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In these times when so many constantly tell us that we should fear our streets, our youth are out of control and governments, Local, State & Federal, are either to blame for everything or are just a drain on our purses it was wonderful to see so many individuals and groups rising to address the problems caused by the recent storm.

Many people posted that they had power and we happy to offer showers to one and all, Soltan'Pepper and others offered free meals to those in need and to the SES & CFA. Also, individuals toured the street offering assistance cutting up trees and clearing debris.

All this shows that our community is far more connected and supportive than we are often lead to believe. We are fortunate to live in this country of ours and this selfless behaviour shows that in times of need we can put self-interest aside to help others who are in greater need.



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# Romsey Mechanics' Institute

**Toilet Extension & Refurbishment:** The crew from Dependable Building Services have been hard at it. The new doorways are cut and doors fitted into the storeroom and from the hall to the women's toilets. Water and power for a new toilet has been connected, with a hole drilled through the 450mm thick bluestone foundations. A few 100+year old stumps were replaced. The existing women's toilets have been replastered and repainted, as has the new all access uni-sex toilet ( a few final things required for it to be "open for business"). Down the track we will seek funds for the existing men's toilets and for a second all access uni-sex toilet at the eastern end.

**Bins:** We have mentioned the speed with which RMI's bins fill – with no space left for our user groups. Something had to be done. Enter local metal worker extraordinaire Darren Phillipson. A quick visit and discussion - the RMI now boasts a lockable cage for our bins. Each user group will have a key. Well done and thanks Darren

**Additional; Power Points:** We've not had the "Thanks But No Thanks" letter regarding the fund application for additional power points in the main hall. We hope for a positive result.

**Hall Lights:** Every now and then one of the four main hall lights dies - it is quite a process to lower and replace the globe. By using LED globes we hope for extended life - and reduced power costs. Thanks to local "sparkie" Colin Bromley who always does a great job down at the RMI.



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Our new bin cage

## Andrew Baddeley Podiatrist at Romsey Medical Ph: 5429 5254

### *Diabetes and your feet*

#### Did you know

- **Foot problems** are very common and often debilitating for people with diabetes.
- Every two hours a person with diabetes has a leg or foot removed from diabetes-related foot disease
- 80% of diabetes-related **amputations** are preventable with proper care from a Podiatrist



#### How does Diabetes affect the feet?

- The nerves in your feet become dull and less able to feel pain over time.
- Your body is less able to push the blood down to your feet.
- Your skin is less able to heal from cuts and scratches.

#### Home Tips:

- Look for broken skin on your feet
- Feel your feet for numbness
- Feel your feet to check they are not too cold or hot
- Moisturise your feet
- Protect your feet with well-fitting shoes

#### When should I seek help?

- A Podiatrist should check your feet **every 12 months**.
- Also see a Podiatrist if:
  - you have broken, hard or rough skin on your feet
  - your feet feel numb
  - your feet feel very cold or very hot

**RANGES**  
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**Coming in for proper treatment is well worth your time.**

# Romsey Police Station

## Hello Romsey,

### Some updated legislation to be aware of regarding the safe overtaking of cyclists by drivers.

Full details can be found on the TAC and/or VicRoads websites but otherwise, please be aware that it is now law that when passing a cyclist, motorists must allow a safe distance of at least 1 metre when in a speed zone up to 60km/h. In a speed zone above 60 km/h a safe distance of at least 1.5 metres must be allowed.

In recent crime news throughout Romsey, a local man was arrested after the discovery of a hydroponic cannabis set-up where 17 plants were seized.

Two offenders committed a burglary at the Romsey IGA, gaining entry with the use of an angle grinder and crowbar, stealing cigarette lighters and an empty till. Shortly after this incident, an attempt was made to force entry to Thrifty-Link hardware, where the offenders broke a glass door but were spooked by a passer-by and fled without gaining entry.

Also, a jet-ski and trailer were stolen from the front yard of a residential property in town and remains outstanding. The jet-ski is black, green and grey on colour with the text JD355 on the side. See below image.

If you have information about these or any other offence, please contact Romsey Police on 5429 5461 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 .





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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 22nd July, 2021 at 10am.**

**St.Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey.**

**The Guest Speaker at this meeting, will be Luke Behnke - Finances for Retirees**

The Romsey-Lancefield Probus Club have 50 members with 35-40 attend our monthly meetings.

**Contact:**

**President/Vice President & Secretary:**  
Tony 0408 536 290

Visit our WEB-Site: [www.rlprobus.org.au](http://www.rlprobus.org.au)

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# Pink Day by Hope Evans

**The Romsey Football Netball Club first hosted a Pink Sports Day 10 years ago and was the brainchild of local community and club member Lindy Skinner.**

From tin rattling in that first year to later hosting a luncheon in a marquee with guest speakers, the event has grown to a popular event that the community look forward to each year.

Recently, the committee has grown to a small but dedicated group of local ladies passionate about the cause, inspired by the support and overwhelming response of women in Romsey and Lancefield.

Pink Day is a joyful yet often sad day giving guests the opportunity to reflect on those they have loved and lost to breast cancer. All money raised from ticket sales goes directly to the Breast Cancer Network Australia. There are also raffles, silent auctions, live auction, a major raffle prize draw and over the years there have been over 10 inspiring people from within

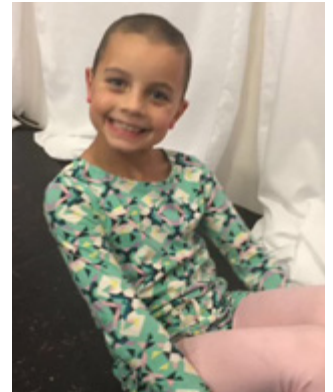
the community offering to shave their heads (or beards) and cut ponytails to raise further funds for the cause.

In 2019, my 7-year-old daughter raised a whopping \$7000 by shaving her head and it is something I am so proud of. She has lived Pink Day her entire life and to understand and empathise with what I do as a committee member is something that really warms my heart.

Over the 10 years hosting this event, The Romsey Football Netball Club have raised a total of \$151,316.05 with the generous and ongoing support of the local Romsey and Lancefield communities and we can't thank all of the businesses and individuals enough.



Current committee members are: Lauren Burlak, Maryanne Blair, Sophie Clement, Hope Evans, Rebecca Wilson & Rachel Whitehead.



2nd Pic- Isla Evans Aged 7. Raised \$7000 shaving her head in 2019

## July in the garden

by **Melanie Kinsey**

**When all the flowers have faded, fallen off or been blackened by frost; its then that foliage colour, form and texture take centre stage.**

A few minutes ago, I stood on my deck and looked out at the garden. At this time of the year, it's the golden leaves of the Euonymus which glow like a ball of sun next to the dark green leaves of the ceanothus in bud – soon to be covered in blue flowers.

The bronzy purple leaves of my Lophomyrtus Black Stallion make a statement against the green conifer next door. The grey-green leaves of the Jerusalem sage stand out from the neighbouring bright green of Salvia 'Hot Lips'.

Chinese Windmill Palm - Trachycarpus Fortunei 45ltr When it comes to texture, the leaves of my Chinese windmill palm Trachycarpus fortunei contrast with the small leaves of surrounding shrubs and the strappy leaves of yuccas and NZ flax the phormiums.



The bare branches of the smokebush contrast beautifully with evergreen shrubs and trees.

Form is the overall shape of a plant. My lophomyrtus has a conical form which contrasts with rounded forms which contrasts with the strappy leaved forms. If I had a clipped rectangular hedge it would contrast with that too.

These are the things you need to think about when buying plants to fill your garden! A garden of green plum puddings isn't half as interesting as a garden full of colour, form and texture. Look beyond the flowers! A garden full of azaleas is gorgeous – for about 4 weeks then it's just green blobs. Look at the leaves – chances are you will be looking at them for a lot longer than you look at the flowers!





## 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](mailto:info@romsey.org.au).

# RRBATA Update

## COVID 19, Wild Storms and Power outages – tough times for local businesses!

Our local businesses have had an incredibly challenging 18 months. After the extended COVID 19 impact in 2020, and lockdowns this year, businesses (especially hospitality and accommodation) had weeks with no Melbourne-based visitors (and there's not much point even thinking about overseas visitors yet!).

Added to this, the recent severe storm resulted in power outages, property damage and further loss of trade. Financial and emotional stress for business owners in our region has been significant.

When you choose to shop elsewhere for goods available locally, don't forget all the sponsorships and donations made by local businesses to our sporting clubs, schools, kinders, community groups etc.

RRBATA urges YOU – our local community - please support our businesses so they can survive and thrive enough to support you (the local community).

**Facebook:** Romsey and Lancefield Region - Business and Living

**Instagram:** Romsey\_Lancefield\_Region

[www.rrbata.com.au](http://www.rrbata.com.au)

### Membership Enquiries:

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When our COMMUNITY supports our LOCAL BUSINESSES, our LOCAL BUSINESSES can support our COMMUNITY.

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER...  
LET'S KEEP IT LOCAL!

# Parent network group

**A group for parents and carers of young people up to the age 25 who identify as LGBTIQ+ is holding its quarterly meeting next month.**

Parents Empowering Rainbow Kids (PERK) is an informal networking group that provides information and support for parents as well as the opportunity to connect. Coordinated by Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health's WayOut program, meetings are held in different locations across the Macedon Ranges according to the preference of group members.



Research has shown that young people with diverse sexuality and gender identities experience higher rates of anxiety, eating disorders, depression, social phobia and suicidal thoughts than their peers.

Having the support from parents and other family members has been found to improve the mental health of young people. Previous PERK group members have reported that connecting with other parents of LGBTIQ+ children has given them the confidence to offer more effective support and a deeper understanding of what their child is going through.

- **The next meeting is on Wednesday 14 July 5.30-7.00pm in Woodend.**

For further information please contact WayOut on 5421 1666 or email [healthpromotion@scchc.org.au](mailto:healthpromotion@scchc.org.au).

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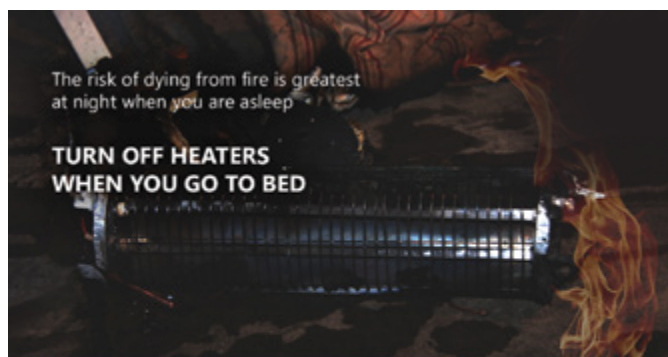
If you're over 50 and would like to improve your physical wellbeing, come along to a session in Woodend or Romsey.

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# Green Thumbs for our Environment

**School children from Romsey, Hesket and Darraweit Guim primary schools have been getting their hands dirty for a good cause.**

The students have been learning about indigenous plants and their importance to our local environment and over the last few weeks the children have been planting hundreds of indigenous trees, shrubs and flowers in their school grounds.



Sam Harrison, Junior Landcare Facilitator from the Upper Deep Creek Landcare Network said "It's great to see so many children learning about our indigenous plants and their importance to our local wildlife."

"We've really enjoyed getting our hands dirty and getting these plants in the ground and we're all really excited to see them grow."

Funding for the planting came from a number of grants; Romsey was the recipient of a CEP Grant from Rob Mitchell's office and Hesket and Darraweit Guim received their funding from Junior Landcare Grants.

Support for the Junior Landcare Facilitator position is provided by the Upper Deep Creek Landcare Network.

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.

Our July meeting on July 12 will include our AGM.



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# Romsey Branch of C.W.A. Inc

**CWA is not just for older women; it is for women of any age wanting to be involved in their local community and also be connected to a world-wide organisation of friendship and community care.**

We have a lot of fun and laughs while being creative and raising funds for community projects. CWA is a volunteer organisation.

Our friendly monthly meeting occurs on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 10.00 am to approx. 12.00 noon. Our fun craft days are on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Both meetings are held in the supper room (side entrance) of the Romsey Mechanics Institute, Main Rd, Romsey. Examples of crafts we do are: knitting, sewing, crochet, cooking, beading, paper-craft.

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

Due to the lockdown our meeting was postponed to the same day as our craft day.

We were also scheduled to attend an Association Day at Kyneton which was also postponed to a later date, to allow Covid restrictions to ease and for people to get themselves and their homes back into order after the storm.

We wish everyone well after the storms and the blackouts we've experienced.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th July in the supper room of the RMI hall. We would love to see new faces.



## C.W.A. 2021 STATE THEMES:

**THEME:** Engage, Support, Challenge.

**Product/Resource:** Grasses – Not just lawn.

**Country of Study:** Indigenous Australia.

**Thanksgiving Fun:** 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.

## This month's recipe

### Easy apricot macaroons

#### Ingredients:

- 100g dried apricots, chopped finely
- 4 cups shredded coconut
- 395g can sweetened condensed milk
- 100g dark chocolate, melted

RECIPE

#### Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180c/160c fan forced.
2. Combine apricot and coconut, and then add condensed milk. Stir until combined.
3. Using damp hands, shape 2 level tablespoons of mixture into balls and place 5cm apart onto trays lined with baking paper.
4. Bake for 15 to 18 mins or until lightly browned.
5. Cool completely on trays, and then dip the base of each macaroon into the melted chocolate, allowing excess chocolate to run off.
6. Return to tray and stand for 30 mins or until set.

For any further information please call:

President: Melva Beer

Secretary: Wendy Foster M: 0409175 667  
or email: cwaromsey@gmail.com

## Romsey/Lancefield Senior Citizens Bendigo Bank Monthly Bus Trips



### HO, HO, HO join us for CHRISTMAS IN JULY.

We will be travelling to Sunbury Bowls Club on Wednesday 7th of July for our Christmas in July lunch. Cost is \$40.

**Depart:** Lancefield Post Office – 11.45am  
Romsey Mechanics Institute – 12pm – out the front.

We meet every Monday at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute for lunch, just \$5 – everyone is more than welcome.

We will be having our roast meal, provided by Old Mates Café, on Monday 21st of July 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. If you are interested in joining us please contact Helen or Rae (for catering numbers).

For further information please contact Helen on 0409 064 303 or Rae on 0408 338 759.

Hope to see you soon.

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July at

# Romsey Library

## School Holiday Program

- Kids' Makerspace: Felt Birds, ages 8+  
Tuesday 6 July, 10:30am
- Catapults & Cross Bows, ages 8-12 years  
Thursday 8 July, 10:30am

Book (required) at <https://goldfieldslibraries.com/romsey-events/>

OR Phone 54293086, or pop into the library and chat to our friendly staff.



## New Women's Program

### • A Curious Circle: Curiosity, Connection & Creativity

Thursday 15 July, 7pm – 8:30pm (monthly if enough interest)

Women - come together to connect and explore your curiosity in a creative way. Each month our creative staff, Trish and Karen, will lead a different activity. Dabble in new arts and crafts, just for fun!

No special skills required. Supper provided.

**Bookings required as places are limited for a relaxed group.**

## Online Events via Zoom

Access regular online events at Goldfields Library via a Zoom link.

To see what's currently available, visit: <https://goldfieldslibraries.com/online-events/>

## Tech Talk: One-to-One IT Help

The Romsey Library has FREE one-to-one IT help sessions. Book for any Wednesday afternoon, other days by arrangement. Recent topics have included:

- Using the Service Victoria app to sign in with QR codes.
- Managing annoying notifications on your Android phone.
- Printing patterns and designs for craft.
- Changing privacy settings in Google and Facebook.
- Learning how to listen to audiobooks on your phone.

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opening hours in February.



# Goldfields Library Corporation

- Practice calling with Zoom and Skype.
- Tips for web browsing and email.
- Saving a family tree from Ancestry.

These sessions are geared to all skill levels, including total beginners.

TO BOOK, drop by the library counter or phone 5429 3086.

## Local Connections Series

Locally we have some fantastic writers. This July we start a semi-regular series shining a spotlight on books and authors with local connections.

**First up:** The Long Shadow, a 2020 psychological thriller by expert psychiatrist Anne Buist, a Macedon Ranges local. The premise is grim and gripping: The outback town of Riley has enough to worry about with a looming hospital closure - then the threats of infanticide begin.



If you're looking for your next page-turner, it's time to peer into... The Long Shadow.

To reserve this title or something else from our collection, see [www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/catalogue](http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/catalogue)

Visit: the library and speak to one of our friendly staff

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# Community Bank Connections

## Team News

On April 29th we farewelled Karen Billingham (Billie) who retired after 16½ years' service with us, predominantly at our Romsey branch. We thank Billie for her enthusiasm and dedication over a very long period of time as part of our wonderful team and wish her all the best as she commences the next exciting stage of her life.

### 2021 Dividend to Shareholders

On May 21, 2021, Suzie Ewart, Chair of Lancefield and Romsey Community Financial Services Limited announced that Shareholders would receive a fully franked dividend of 10 cents per share. This payment comprises a 7 cent per share ordinary dividend, plus a 3 cent per share special dividend in recognition of our Lancefield branch's 20-year anniversary. Payment date is June 18, 2021.

Suzie said, "It is wonderful to give back to those shareholders who begun the vision that is now Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey, as well as being seen as an attractive profitable company." With this payment, total dividends paid to Shareholders by Lancefield and Romsey Community Financial Services Limited will exceed \$818,000.

### 21/2022 Community Investment Program Round 1

We are pleased to announce that applications for our Community Investment Program 2021/22 will open on the 19 July 2021.

Our Community Investment Program (CIP) comprises both grants and sponsorships funding, so all local community and sporting groups are encouraged to apply. Applications will only be accepted online through Bendigo Bank's philanthropic partner, the Community Enterprise Foundation ([communityenterprisefoundation.com.au](http://communityenterprisefoundation.com.au)).

Make sure your organisation is registered to receive our CIP information and program updates – send your name, organisation, and email address to [cip@lrcfsl.com](mailto:cip@lrcfsl.com)

Applications will close on the 23 August 2021. Late applications will not be considered.

### Recently completed CIP projects

Despite the difficulties in coming together over the past twelve months, a few of our local community groups have managed to fulfil their 2020/21 CIP grant commitments:

**St. Mary's Primary School – Encouraging activity through sport.** Funds were provided to replace two basketball/netball towers and associated safety padding. Melinda Giles, Physical Education Teacher said "Being able to purchase new basketball/netball towers has allowed greater opportunities for students in different year levels to improve and develop various motor skills during sports lessons. The towers have also seen an increase in students being more active during the breaks and greater participation in team games."

### Lancefield Men's Shed – Safer Sheds Work Program.

Funds were provided to partition the kitchen from the administration area of the shed, and to upgrade kitchen facilities including flooring, sinks and splashbacks. Shed member and ex-secretary, Mario Drago, who uses the kitchen to cook meals for members remarked how the renovation, which has separated the kitchen and office, allows him to be able to use the space without interruption and makes it more hygienic as it stops walk through traffic - as well as having a better visual look.

### Lancefield Kindergarten – Environmentally Friendly Gardening Program.

Funds were provided to purchase portable vegiepods, seeds and books as part of an initiative to teach children how household waste can be turned into food for our gardens. Photos of the new vegiepods and educational picture books are below.

It's great to see these projects come to fruition and we are proud to be able to support our local community groups in their endeavors.







## Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke

**PASTA, we're constantly told, is to be cooked AL DENTE. In fact if you don't undercook pasta you're an anti-intellectual.**

Al dente means to have a bite on the tooth - literally 'to the tooth' - to be a bit chewy - not soft or flacid - be firm when bitten.

Well, folks, I personally like my pasta (spaghetti etc) to be soft and to be able to be digested with ease. I also don't serve it with a lot of cream. (At my age I'm aware of over-using animal fat.)

But I do enjoy liquid with my pasta. So, I put a splash of soy sauce (salt), a splash of mirin (sugar), some garlic juice and cooked sliced onion, some tomato, throw in some Kalamata olives (no pips) and a good spoon of tinned tuna with olive oil. I add an extra small splash of olive oil if the oil in the tuna isn't sufficient. Top the lot with GOOD Parmesan cheese shavings.

After stirring in a small handful of baby spinach leaves I serve the pasta which I've heated in hot water - without salt as salt toughens protein.



As to selecting the pasta, that's personal taste, so although I've suggested a conglomerate of flavours, that's because pasta itself is simply flour, water and maybe an egg, therefore simply a vehicle for these added flavours.

If I'm serving an entree of spaghetti I often simply serve it with a little olive oil and garlic, sprinkled with chopped parsley and shavings of Parmesan cheese (easily made by using a vegetable peeler and a block of Parmesan cheese).

If you crave more cheese (and who doesn't?) throw in some freshly grated Gruyere cheese and some grated Parmesan cheese to keep the Parmesan shavings honest.

# Thoughts from a New Local

**A few months ago, I took the opportunity to meet with some of our Councilors, Geoff Neil and Bill West to discuss a few things.**

I know I have only lived in the community for five minutes, but I am interested in the future and growth of the town.

One topic discussed was the increasing number of properties being built in Romsey. While the town will inevitably grow, there also needs to be a similar growth in amenities/facilities for the growing population. However, this does not seem to be happening.

After some research, the 2009 Romsey Development Outline Plan noted the population would grow to around 5,100 people in 2021 and would require an additional 615 houses to be built between 2006 - 2021. The Council should be able to confirm how many houses have been built during this time and

estimate the increased population, so what additional facilities have they provided, and do they meet the needs of the entire community?

In 2018, the Romsey Issues and Opportunities report was published. A few issues raised included:

- Lack of secondary schooling and youth activities;
- Lack of medical and hospital services;
- Lack of connecting accessible footpaths and safe cycling routes;
- Lack of regular bus services within Romsey and to surrounding towns and/or stations,
- Lack of shopping, entertainment, and employment opportunities.

Yes, some of these may have been addressed to a point but the town has far too many empty buildings that are sitting there making the place look run down. We all pay our rates and yet the Council do not appear to be investing significantly in the town and acting on the issues previously raised or engaging with the community to keep them abreast of any or all developments.

Perhaps there needs to be a review of previous reports. Then an event can be held whereby the Council can meet with the community to share their findings and indicate what actions they will be taking to meet the communities needs and ensure Romsey remains a rural town that all residents can be proud to call home!

**| Shauna M.**

## Annual street tree planting begins

**Two hundred 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 runs between May and September as this time provides the best chance for healthy tree establishment.

This year, the street tree planting program focuses on Romsey. Residents will receive a letter if a tree will be planted outside their property. Council has recently planted trees in Lancefield, Gisborne and Darraweit Guim. Council focuses its annual planting program based on townships to ensure the best cost efficiency.

"The Macedon Ranges is renowned for its tree-lined streets and avenues, which form an integral part of the shire's appeal. We are 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," said Shane Walden, Director Assets and Operations.

"The benefits of street trees include shade for pedestrians, increased property values, noise and pollution absorption, improved mental health and reduced rainfall-runoff."

"Council purchases trees from local nurseries and staff look after the new plantings ensuring they establish well. For the first two years, the trees are watered regularly during the warmer months to ensure that they mature into healthy and structurally sound trees. Most trees are self-sufficient after two years."

Council selects trees under our 'right tree, right place' planting principle; this ensures selecting the species most suited to the location. You can find Council's Preferred Tree Species list at [mrsc.vic.gov.au/tree-species](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/tree-species)



## Nominations open for Council's 2021 Youth Awards

Do you know a young person aged 12–25 years doing amazing things in our community?

Tell us about the inspiring young people in your life by nominating them for Macedon Ranges Shire Council's annual Youth Awards, which celebrate and recognise the incredible achievements of young people in the shire.

"I felt very privileged getting the award," said Shyla McPhail, our 2020 winner in the Good deeds nomination category, "I would recommend that many people stand up and nominate someone that is doing something amazing."

Nominations are now open and can be for any young person, or group of young people, aged 12–25 years who lives, works or attends school in the Macedon Ranges.

### Award categories:

- Will power: young people who show real character and perseverance, especially in the face of adversity
- Good deeds: young people who give their time and energy to activities that support the wellbeing of another individual, group or community.
- Pure imagination: young people pursuing their passion for creativity through the arts.
- Nicely played: young people kicking recreational and physical activity goals.
- Skilling it: young people excelling in a mentorship program, workplace or business.
- Well aware: young people who shine a light on important issues/social causes, and raise awareness in the community.

Submit a nomination online at [mrsc.vic.gov.au/youthawards](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/youthawards)

Nominations close on 11.59pm on Sunday 8 August.

Winners will be announced and celebrated at a special event on Wednesday 15 September at Kyneton Town Hall.

For more information, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/youthawards](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/youthawards) or contact Terence at Youth Services at [tjaensch@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:tjaensch@mrsc.vic.gov.au)



### Draft Rural Land Use Strategy

Council has prepared the draft Rural Land Use Strategy which seeks to update the policy direction for rural land in the Macedon Ranges Shire to account for the changes to regulation, land use and development since the 2002 Macedon Ranges Rural Land Use Strategy was introduced.

Consultation on the draft Rural Land Use Strategy will be commencing in the coming weeks, from mid-July. If you wish to be notified of the pending consultation please email [strategicplanning@mrsc.vic.au](mailto:strategicplanning@mrsc.vic.au).

The Macedon Ranges shire's location within Melbourne's peri-urban region has, and will continue to have, a significant influence on the shire.

Significant issues facing the shire's rural areas include:

Population growth and employment opportunities in adjoining shires;

- Growth pressures within the shire;
- Land banking;
- Contraction of commercial scale farming to the northern and north-eastern parts of the shire;
- Increased rural lifestyle development and land use conflict, particularly in the south-east of the shire and Calder Freeway corridor.
- Rural land uses changing to a mix of viticulture, hobby farming, rural lifestyle, environmental living and tourism; and
- The emergence of the equine industry as a significant and growing sector.

The draft Rural Land Use Strategy recommends a number of changes to zones and overlays to address these issues, including:

- Rezoning land between Woodend and Malmesbury to the Rural Activity Zone;
- Rezoning land between Mount Macedon and the Cobaw Ranges to the Farming Zone;
- Introduce the Environmental Significance Overlay to recognise the biolink areas;
- Rezoning land to the north of the Cobaw Ranges, the western tip of the Cobaw Range, and to the west of the Lauriston Reservoir to Rural Conservation Zone.

A copy of the draft Rural Land Use Strategy can be found on Council's website [mrsc.vic.gov.au/rural-land](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/rural-land)

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Eating too many sugary foods and frequent snacking causes acid to wear tooth enamel away faster than the saliva can help to repair it, which can lead to a cavity (hole) in the tooth unable to be repaired by the saliva. If left for too long without visiting a dentist to have it filled, the tooth may then require more extensive dental treatment such as root canal treatment or extraction.

- ✓ CHOOSE tap water rather than sugary drinks.
- ✓ EAT lots of unprocessed foods such as fruit, vegetables, nuts, legumes, wholegrains, fish and lean meats.
- ✓ CHECK LABELS! Try keeping added sugars to less than 6 tsp (24g) per day.
- ✓ CHECK the ingredient list on packaged foods to see what the sugar content is and where the sugars are coming from e.g. Natural sugars in dried or fresh fruit are far better than added sugars.
- ✓ TRY making foods from scratch. Homemade is much healthier and taste so much better.
- ✓ LIMIT the amount of sugary foods you eat for desert. Fresh fruit, cheese and nuts are a great alternative.







The 10th Fairway in 2020 before the drainage works.



The 10th Fairway in 2021 after the drainage works.

## Romsey Golf Club Report

**Our 2021 Club Championships were completed in May, the final round was played in very tough conditions.**

**Champions were Mick Squire - 76/78/83 – 237 and Darlene Baker - 92/97/97 – 286**

### 2021 Pennant – Men:

Our Handicap Division Three teams had a great season easily making the final at Whittlesea G. C. A very challenging course. The final was far closer than the score with three of our matches going down to the 18th. In the end Hidden Valley proved too strong to win 5.5/1/5. Congratulations to the team, they did themselves and RGC proud.

### Women:

The RGC women have made the pennant final for the third successive year. Covid-19 restrictions moved the match from June 7th to June 21st. RGC Vs Lancefield at Euroa G. C. Last time the two met it was 2.5 wins each.

### Centenary:

Our Centennial Weekend next year will be Fri Mar 25th – Ambrose, Sat Mar 26th- 4BBB followed by a Centennial Book launch and nominations to the RGC Hall of Fame and Legends. Sunday Mar 27th- there will be a 24 Hole Stroke event. Plenty of work to organise these activities which should see many ex-Romsey people return to help us celebrate.

### June Storm:

Wed June 9th storm saw damage across Romsey Park. Numerous branches were broken off and trees uprooted. On Fri 11th an assessor marked more trees for removal, Steve Wilkins/Mal Mottram/Anthony Lakey worked hard cleaning up & dragging away the fallen timber. Locals cut firewood from the piles. It's tough to see trees we have planted destroyed but we will fill the gaps and keep the park and course looking great.

The storm highlighted the drainage works of 2020. In previous years large areas of the park/course would be soggy & slippery with much surface water. After 100mm+ of rain the new drains moved the water into the dams and then out of the park. A great result for the club and community. Thanks to Newnham Constructions for their quality work.

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## St. Mary's Primary School

**What a month it's been. Lockdowns, raging winds, destruction and power outages! When will it all end?**

During tough times the one thing we can rely on is our amazing and supportive community. Thank you to the Powercor workers, CFA, tree crews and many volunteers, to our neighbourhood houses and individuals who made sure everyone was checked on and those that needed it had a meal, a hot shower or just somewhere to charge their phone! It is a privilege to live in such a supportive community and St Mary's is glad to be a part of it.

### **Sacred Heart College Kyneton Junior Chef 2021**

SHC Junior Chef had to be cancelled in 2020, so this year Sacred Heart is giving both Yr 4 & Yr 5 students the opportunity to compete. All school teams must be made up of two Yr 4 students and two Yr 5 students. This group of four students will participate in two rounds at SHC, gaining points in each round before the winning team is announced at the completion of Round 2. Students will be required to work as a team as they prepare pancakes with a berry sauce for Round 1 and pasta for Round 2. Our competitors have been chosen and we congratulate Meg Brundell and Casey Shannon from Year 4 and Nellie O'Meara and Michael Brown from Year 5. Competition has been postponed until Term 3 which will give us a bit more time to practice as a team and hone our cooking skills! We wish our team the best of luck and hope they enjoy the experience!



St Mary's Lancefield  
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### **POA (Plastic Oceans Australasia) Challenge Team**

During the month of June, our POA Constrictors visited all classrooms to help students complete the Plastic Oceans Survey. The purpose of this survey was to find out what types of single use plastics are being used and how often. Once we have this information we can work out ways to help us all stop using them so often. This survey saw all students looking in their lunch boxes to see what single use plastics they had and filling out the survey relating to this. Staff were also asked to complete the survey. The results show us that many of us bring food that is wrapped in plastic packaging to school on a regular basis, whether it be pre-packaged or wrapped in cling film. The next step is to do a waste audit. We can learn more about what kinds of single use plastic and how much of it we use by sorting a day or two's worth of rubbish or 'waste' from our school. We will sort this waste and record what we find, focusing on plastic waste only. We hope to complete our waste audit at the beginning of Term 3 and then spend the remainder of Term 3 and beginning of Term 4 focusing on ways in which we can reduce the plastic waste in our school. Stay tuned...

**| Jo Shannon (Community Liaison Leader)**



# Riddells Creek War Memorial Gates

**By Melanie Kinsey**

For the last 12 months on behalf of Riddells Creek Primary School, I have been endeavouring to obtain a grant from the State Government to refurbish the war memorial gates on the eastern side of the school. Riddells Creek used to be in Romsey Shire.

The gates were opened by Sir Edmund Herring on the 25th of June 1950. Over time, as more information has



come to light, the restoration project has got more and more difficult and more and more expensive as the gates were damaged in the past which dictates how they can be refurbished. Even though the gates are not heritage listed, the grant comes from Heritage Victoria so they are very exacting about what can and cannot be done.

Information from Romsey Council minutes and the 'Romsey Examiner' has revealed that the gates were organised by a Mr Jones and the Riddell Memorial Committee raised £200 towards the project. Henderson's Federal Spring Works donated the land 13 chains in length and 1.5 chains wide to provide an entrance to the Recreation Reserve from where the gates were installed on Main Rd.

This land was eventually incorporated into the school's parcel of land, as the school didn't move to its current site until the early 1980's. We have discovered that the gates appear to have been manufactured at a large forge called Shelton Bar in the UK, which seems odd when we had perfectly good gate manufacturers in Melbourne in 1950. Perhaps the gates were donated by a rich landowner and are far older than we think? I would love it if someone knew anything further about the gates, the Riddell Memorial Committee or the mysterious Mr Jones, as Heritage Victoria are requesting as much information as possible.

Please call or text me on 0455 754 220 if you have any information.

## The Mount Players presents Love Song at The Mountview Theatre.



Here we are in July with that dreadful feeling of déjà vu... yet again... how we all long for no more lock downs and restrictions. Our May production enjoyed a successful but short season as the final weekend had to be cancelled. We are hoping to have a 'pop up' weekend this month to complete Too Many Crooks so keep any eye on our website for announcements.

Looking ahead (with a positive attitude), our next production Love Song has been cast and now in rehearsal. Talented Melbourne director, Travis Handcock will bring this play to life on our stage in August. The story revolves around Beane, an exile from life – an oddball. His well-meaning sister Joan and brother-in-law try to make time for him in their busy lives, but no one can get through. Following a burglary on his apartment, Joan is baffled to find her brother blissfully happy and tries to unravel the story behind Beane's mysterious new love Molly. Funny, enchanting and wonderfully touching, John Kolvenbach's offbeat comedy is a rhapsody to the power of love in all its forms.

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**| By Karen Hunt**

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## Pastor's Parables

### Do we have a soul or do we cease to exist when our body expires?

We live in a mechanised world. When an engine breaks down, the problem part is fixed or replaced and the engine works again. When our computer dies, we call someone to fix the dysfunctional component. Suddenly it comes back to life.

Sadly, we cannot deal with a human death mechanically. When a person dies, we can't fix or replace the broken parts, switch them on and – hey presto – like Frankenstein's monster, they come back to life.

Today, technology keeps a person's body functioning externally. Yet when doctors pronounce someone dead, they acknowledge that something has left the body. No treatment or equipment can bring them back. Does this mean we have a soul?

We know so little about life. Some say life is the result of the perfect balance of chemicals, ions and memory-association cells. But this does not explain self-awareness or that spiritual sense of self which never grows old even when the body does, (see Ecclesiastes 3:11).

If life was simply biological, we should be able to resolve the problem of death with an operation. This will never be the case. Unlike mechanical death, human death is permanent – something, our soul, leaves the body and doesn't come back, (see Ecclesiastes 12:7).

Science observes the physical world. Many disregard that which cannot be examined. Yet, we have a defining timeless sense of self that transcends our fleshly casing – an inner self, our hopes and fears, dreams and desires, beliefs and standards - these cannot be observed on an operating table.

We should all question: When we die, where does that something (the real us) go? This is life's central question. We get caught up acquiring wealth and status, pursuing the trivial. We give little thought to the consequences of death.

The Bible states: **'For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?'** (Mark 8:36). The Good News, the answer to life's central question, is found in John 3:16.

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- **Friday**  
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- **Saturday**  
10:00am - 1:00pm

Donations of clean quality goods will be most welcome at the St Paul's Op Shop. Items of clean quality clothing and bric-a-brac can be left on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings during opening hours. We cannot accept electrical goods, prams, baby cots, mattresses or furniture.

Owing to Covid-19 regulations the op shop cannot accept toys of any nature. It would be appreciated if goods were not left inside or outside the front brick fence. Items left in the open will be damaged by the weather conditions and become unusable. These items can also be heavy for the Op Shop staff to carry. Thank you for your donations.



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## Romsey Mens Shed

*Working on Friendships*



After a lot of work by a small group of Romsey men in gaining Council and other approvals, Romsey Mens Shed was opened formally on Saturday, 6 February by our local Federal and State government members, Rob Mitchell and Mary-Anne Thomas, who had assisted in gaining government grants for the building. At the opening, local enterprises were also thanked for their donations and in-kind support.

The Shed is operating on Tuesdays from 10.00am to 2.00pm and we have a lunch/barbecue on Thursdays from about 11.00 onwards for a \$5 donation.

We have received tremendous support with donated machinery and materials. After the layout of equipment, repairing and making safe some top-quality items, who need a bit of love and care for 2021 standards, we will become fully work operational.

We plan to have three main work areas, woodwork, metal work and automotive (in the longer term) and a break-out section for a coffee and chat.

Not all will want to be "hands on" and that is fine!

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It was unfortunate that we had to postpone the Singularity Choir performance of The Mikado on 30th May, due to Covid-19 Lockdown and travel restrictions.

**Fortunately we have another date - Sunday 4th July, 2021 at 1.30pm. QR Code registration is required.**

**Worship Activities & Events during July**

- Sunday Worship 9am - 4th July, 2021 Jay Brooks will lead worship. 1.30pm. The Mikado performance.
- Wednesday 7th July, 1.30pm Church Council in meeting room
- Sunday Worship 9am - 11th July, 2021 Trevor Turnham will lead worship.
- Wednesday 14th July, 1.30pm Uniting Church Adult Fellowship. We will be collating stamps for Sammy Stamp. Anyone who has stamps for this project are welcome to leave them with Jeni Clampit at 17 Palmer Street, Romsey. Thank you.

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- Sunday Worship 9am - 18th July, 2021 Jeni Clampit will lead worship.
- Sunday Worship 9am - 25th July, 2021 Worship and Holy Communion conducted by a minister.

**Great Quotes:**

***"Never cut a tree down in the wintertime. Never make a negative decision in the low time. Never make your most important decisions when you are in your worst moods. Wait. Be patient. The storm will pass. The spring will come."***

**Robert H. Schuler.**

*Lord, help me to see the best in everyone I meet today.*

*And thank you that you do the same for me.*

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## St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey

### Current Mass Times

#### Sunday Mass

Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 9am and will alternate between Lancefield & Romsey.

**Romsey:** 1st & 3rd Sunday

**Lancefield:** 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday.

#### Saturday Healing Mass:

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

#### Baptisms:

Held at 2pm on the 2nd & 4th Sunday's 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. Reconciliation and Eucharist are now closed but if you would like to book your child in for Confirmation, please contact the Secretary.

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

#### Mass Bookings:

As Mass numbers are restricted at this time, attendance at Mass is by registration only. Please contact the Secretary at [lancefield@cam.org.au](mailto:lancefield@cam.org.au) or by phone on 5429 2130 to reserve your place at the next available Mass.

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The Romsey and Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc. was formed in April 1979. The Society endeavours to preserve all written and photographic items relating to The Shire of Romsey.

The Old Shire was a local Government area in Victoria, Australia. The Shire covered an area of 628 square kilometres and existed from 1862-1995. Towns included: Benloch, Bolinda, Cherokee, Chintin, Clarkefield, Darraweit Guim, Kerrie, Lancefield, Monegeetta, Mt William, Riddells Creek, Rochford, Romsey, Springfield and Tantaraboo.

The area has a very rich history starting with the Aboriginal Greenstone Axe Quarry at Mt William as well as the Archaeological Mega-Fauna site in the old swamp at the Lancefield Park.

The Historical Society has planned an informative and entertaining program of talks for the next few months which commenced in June. The money raised will go toward restoration costs for Seymour Cottage.

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# Romsey Primary School

**What a month - COVID restrictions coming back, and remote learning for a week, with wild weather thrown into the mix. Finally, we have everyone back onsite. The students are so resilient; it is great to see. You should be proud of each and every one of them!**

## Prep tours / School tours

All prep tours / school tours are cancelled, to be rescheduled early next term. We will set dates and times as soon as possible. This is a departmental guideline and We apologise for any inconvenience. Online tours are available on our website.

Enrolment packs for 2022 are available from the office, and are also on the school website. Please enrol early as this will assist planning for the new school year to commence. Please let other families know who may be enrolling at Romsey Primary School for any year level. Contact us on 5429 5099 if you have questions.

Sometimes we need to take a breath and appreciate what we have. We are fortunate to have fantastic grounds and gardens at RPS. We see a beautiful tree full of autumn colour in our courtyard every year.

## Our Building Project is Taking Shape!

We see great progress with our building project this month. Hopefully it is not long now before it is completed and we can use this fantastic space. It's getting exciting!





## Thank You Junior Landcare and 5/6's

Students have been deciding on which native plants they would like at their school.

In 2020 our Year 5/6's worked with Sam, from Junior Landcare, to replant the fence line in White Ave (south side oval). COVID stopped this in 2020. Now the current 5/6 students have 'picked up' from where last years' students left off.

Sam (Junior Landcare) discussed with them which native trees/bushes should be planted along the boundary and those that would attract the insects to make them flourish.

Two weeks ago our 5/6's finally planted the vegetation they all agreed upon – with the help of Sam and members of Landcare. Each class planted a section of the tiered garden bed. In upcoming sessions the 5/6 students will design and make the signage.

We cannot wait for the finished results – Thank you Sam, Landcare and our 5/6 students.



### Prep -2 Math Challenge

Our amazing students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 came up with these fantastic designs from our recent Maths Challenge. When you are next here and can go into the school foyer, check these out for yourself.

A MESSAGE FROM 5/6JM

Students in 5/6JM have been working hard on their addition skills by completing different activities. One activity we enjoyed completing was our scroll activity. The students each had a starting number and used the jump strategy on the scroll to help calculate their final number. We found this activity enjoyable as we were able to be creative and further develop our addition skills.

Here are some examples of the scrolls the students created using the jump strategy!

The image shows four students standing against a purple background with large white circles. Each student is holding up a colorful scroll they have made. The scrolls are decorated with various patterns and colors, and they appear to be addition problems. The students are dressed in school uniforms.

# THANK YOU

The people of Romsey thank all the tireless workers who pitched in on the day of the recent storms and wind - and then didn't stop for the next week or more, clearing roads, removing fallen powerlines, repatching damaged houses and helping everyone TO BE SAFE.

Volunteers worked tirelessly with their mates to reach stranded families, company workers were out assessing damage and risk, protecting us from further harm, trying to restore power and phone connections. Others just left home with their chainsaw or tools to see which neighbour needed help, or who needed checking on.



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