Romsey Mechanics Institute



Stage 1 of the RMI Toilet Refurbishment and Expansion Project is now moving ahead. We have both Planning and Building Permits, after some engineering works for new doorways work on the project will begin. We will attempt to work around our regular users but there may be some interruption to their activities.

The Cowboys and Angels Dance Academy are off to Tamworth for the Australian Country Dance

Championships. In the past this group has performed extremely well winning the Mayworth Trophy on numerous occasions. We wish them all the best for the 2021 competitions.

Gita style Hatha Yoga; Classes are now running and incorporate physical postures, breathing, relaxation and meditation aimed at bringing your mind, body and soul back into alignment. The class is suitable for all ages, bodies and fitness levels and is easily customisable to suit your individual needs. **Contact** Camille at In Symmetry (next door) for further information on (03) 5429 3610 or camille@insymmetry.com.au B.Y.O yoga mat **Class time** 6.45-7:45pm Tuesdays

We would like to welcome the **Romsey Artists Group.** This group of local artists will be based in the Supper Room and will meet on Tuesday mornings.

Our **Antiques and Collectables Fair;** Saturday March 20th saw just under 300 people through the door. This was our first major event since the arrival of Covid-19. If we continue to keep the virus under control the RMI will host other events throughout the year. Thanks to all who visited, to our stall holders, the CWA and the organising committee.

The CoM is eager to speak with any community groups who might like to discuss planning and running **Film Afternoons or Nights.** Our newly installed Audio-Visual equipment is ready and waiting and community groups will be able to use this equipment to help raise both funds and their profile within the town.

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

Our Romsey Branch participates in various community activities, and we welcome new members. Come and join

us! Membership is very affordable.

We would like to welcome two new members, Cynthia and Maureen to our branch. We hope you enjoy our little group.

The RMI antiques day was again another success. With lots of customers visiting for our Devonshire teas and sandwiches.

Our Central Highlands Group Creative Arts Exhibition was held on the 15th and 16th April. The Romsey branch was well represented. Congratulations to those who won prizes.

1st May we will be holding our Mother's Day stall outside the Romsey IGA. Please come along to see the many items we will have for sale.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 5th May in the supper room of the RMI

hall. We would love to see new faces.

This month's recipe is –

EASY OATMEAL SLICE

Ingredients:

125 gms butter, melted.
1 cup coconut,
2 cups of 1 minute oats,
½ cup sugar,
1 lever tbsls plain flour.

Method:

Mix well together and press into a 18cm x 28cm greased slice tin and cook until golden brown at 150 C, Cut into squares while hot.

For any further information please call:

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Romsey - Lancefield Probus

Welcome to Friendship

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 27th May, 2021 at 10am. St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey.

On this day 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.

The Guest Speaker at our meeting on 24th June, will be Faye Woodhouse, Author.

Trips: May 16th-21st, 2021. A 6-day Coach Tour to Mildura and Broken Hill
Please contact Shirley Lewandowski on 0425 700 693 for further information.

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Visit our WEB-Site: www.rlprobud.org.au



Romsey Region Business & Tourism Association (RRBATA)

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The benefits of the Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association. Be a part of it!

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".

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.

RRBATA Update

Romsey Lancefield businesses and the Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival

Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Autumn Festival - to encourage a "spread" of visitors across the Shire - gave free Autumn Festival branding to businesses, to use to decorate shopfronts and digitally market their products. RRBATA committee delivered materials to as many businesses as possible.



Romsey and Lancefield were exemplars of the Autumn Festival spirit. Many shopfronts decorated in Autumn-themed decals and posters.



MRSC's eastern corridor can be proud of its 'Visit Macedon Ranges' events calendar during the Festival. It included the "Romsey Progressive Dinner-Poetry in Motion" and the Historical Society's "History Tea at Seymour Cottage".

MRSC is planning for "bigger and better" next year!

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From Your Councillors

Dear Resident,

A new Chief Executive Officer appointed! Mr Bernie O'Sullivan has accepted the position of CEO, commencing May 10th. Bernie comes to us from the City of Greater Bendigo where he is the Director Strategy and Growth. Bernie also has an affinity with Macedon Ranges, growing up on a large farming property at Pastoria and attending school in Kyneton before embarking on an impressive career path. We also acknowledge the input of Acting CEO John Nevins since late last year.

As COVID restrictions ease, the Shire's Service Centre opening hours are increasing. Woodend and Romsey will be 9am-2pm Mon – Fri, with Kyneton and Gisborne 9am-4pm Mon-Fri. Seeking to provide additional support to the community, in the coming months Council will also be trialling a web-chat function via Council's website [mrsc.vic.gov.au](https://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au) (<https://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au>).

Disability Parking Permits are changing. Council has now transitioned to the new State-wide Accessible Parking Permit (APP) Scheme, an online system. Residents who require a new permit, or need to renew or replace a permit, will need to apply via this new application process. All existing Council permits will remain valid until they expire.

We recently attended the 'New Residents' event at Lancefield. A particularly good afternoon spent discussing issues with both old and new community members. A similar event was also held in Romsey on April 18th.

Rest assured we are working for 'a better deal' for East Ward

during current Budget discussions. An item of particular interest is funding to repair/replace the picket fencing in Main Road, Riddells Creek. There are quite a few other requests on the table.

After last month's article, we received many inquiries seeking further information on the Shire's recycling woes. Basically, we are experiencing about a 16.9% contamination rate in our co-mingled recycling. Since the introduction of the four-bin system, recycling contamination rates have been reported as high as 30%. As the contamination rate in a truck goes up, so to does the cost to process the recycled materials and then dispose of the contaminants. If the contamination rate goes too high, the whole load goes to landfill and this costs more than double the clean recycling charge. Most of the contamination is non-recyclable plastic, composite packaging materials and plastic bags (recycling being put inside the bins in plastic bags). In February 2020, Council rolled out its fortnightly garbage and weekly FOGO service to approximately three quarters of the residents. The result has been a 32% decrease in household general waste. Further reductions are anticipated as the service is rolled out to the remaining areas of the Shire in July 2021.

Till next time.

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Plans for a major sports and recreation hub in New Gisborne have received a further boost thanks to support from the Andrews Labor Government's Growing Suburbs Fund.

Local Government Minister Shaun Leane has announced Macedon Ranges Shire Council will receive \$3.2 million from the Growing Suburbs Fund, which helps Melbourne's rapidly developing interface and peri-urban councils deliver high-quality facilities for their communities.

The funding will help deliver the first stage of the Macedon Ranges Regional Sports Precinct, including gardens, a wetland, an outdoor gym, barbecue areas, a play space and a walking,

cycling and fitness track.

A \$41 million development, the sports precinct has previously received \$11.6 million from the Victorian Government towards an indoor sports arena, new turf and synthetic sports fields, tennis and netball courts.

This is the first time Macedon Ranges has received Growing Suburbs Fund support, after the popular and successful fund was expanded to peri-urban councils last year.

Since its establishment in 2015 the Growing Suburbs Fund has facilitated \$913.2 million in local infrastructure, created more than 8,880 jobs and supported 253 projects across

Melbourne's fastest growing areas.

For more information on the Growing Suburbs Fund and other local government grants programs, visit www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au

Quotes attributable to Minister for Local Government Shaun Leane

"Every Growing Suburbs Fund project we support helps deliver vital facilities, creates jobs and makes a real difference for our fastest-growing communities."

"I'm really pleased to be able to announce the first ever Growing Suburbs Fund project in Macedon Ranges and I can't wait to see the Sports Precinct open for everyone to enjoy."

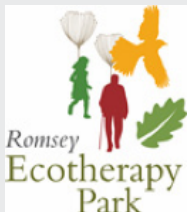
Quotes attributable to Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas

"I'm delighted the Victorian Government has continued its support for our thriving community with yet more significant support for the fantastic sports precinct project."

"We know the Macedon Ranges is a great place to live, and the Regional Sports Precinct will make it an even better one – this investment will be great for families, children and everyone in our community."



**Romsey
Ecotherapy
Park Inc (REP)
Update**



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Fundraising Campaign success!

Romsey Ecotherapy Park Inc (REP) is proud to announce that (at the time of writing) \$111,000 has been raised in the "Art in the Park – a legacy that matters" campaign. There has been amazing generosity from members of the Romsey region community and beyond to support the nature-inspired art elements to be included in the Romsey Ecotherapy Park.



REP is grateful for the support of the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) with a partnership for tax effective fundraising through a Not-for-Profit Fundraising Account. That means that donations made were tax deductible.

Hopefully, the success of REP's campaign will inspire other community groups with "big project plans" to not be frightened of embarking on ambitious fundraising campaigns!

Stage 2 Update

The Stage 2 tender process is now underway with Stage 2 construction anticipated to commence in July this year. REP is represented on the Project Reference Group along with representatives from Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Regional Development Victoria and the landscape architects.

For more information OR to make your tax deductible gift:

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Have Your Say About the Management of Council's Rural Roadsides

From 26 April to 7 June, Council is seeking community feedback about a draft Roadside Conservation Management Plan, and Council's program of roadside slashing for fire mitigation.

The draft Roadside Conservation Management Plan sets out a series of actions aimed at protecting the conservation values of the shire's rural roadsides while managing fire risk and maintaining road safety.

Key actions include a new Environmental Works on Roadsides permit system, improved training, processes and information for Council staff, and a community education program to help residents understand the value and management of roadsides.

The draft plan identifies that Council's slashing program is an important part of roadside management, playing a critical role in fire mitigation across the shire. The program aims to minimise the risk of fires starting from motor vehicle collisions or cars stopping on the side of roads.

Your feedback is important. How to have your say - 26 April to 7 June

To have your say about the draft Roadside Conservation Management Plan, and the roads listed in Council's annual slashing program, you can:

- View copies of the draft Plan at Council's Customer Service Centres in Kyneton, Woodend, Gisborne and Romsey, or access the plan online at mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay
- Provide a written submission or fill in the online survey.
- Contact us at environment@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Fast facts: Draft Roadside Conservation Management Plan

- Council manages approximately 1,700km of

roadsides for multiple outcomes – for protection and enhancement of biodiversity and habitat, to manage fire risks, and to ensure vehicle access and public safety.

Native vegetation found on the roadsides is highly significant. It provides essential landscape connectivity and is often critical habitat for threatened flora and fauna.

The draft Roadside Conservation Management Plan aims to protect these important ecological values within the road reserve whilst ensuring appropriate fire risk mitigation and maintenance of road safety.

Roadside management is inevitably complex, however with careful consideration and planning, practices like woody weed control can help meet multiple goals such as fuel reduction and biodiversity protection.

Key actions in the plan include, a new permit system for landholders and community groups to use in order to undertake work on roadsides, improved training, processes and information for Council staff, and a community education program to help residents understand the value and management of roadsides.

Fast Facts: Council's Roadside Slashing Program

- The roads we slash are targeted to high use roads, bus routes, main roads, and those roads that provide egress in the event of an emergency.
- We currently treat approximately 900km of roads under the fire prevention program which includes a range of other fire mitigation actions relating to township hazards and ensuring fire risk on private properties managed appropriately.
- Council's roadside slashing program is an important fire mitigation action under the Municipal Fire Management Plan.
- Roadsides that are slashed for fire prevention are done so in consultation with local CFA brigades and are primarily for the purpose of trying to prevent a fire from starting due to a motor vehicle collision or from the hot exhaust of a car pulling over on the side of the road.

Disability Parking Permits are Changing

Council has transitioned to the new state-wide Accessible Parking Permit (APP) Scheme and online system.

Residents and organisations who require a new permit, or need to renew or replace a permit, will need to apply via this new application process.

All existing Macedon Ranges Shire Council permits will remain valid until they expire, but old application forms will no longer be accepted.

The new APP Scheme will streamline the application process, making it easier, simpler and consistent across the state.

Three different parking permits are issued under the new APP Scheme:

- An Australian Disability Parking (ADP) Permit - formerly the Category 1 Blue disabled permit.
- A Double Time (DT) Permit - formerly the Category 2 Green Permit.
- An ADP Organisation Permit – formerly Blue organisation permit.

To apply for a permit or renew an existing permit, applicants should:

1. Start an application online at accessibleparking.vic.gov.au
2. The applicant will receive an application reference number via SMS
3. Applicant then takes reference number to their GP or occupational therapist
4. GP or occupational therapist will complete an online assessment and submit the application
5. Local council will review the application
6. If an application is successful, the applicant will receive their permit in the mail.

For more information on the changes to disability parking visit vicroads.vic.gov.au/app, Council's website at mrsc.vic.gov.au/accessible-parking or contact Council's customer service team on (03) 5422 0333.

Cool Changes Romsey and Lancefield – a Date for Creating a Plan

Thank you for your feedback so far! Ideas for local action on climate change have been gathered over the past couple of months at two conversation stalls and an online platform.

A workshop to draw ideas together into a community action plan will be held on the evening of Thursday 27 May. Come along to the workshop to further explore ideas and help guide your community towards a more sustainable future. Details will be posted on council's website at https://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/Live-Work/Environment/Climate-Change/Cool-Changes#section-2.

In the meantime, make sure to share your ideas for local action on the project platform by 16 May, at https://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/About-Council/News/Have-Your-Say/Cool-Changes-Romsey-and-Lancefield

For further information about the project, contact Silvana Predebon at spredebon@mrsc.vic.gov.au or phone 5422 0333.

Annual Street-Tree Planting Begins

200 new trees will be planted on nature strips in Romsey in the coming months as part of Council's annual tree planting program.

The 2021 street-tree planting program will run between May and September, the optimal time to give the trees the best chance of survival, and will see 200 trees added.

The Macedon Ranges is renowned for its tree-lined streets and avenues which form an integral part of the Shire's appeal. We're fortunate to have a variety of microclimates across the Shire, with varying rainfall and temperature, which allow for a diverse range of trees to be grown.

The benefits of street-trees include shade for pedestrians, increased property values, noise and pollution absorption,

improved mental health and reduced rainfall runoff.

This year, street-tree planting is focused in Romsey, and affected residents will be notified of works via a letter. Council has a shire-wide strategy for planting but by focusing our planting locations each year we are able to ensure the best cost efficiency.

Trees are purchased from local nurseries and Council staff ensure the new plantings are well looked after, watering regularly during the warmer months for the first two years to ensure that they mature into healthy and structurally sound trees. Most trees are then self-sufficient after two years.

Council selects trees under our "Right tree, right place" guiding principle; that is, select the species most suited to the location. You can find Council's Preferred Tree Species list at mrsc.vic.gov.au

Join in With a Community Focused Art Project

The following community focused art projects are funded by Council's COVID Creative & Cultural Support Program which aims to increase engagement in arts and culture.

Lighten Your Carbon Footprint

Join local artist Jo Mott to help make 100 'how to lighten your carbon footprint' artworks for across the Shire.

Jo shall lead participants in this free workshop to plan and then hand-draw footprint-shaped artworks depicting images and text informing us of everyday actions and tips to help lighten our carbon footprint, both locally and globally.

Workshops are open to all members of the community, both individuals and families of varied abilities and ages.

The artworks will be launched on World Environment Day, 5 June 2021.

Saturday 1 May, 1-3pm at Kyneton Mechanics Institute Hall
Saturday 8 May 1-3pm, at Gisborne Mechanics Institute

Connecting Communities Game – Macedon Ranges

We want your help to create a board game of the Macedon Ranges! Join artist Jenni Ivins as we discover what people love about living, working or studying in the Macedon Ranges.

This online project initiates conversations through Facebook group 'Connecting Communities' and creates artwork to make the board game. A great opportunity to be part of an important project that documents life in the Macedon Ranges in 2021.

Project runs from April to June 2021. Check out the [Connecting Communities](https://www.facebook.com/connectingcommunities) Facebook page for more information.

Sing Park Sing – Pop Up Choir

Join hosts Andrew Price, Elly McKinnon and Tara Flinn in a series of outdoor 'pop up' style public singing events. Taking place in Riddells Creek, Woodend and Kyneton. Sing Park Sing encourages people of all ages and abilities to come together, in the beautiful public spaces of the Macedon Ranges for feel-good singing experiences. Get involved and experience the joy and elation of singing in a choir.

Sunday 23 May, 2pm to 3.30pm, Woodend Children's Park
Sunday 6 June, 2pm to 3.30pm, Kyneton Mechanics Institute Reserve



For more information: mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts-events.

Getting FIT Outdoors in the Macedon Ranges

Through the Healthy Heart of Victoria initiative, Council has been delivering programs and facilities supporting people of all ages and abilities to use existing outdoor exercise equipment and open spaces—it's called the Free Inclusive Training Project (FIT).

Council's Fitness Instructors have worked with physiotherapists at Sunbury-Cobaw Community Health and Benetas-Macedon Ranges Health to put together targeted programs, specifically based on the equipment and space available at each of the outdoor exercise stations located at Gisborne, Romsey, Woodend and Kyneton.

Online resources are available on Council's website, including downloadable exercise programs as well as YouTube videos instructing community members of all ages, abilities and levels of fitness, on how to correctly use the equipment.

Signage installed at each exercise station location includes QR codes offering an additional way for users to access these online programs.

Whether you are at beginner, intermediate or advanced level, you will find a program to suit.

For further information and to view the programs visit: mrsc.vic.gov.au/FIT

Museum UNDONE

A playful encounter with the Kyneton Museum collection, engaging with history and its gaps, as part performance, part exhibition.

Created by cross disciplinary artists and Metanoia Theatre, the work is an immersive choose-your-own journey through collective possibilities for an imagined future.

Museum UNDONE asks us to consider what the impact of the past is on the present? What are the stories we tell about ourselves? How do we want to be remembered in the future when we are history?

Venue: Kyneton Museum

When: every Friday, Saturday & Sunday evenings in June.

Check the website for details: mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts-events



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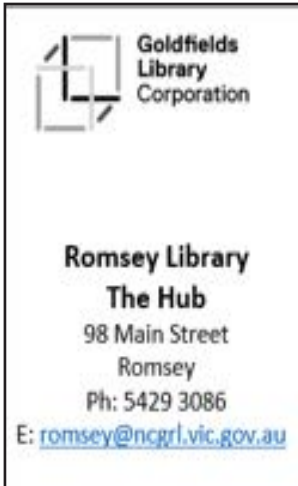
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Library News

Tuesday 18th May - Author Talk with Kirsty Manning



We're very excited to be hosting Australian author, Kirsty Manning for our first face-to-face adult program since 2019! Please join us on Tuesday 18 May at 11am to hear Kirsty talk about her new book, *The French Gift*.

The story is one of female friendship, longing and sacrifice through war and loss, bringing together the past and the present.

Romsey Library has copies available for borrowing. Please reserve a copy through our online catalogue: www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/catalogue, pop into the library or call us on 54293086 so we can reserve one for you!

Red Door Books of Lancefield will be selling copies of *The French Gift* at our author event, why not get one signed by Kirsty herself?!

**Other titles by Kirsty Manning: *The Midsummer Garden*, *The Jade Lily*, *The Lost Jewels*



How to get the Service Vic app for easy contact tracing in the Library

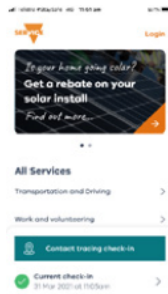
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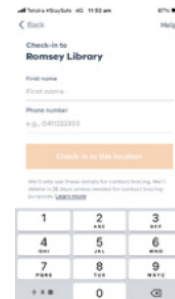
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Book Review by Karen

The Dictionary of Lost Words by Pip Williams

Winner of the Indie Book of the Year Award

In 1901, the word 'Bondmaid' was discovered missing from the Oxford English Dictionary. This is the story of the girl who stole it.

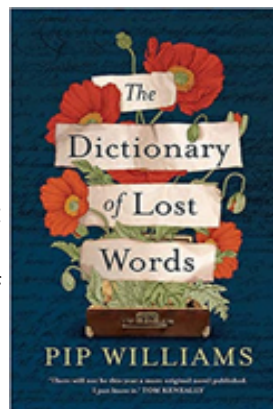
Set in a time where the world is dominated by men, Esme is fascinated by the words of women, the words that are not included in the early editions of the dictionary.

Motherless Esme is guided through life by an assortment of women from many walks of life.

A story of single parenthood, the suffrage movement, World War 1, and the bias towards the language of women and the lower classes.

I have never given much thought to how the dictionary came to be and found this not only to be a beautiful story about love, life, and friendships but also a story so full of history.

****Highly recommended read.**



Diary Dates for May

4	May the Fourth Be with You!
9	Mother's Day
22	National Simultaneous Storytime
17 – 23	Library and Information Week: Adventures in Time and Space
20 – 26	National Volunteer Week
26	National Sorry Day
27	Reconciliation Week (until 3 June)

Romsey / Lancefield Senior Citizens

MAY 2021



Unfortunately, we had to cancel our April bus trip but hopefully we will get a full bus for our trip in May. It is great to once again be able to take part in our monthly Bus Trips.

Our May Bus Trip will be to Castlemaine to visit the Mill and Michel's Fine Biscuits. Lunch is included in the \$40 price.

The Mill started as a woollen mill in 1875, then Victoria Carpets and now a place for food and artisan manufacturing. It offers food, art and vintage goods.

Michel's Fine Biscuits is an Australian owned and operated small business making freshly baked home-made biscuits. A yummy treat for everyone.

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.** Last month we had a lovely roast meal provided by Old Mates Café. We will be having this again on **Monday 9th of May** in our meeting room at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute. Join us for this beautiful meal, roast, veggies and dessert all for \$10.

Hope to see you soon.



THEATRE OPEN FOR LOTS OF LAUGHS THIS MONTH!



After 15 months with an empty auditorium, our first production for 2021 finally opens on 14 May!

Too Many Crooks, is an hilarious radio play set in the 1940's in the traditional BBC manner. The play consists of 7 actors taking on multiple voice over roles in front of microphones, a couple of sound effects ladies working on stage, fabulous audio effects and a very funny story about some totally inept crooks who just can't get it right! Great characters, brilliant accents and a wonderful way to snuggle in and forget about the worries of our current world, even for a short time.

We look forward to welcoming you back into the Mountview Theatre for a unique, step back in time experience.

Book your tickets at www.themountplayers.com or call 5426 1892 for assistance.

See you at the theatre ...at last!

By Karen Hunt

Photo by Karlana Karsarik

Actors – (L to R) Chris Davis (as Sid), Tony Garvey (as Whisper), David Runnalls (as Snowdrop) and Daniel Keohan (as Fingers)



PUBLIC HOLIDAYS & OBSERVATIONS

Monday 14th June Queens Birthday

Subject to AFL schedule Friday before AFL Grand Final

Tuesday 2nd November Melbourne Cup

Saturday 25th December Christmas Day

Sunday 26th December Boxing Day

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Term 2 19th April - 25th June

Term 3 12th July - 12th September

Term 4 4th October - 17th December

G'day. Leftover slices of leg of lamb are made for sandwiches. But of course they have 101 other tasty uses.

One is to lay them out cold on a plate and pour a sauce of Tuna and Greek Yoghurt over them, with a small handful of mashed potatoes into which you've mixed finely chopped red onion and garlic slivers.

The Italians have a centuries old recipe, Vitello tonnato (Veal and tuna with cream), from which I've pinched the thought, after adapting the recipe to suit my immediate ingredients. And those ingredients are these:-

- Sliced cold leftover leg of lamb;
- finely chopped raw red onion and as much garlic as suits your palate;
- mashed potato into which you stir the onion and garlic;
- 1 large can of tuna in olive oil (I use Sirena tuna, not because I have an economic affiliation, it's simply that I like its taste); a tub of Greek style natural Yoghurt.

Empty the can of tuna, oil and all, into a blender with about the same quantity of Yoghurt, or slightly less. Puree it. Pour the tuna/yoghurt puree over slices of lamb, decorate with a

handful of mashed potato (preferably in the middle of the plate with a few raw baby spinach leaves for colour), serve and enjoy.

I have tried various additions to the sauce, but none have made it any better than my original simple tuna in olive oil with the Greek yoghurt. (The Italians use cream.) But what you serve it on or with is up to you. Personally, I like to keep it simple.



Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs

This year the Zonta Club of Kyneton has made this award to Molly Consiglio of Sacred Heart College, Kyneton. Molly was presented with the award at the Zonta Club of Kyneton's Monthly dinner meeting.

The goal of the Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award Program is to encourage young women to participate in public. 'Public affairs' refers to all aspects of community life where decisions have to be made about issues which relate to and affect those communities in which people work and live.

Molly demonstrated her commitment to the criteria in many ways. In the area of leadership, she commented that apart from holding positions of Junior College Captain and Cricket Captain she also had the "opportunity to work with others who shared the passion I have for each area of leadership" she was appointed to.



As an active and enthusiastic volunteer, Molly states, 'volunteering has been part of my life'. She is on the committee for a non-profit charity Camp4Cancer and as part of that was involved in raising over \$50,000 for the Peter McCallum Hospital and Cancer Research.

Molly also wrote with empathy about the circumstances many people in and without Australia live. Her experience with Mercy@ work, an organisation assisting those in need, she states that 'I am able to see more clearly the hardship, sacrifice and losses other countries endure each day'.

She acknowledged her opportunity to assist through her sporting involvement, helping young women and girls become active members in clubs and advocating for change to allow this to eventuate.

The Zonta Club of Kyneton commends Molly as a worthy winner and her application will move on to our District 23 YWPA award and potentially to the Zonta International YWPA award.

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

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In mid March one of the large, old trees dropped a huge branch. The club was concerned that this had unbalanced the tree and that a large branch extending onto the 5th fairway & towards the 5th green might also come down. After discussions with DELWP (Romsey Park is Crown Land) and the Shire it was decided that the shire would review the tree to trim branches and lighten the load on the larger branches. Our thanks to Dean Frank and the team from MRSC.

2021 Algie Mitchell Shield (1st played in 1970) All rounds are completed. The quarter & semi finals were generally close matches leading to the final between current club champion, Mick Squire and past captain Scott Williams. The final, played in perfect conditions, was a very tight tussle with Mick coming out on top down the 19th.

Greens' Works Two of our greens have been invaded by couch grass. This couch must be attended to before we scarify the greens or we will just cut it up and spread it more widely. On Mar 29th seven members worked with forks to lift the couch then small brushes to paint on a herbicide; very slow work. We scarified, seeded, fertilised and top dressed all greens on April 13th. Great efforts by our volunteer work force.

Men's Pennant began on Sun Mar 21st at Trentham G. C. Unfortunately that round was washed out. The 2nd round was played on Mar 27th at Mt Macedon G. C. RGC registered a good win, 4/3 against the home team. The 3rd round, April 11th was at Romsey. RGC took on Kilmore. Conditions were tough - drizzle, gusting NW winds and just 10C when play began. RGC recorded a strong 4.5/2.5 win.

The 28th Romsey Challenge Bowl, held on Thurs Apr 8th saw 51 players from Dalhousie District and surrounding clubs tee off. The day was almost perfect and everyone was impressed by the steady improvements across the course

and Romsey Park. The Woodend team came out winners with 104 pts. RGC would like to thank T. J, Scott & Sons who again sponsored the event.

Kelly Scott with 2021 Bowl winners Cheryl Garner, Cheryl Payne & Veronica Sullivan



As our course improves word gets around and more players turn up for a hit. The club spends a great deal of time and money to maintain and improve the course and Romsey Park; it would be great if all visitors **paid the very reasonable \$10 for all day golf**. This can be done online; <https://www.romseygolfclub.net> "BOOK NOW" button or at the Green Fees box on the 1st tee.

For detailed reports on all results; <http://www.romseygolfclub.net/results/2021/>

Romsey Mens Shed Working on Friendships



From the recent Grand Opening of the new Romsey Mens Shed





The Mikado



*The Romsey Uniting Church
invites you to join us for an afternoon of
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from Gilbert & Sullivan's
'The Mikado'*

*performed by the Singularity Choir
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Name and phone number must be supplied. QR Code Registration required on entry.





Because of the Covid-19 restrictions seats must be booked before the event.

Payment is required to reserve your seat. We have restricted seating capacity so book early.

A light afternoon tea will be provided.

CHECK YOUR HEATERS TO AVOID FIRE RISK

As the cooler weather approaches, here are some precautions that you can take to prevent the potential for your heating to cause a fire.

-  To avoid carbon monoxide poisoning and reduce the risk of fire, make sure you have your gas heater serviced by a professional at least every 2 years.
-  Make sure your wood fired heating is free of build-up and obstructions and have your chimney cleaned annually.
-  ALWAYS make sure you turn heaters off before leaving home or going to bed and never leave portable heaters unattended.
-  Interconnected smoke alarms, located in all living and sleeping areas of the home, can save lives in the event of a fire.



SUNBURY COBAW COMMUNITY HEALTH

Rainbow Pride

Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health is encouraging local businesses to display the rainbow flag in the lead up to this month's International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia and Transphobia or 'IDAHOBIT'. It is hoped that the Macedon Ranges will join thousands of organisations, schools and individuals across the country in a display of colour to celebrate the LGBTIQ+ community.

An official flag-raising ceremony will be held at the Kyneton Town Hall on Monday 17 May at 12pm with flags also being raised at Council buildings in Woodend and Gisborne.

"After being forced to hold last year's flag-raising ceremony online," says Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health's Jeremy Hearne, "We are thrilled to be able to mark this important day together in person and we encourage all community members to join us."

Hosted in conjunction with Macedon Ranges Shire Council, the event which has been held locally for the past five years, aims to raise awareness of the discrimination LGBTIQ+ people still face. As well as taking part in the flag-raising event, everyone is encouraged to proudly display the rainbow colours in whatever way they can and send in their photos which will be shared online.

Send your rainbow photos to healthpromotion@scchc.org.au. If you need a flag to display at your business, contact 5421 1666.

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PASTOR'S PARABLES

A Mother's Love



As Mothers we know that love cannot be forced: it must be freely given – we fool ourselves if we think otherwise. We may want our husbands or children to love us, but we cannot win that person's love by force. Even if we demanded love at gun point, our families might go through the motions of showing it but only out of fear – in their hearts they would despise us.

1 Corinthians 13:4-6 defines how a Mother's love will be successful in ministering to her family: **"⁴Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud, ⁵never haughty or selfish or rude. Love does not demand its own way. It is not irritable**

or touchy. It does not hold grudges and will hardly even notice when others do it wrong. **"It is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out. – This is God's love."**

AS we apply God's love in our families, there will be a resilience, a strength, a bonding, that will outlast and go through any and many trials in life.

One of the primary goals of Christianity is guiding people to receive salvation and come to love the Lord, but if we think we can achieve this noble aim through legal action, coercive bullying or nagging, we fool ourselves. Christ has shown us the way by living the example of godly love. People flocked to him seeking forgiveness, compassion, grace and love. Jesus never needed to force himself on anyone. He showed them that through God's love they would be able to withstand everything that our enemy can throw at us.

This Mother's Day perhaps we can evaluate where our families are truly at. What is your family's condition? If you would like to know HOW TO apply God's love and see your relationship ties strengthened, we would love to introduce you to Jesus, who is the 'the' way; 'the' truth; and 'the' life.

May every Mother have an awesome Mother's Day and be instrumental in keeping her family TOGETHER through living in God's love.



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Sunday Services:

Regular weekly Church Services:

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

Introducing our Locum: Rev Mathew Browne has joined our Parish. He will be with us for several months. Matthew will be leading us through the Book of Revelation in his Sermons.

St Paul's Romsey Op Shop is open

Friday	12.30 - 4.30pm
Saturday	10am - 1pm

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, mattresses or furniture - the Op Shop cannot sell them. Owing to Covid-19 regulations the op shop cannot accept toys. Please do not leave items e.g., furniture inside or outside the front brick fence. These are heavy for Op Shop staff to carry, and weather conditions make items unusable.

MACEDON RANGES UNITING CHURCH PARTNERSHIP CONTACTS

Ministers: Pastor Annette Buckley Ph. 5429 5351 or 0457 608 539
Rev. Linda Young is leaving the Partnership during May to take up Doctoral Studies. A Supply Minister is being sought.

Website: www.macedonrangesunitingchurch.org.au

Russian Morning Prayer

Lord, let me accept calmly all this day might bring me, and let me devote myself completely to your sacred will.

Direct me and help me each hour of this day.

Control my thoughts and feelings in all my deeds and words.

When unpredictable circumstances arise, do not let me forget that everything comes from you.

Teach me to be just towards my brothers and sisters, never to provoke wrath or cause sorrow.

Control my will and teach me to pray, to believe, to hope, to suffer, to forgive and to love.

Holy Spirit, help me to dedicate this day to my Lord and Saviour.

Lord Jesus, Son of God, it is better not to live than to live without you.

I thank you, God, for the gift of this day and for all the good deeds that you will help me do today.

Help me to reject anything that does not belong to you, and all that does belong to you to accept with devout faith, hope and love.

Give me courage to serve you worthily, to place justice above profit.

Let the light of your beauty, goodness and love shine in my soul.

Amen.

Philaret, Metropolitan of Moscow, Russia.

Advance Notice:

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 & Sullivan's **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

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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

For funeral arrangements, please contact Fr. Martin on 5427 2690 or email at woodend@cam.org.au



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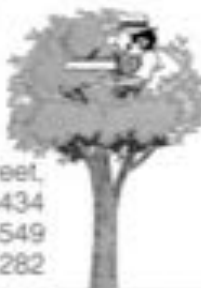
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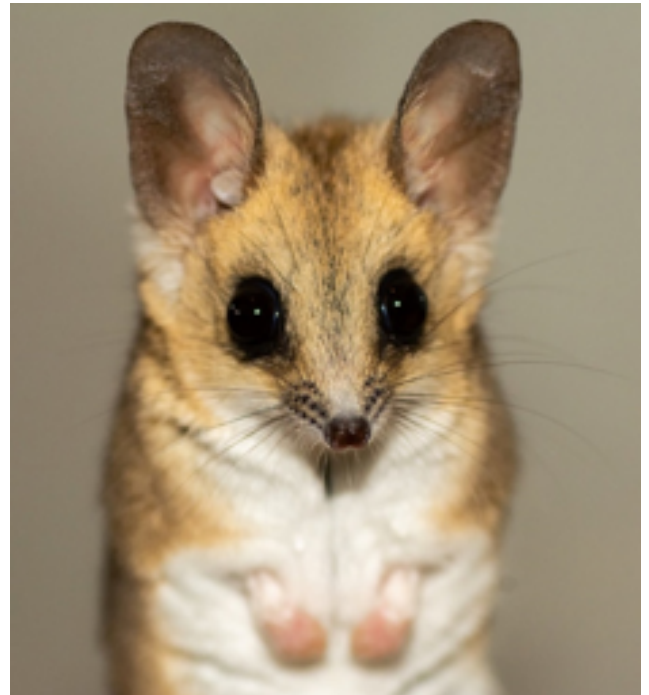
Covering Lancefield, Romsey and Monageeta Districts

Australia hosts all 19 species of Dunnart (*Sminthopsis*) – a group of small, mouse-sized carnivorous marsupials that belong to the same family (*Dasyuridae*) as the iconic quolls and Tasmanian Devils. We have two of these in the Macedon Ranges – the Common Dunnart and the Fat-tailed Dunnart. Unfortunately the name “Common Dunnart” is something of a misnomer – the species is rare in Victoria, and in the Macedon Ranges. The first recorded sighting of a live animal in nearly 30 years was made in remnant forest at Goldie near Mount William in 2018. Its Victorian conservation status is “Vulnerable” and the Fat-tailed Dunnart is listed as “Near Threatened” and is only found west of the Hume Highway. Common Dunnarts have large rounded ears and eyes and have a thin tail. Males weigh up to 40 grams with females weighing up to 25 grams. Like antechinus it is easy to see why they are sometimes mistaken for mice. Unlike rodents, which have claws (nails) on all digits, antechinus and dunnarts have no nails on the big toe of their hind feet. Also, their teeth are ‘cat-like’, with no prominent front incisors.

Common Dunnarts prefer dry forests, especially along ridge lines, predominately with an open mid storey and ground layer dominated by tussock grasses. The presence of logs and rocks is very important as they provide habitat for this species.

They are a nocturnal insectivore whose diet consists mainly of beetles, cricket larvae, cockroaches and spiders. During the day it sleeps in an undercover nest or shallow burrow. The breeding season has been recorded from August/September to late March, during which time the males can become aggressive. Females attract a mate by making a series of ‘chit’ calls. The gestation period is approximately 12 days and the young can be weaned after 60 days. Females are able to have two litters per year producing up to 20 young. Young dunnarts reach full adult size at 150 days and it is believed that most males can only survive one breeding season before they die.

Fat-tailed Dunnarts occupy a variety of open habitats, including open woodland. They are also found living in areas of agricultural land such as unimproved pasture, old hay sheds, amongst rock piles and old logs. Cracking clay soils such as those found on the volcanic plain in Western Victoria provide suitable habitat where animals can shelter and forage for food. The Fat-tailed Dunnart is also nocturnal, only weighs 10 to 20 grams and mainly feeds on small invertebrates such as beetles, spiders, slaters, worms and slugs. Body fat is stored in the tail when food is plentiful, giving the tail a swollen appearance. This helps the individual to survive when food is in short supply. The tail generally appears thinner in



winter when food is scarcer. If food is very scarce, usually in the cooler months, both species of dunnarts have the ability to become torpid, which results in temporary hibernation where the body temperature drops below 15 degrees Celsius. This is believed to be a technique which aids their survival in unfavourable conditions.

The threats facing Dunnarts are common to most of Australia’s small mammals. Loss of habitat - impacting on shelter and food provided by rocks, logs, tussocks, ground cover and crevices and predation by feral animals such as cats and foxes. Inappropriate fire regimes, that is, fires that are too frequent, intense and extensive also threaten their survival. It is also possible that people are mistaking dunnarts for mice and are setting traps for them. Unlike their local relatives the Brush-tailed Phascogale and antechinus, dunnarts can’t climb trees; everything must be found on the ground, including food, nesting sites and shelter from predators.

In the dry eucalypt forest near Lancefield, the rare Common Dunnart relies on fallen timber, both for protection and as a rich source of food. Removing too much timber from the ground makes their life very difficult, and in many places has likely led to their disappearance.

Annual Landcare membership is \$20 per family. You can follow us on facebook, contact our President, Phil Severs (0476 324 000) or attend our monthly meetings in the Lancefield Mechanics Hall.

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Romsey Primary School

It is hard to believe just how much we have managed to fit into 10 weeks of learning at RPS.

Our new Preps have settled in so well. Throughout this term we have also welcomed more new students into our learning community. This demonstrates what a great feel and sense of community RPS has and how we are growing.

Our building project is full steam ahead and is nearing completion during next term.

We held our own Clean Up Australia Day which was a huge success.

Thanks to Mrs McGuffie & the Wellbeing Team, our 'Bullying No Way' wall mural was created.

We held our Cross-country running events and athletics days for the whole school.

Our SAKG has produced some amazing vegetables and herbs which the students have been able to take home and use in their cooking.

We held our first Prep tour for interested 2022 families and have several more dates available for you to come see our school in action.

We also held our Easter bonnet parade during the last week of term. There were some amazing hat creations.

Bullying No Way!

Friday 19th March was the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. RPS's major and exciting activity was our 'Bullying No Way!' wall art mural. This wall is situated on the brick wall facing the staff carpark. Our Art Teacher, Mrs McGuffie prepared the wall for our art sessions. During these sessions, all students made a hand print pledge against bullying. On Wednesday 31st March, parents, caregivers and members of our community were invited to pledge their hand prints to our 'Bullying No Way!' mural. As a community we will stand as one and have a bright and colourful reminder that bullying is unacceptable at Romsey Primary School. We all enjoyed pledging our hand print to 'Take Action Together.'





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SAVE THE DATE



The Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life is happy to announce the rescheduled date for our 2021 Relay.

We will be holding it on Saturday 9th of October at the Lancefield Park.

Funding from events like Relay For Life helps to sustain support services such as Cancer Council's 13 11 20 information and support line, which directly helped 47 Macedon Ranges residents last year alone. It also includes Cancer Connect – which links those affected by cancer to others who are going through a similar experience. Funds raised also support research into a range of cancers including many of the lesser-known cancers which are less well funded in terms of research.

To join the Lancefield Relay For Life event please phone 1300 65 65 85 or visit relayforlife.org.au.

Romsey Neighbourhood House along with **Lancefield Neighbourhood House** and a host of local community organisations had an Open Day on Sunday 18th April as a "Welcome to Romsey" for new residents in the area.

There was music, good food and stalls representing a wide range of local groups. It was wonderful to see so many locals get together after such a long period.

