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RMI Fire Escape:

Martin, from "Elevated Safety Systems", visited the RMI on Monday July 18th to review the fire escape and associated areas. This fire escape serves the balcony and the Committee Room and would be vital should there be a fire. We hope to soon present our case to DELWP for funding for major works to this area of the RMI.

Updating the Main Hall:

Things are moving well with Heritage Consultants, Circa, Heritage & Lifestyle, soon to meet with the Committee of Management and some interested community members to discuss where we want to go and how we are going to get there. The CoM sees any expenses here as money well spent. The detailed documentation we will receive from Circa will allow us to put a very strong case when applying for supplementary funds to get the project going.

2022 Subsidised Movie Afternoons/Nights:

St Mary's P.S. has organised the next movie night for September. Keep an eye out on the St. Mary's website or school newsletter for more information.

Romsey Garden Club:

Holding their first get together after their winter break at the Romsey Mechanics Institute. They will be joined by members of the local **Landcare Group** to discuss a variety of topics relevant to our local area. The meeting will be held on **Tuesday 16th of August** in the main hall from **10am**. Everyone is welcome to come along. (Gold coin entrance.)

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August in the garden

by **Melanie Kinsey**

Before I start this column, I usually take a turn about the garden for inspiration. It was freezing as I walked around so it was a very quick look! First to catch my eye was my ever-expanding clump of red hot pokers (Kniphofia) I think there must be about 20 flowers this year! I'm not such a huge fan of the colour orange having grown up in the era of burnt orange Laminex in the 1970's; however, this plant is such a great bird attractor and warms you like a fire as you gaze upon it.

Also looking great were the red berries of *Nandina domestica* 'Richmond' – they look like tiny Christmas baubles. Strangely my original plant looks fairly scruffy while its offshoot is huge and

laden – I'm not really sure why. The red grevillea is also looking pretty stunning at the moment – I think it's the cultivar Deua Flame. Wikipedia says: The Deua River, being the main perennial river of the Moruya River catchment, is located in the South Coast region of New South Wales, Australia. So, I'm guessing this beautiful plant came from there or was bred near there.

As winter moves on and pre-spring starts to kick in, the garden will begin to wake. I think I mentioned last year that it is usually about 5-6 weeks after the winter solstice that signs of the impending spring can be seen. My daphne have budded and soon their scent will fill



Red Hot Pokers.

the air. The native tree violet *Melicytus dentatus* will also be sending its perfume out over the garden – such an unassuming but wonderful small shrub that is so hardy. Speaking of violets, I can already smell the purple violets growing in my neighbour's garden right next to the fence – so delightful!

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Welcome to the August Edition

To mask or not to mask.

We are fortunate that many Australians have had two, three or four vaccinations against Covid-19. True, our hospital admissions are growing and there is a slow increase in the number of people in ICU but this vaccination rate will often mean that if we contract the disease it will not see us join the people in hospital.

For many years we have seen Asian people wearing masks as they wander through Melbourne, our larger regional towns and many cities around the world. There were many opinions as to why they did this, some very unfair. It is now abundantly clear that these very considerate people wore masks when feeling ill and did so for fear of infecting others.

As we head into the final month of winter and a new sub-variant of the Covid-19 virus surges through our community many people will wear masks to protect themselves and their families.

But, we need to think a little deeper, we need to ask;

- how do we protect those who are undergoing cancer treatment and their immune system is severely compromised,
- how do we protect those who have a medical condition that means they cannot take vaccines and
- how do we lessen the incredible workload on our hospital and ambulance staff?

If wearing a mask when we go to the shopping centre, when we are on public transport or when we are in another crowded place can reduce the damage from the three problems above then it is a small imposition on us that will assist the whole community to better survive this stage of the pandemic.

PLEASE NOTE: the facebook page formerly known as Romsey Rag is now Romsey Social facebook page.

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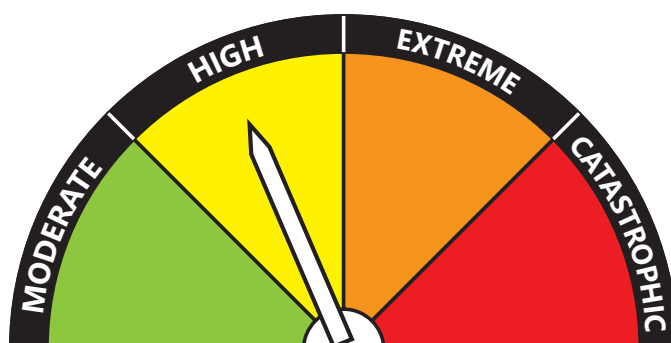
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For all correspondence: email@theromseyrag.com.au.

Please note articles should be restricted to 300-350 words plus/minus a picture. Articles will be edited as required.

The editorial committee reserve the right not to print inflammatory or unsuitable materials.

The new ratings are:



MODERATE:

Plan and prepare

HIGH

Be ready to act

EXTREME:

Take action now to protect life and property

CATASTROPHIC:

For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas

Post-Pandemic Poets

Chamber Poets is back in full swing after successful June and July events and continues to play a key role in supporting poets in the aftermath of the pandemic.

At the next spoken word event on 13 August Tru Dowling of Bendigo and Amanda Anastasi of Melbourne will converge in Woodend to promote their latest books, which were published during lockdowns.

The two featured writers will be reading from their most recent books, Tru from her gripping, verse novel set in 1940s Castlemaine, *Butcher, Baker, His-Story Maker* (Birdfish Books, 2020), and Amanda will read her mesmerising, compassionate, futuristic poems about climate change from *The Inheritors* (Black Pepper, 2021).

Tru Dowling is a performer, emcee, freelance editor, workshop presenter and competition judge, who teaches Professional Writing and Editing at Bendigo Kangan Institute and Victoria University. Her work has been awarded, read widely and published in Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Amanda Anastasi is the current Poet in Residence at the Monash Climate Change Communication Research Hub, where she writes stories of the climate crisis. She is a two-time recipient of the Ada Cambridge Poetry Prize and convenor of Melbourne's most prestigious spoken word event, La Mama Poetica.


The Woodend-based band, Black Forest Smoke, will provide musical interludes, showcasing compositions they have written for a forthcoming debut album.

As with each Chamber Poets event, one of the highlights of the afternoon is the opportunity for attendees to read or perform spoken word in the Open Section.

At the July event, Angela Costi, Grant Caldwell and Claire Gaskin entertained the packed Woodend RSL with excerpts from their latest publications. Their performances were punctuated with readings from the Open Section and poems set to music by Black Forest Smoke.

Jenny from Woodend, who attended the event, says of Angela Costi's poems, *"They were exquisite little pictures of the migrant experience, combining both a playful love of the strange new country with a bittersweet nostalgia of what was left behind. Poets are absolutely my favourite people in the universe, and we need more of them!"*

The August event will be held on Saturday the 13th at one o'clock at the Woodend RSL. Entry is a donation of \$5 or \$10 at the discretion of the person attending and the poets' books will be available for purchase. All are welcome.



Chamber Poets #80
A Macedon Ranges event since 2013

Featuring:
Amanda Anastasi
Tru Dowling

Open section to follow.

Black Forest Smoke Poet of the Month
Book Raffle Open Bar

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Mother Goose Seeks Volunteers

Local community organisations and groups have always relied on the support of volunteers but since the pandemic they have seen a decrease in the number of people offering their time and sharing their life skills.

Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health's Parent-Child Mother Goose program is looking for volunteers to help with its weekly song, rhyme and storytelling sessions. The sessions are currently held in Kyneton and Romsey and, once enough volunteers are found, there are plans to extend the program to Gisborne and Riddell's Creek.

"We are looking for people that can spare three hours a week," says Tracey Thiele, who facilitates the groups.

"Volunteers for the Parent-Child Mother Goose program don't need any specific qualifications or experience working with children, they help support the parents and the pre-school participants, and help to set-up and pack-down for each session."

Volunteers are offered training in the Parent-Child Mother Goose program, which involves an introduction to the songs, rhymes and stories used in the sessions and learning the theory behind the program. Mother Goose enhances the bond between parent and child, and connects families in the community.

If you would like to volunteer with the Mother Goose program email volunteering@scchc.org.au. If you are interested in coming along with your child, please contact Tracey Thiele on 5421 1666 or email tracey.thiele@scchc.org.au. Sessions are currently held in Romsey on a Wednesday afternoon and in Kyneton on a Thursday morning.



JOKES

*Did you know on
Canary Island
there is not
one Canary?*

*And in the Virgin
Islands, the
same thing, not
one Canary
there either.*

Cleaner Power For Greener Government Schools

The Andrews Labor Government will install solar panels at dozens more schools across the state – supporting Victoria's education sector to be more sustainable, slashing emissions while reducing power costs.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas today announced that Macedon Primary School is one of 36 schools to receive solar panels as part of round two of the Labor Government's Greener Government School Buildings program.

Macedon Primary School will receive a 32 KW system thanks to the program.

The Greener Government School Buildings program is contributing to Victoria's greenhouse gas reduction targets under the Climate Change Act 2017.

Once fully implemented, a total estimated installed capacity of 9,300 kilowatts across all schools involved in the Greener Government School Buildings program is expected to reduce up to 14,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions every year and save more than \$2.5 million on electricity bills for schools per year.

A solar power system is a strategic investment that can pay for itself over several years. This investment program removes the upfront costs of installing a system that may otherwise discourage schools from pursuing this option. Schools can find out more on the Greener Government School Buildings program at schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au

Quote attributable to Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas

"Not only will the environment benefit from this program – installing a solar panel system at Macedon Primary School will help reduce their power bills at a time when the cost of living is high."

Quote attributable to Minister for Education Natalie Hutchins:

"We're taking action to make our schools more sustainable so we can all do our bit for the environment."

Open Call For the Next Generation of Forest Firefighters

The Andrews Labor Government is recruiting 300 forest firefighters to help keep Victorians safe over the upcoming fire season.

Recruitment opened today for 300 project firefighters to work with Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) over summer, encouraging Victorians who are passionate about protecting their communities and the environment to apply for a new challenge.

The Labor Government is delivering tangible employment, training and pathway opportunities for regional communities, with project firefighters based at more than 80 locations throughout the state.

The new positions are for a range of seasonal roles including general firefighters, fire support officers and rappel crews.

The fixed term positions are based across regional Victoria and successful recruits will undertake emergency response activities, planned burning, pest and weed control, road maintenance and other land management activities.

Eighteen of the roles are dedicated for Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people, helping Traditional Owners to care for Country and lead cultural burning.

The new recruits will add to Victoria's existing 300 project firefighters who are supported by more than 2,000 permanent staff who can be called on to perform emergency roles when required.

Crews will work alongside key fire management agencies including the Country Fire Authority (CFA) and Fire Rescue Victoria.

Applications for project firefighter positions close on Sunday 31 July. For further information and to apply visit ffm.vic.gov.au or call 136 186.

“ This is a great employment opportunity for regional communities and I'd encourage people from all walks of life and backgrounds to consider becoming a seasonal project firefighter.”

Quote attributable to Mary-Anne Thomas, Member for Macedon

“ If you are keen to work outdoors and want to be part of a diverse and inclusive team that helps protect our communities and environment, then I encourage you to apply.”

Quotes attributable to Minister for Environment and Climate Action Lily D'Ambrosio

Mary-Anne Thomas MP

LABOR MEMBER
FOR MACEDON



Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens

Bendigo Bank Monthly Bus Trips - August

Our monthly bus trips have been changed to the FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH.

Last month we had a wonderful Christmas in July at the Sunbury Bowling Club, with Roast Turkey and Plum Pudding with Brandy Custard. A great day had by everyone.

This month we will be heading to **KYABRAM FAUNA PARK** and **COLBINABBIN SILO ART** (the artwork depicts the importance of the rail heritage to the town and was painted by Tim Bowtell) on **TUESDAY 2nd OF AUGUST.**

Give Helen or Rae a call for further details and times for bus departures.

Depart: Lancefield Post Office, Romsey Mechanics Institute – out the front.

- Remember, we meet every Monday at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics
- Institute for lunch, for just \$5 – everyone is more than welcome.
- For further information please contact Helen on 0409 064 303 or Rae on 0408 338 759.

Hope to see you soon.



Colbinabbin Silo Art,
by Tim Bowtell.



C.W.A. 2022 STATE THEMES:

THEME: Sharing, fun and friendship.

Product/Resource: Australian grown potatoes and Australian potato products.

Country of Study: Malaysia.

Thanksgiving Fun: Free 3D hands – Research and development of 3D hands.

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

Social Issues Focus: Safe Homes for All.

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, as well as seeking a connection 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 craft day is on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 10am. 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 and paper-craft.

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

Winter months are always a quiet time for our branch, with many of our members away for the warmer weather. However we are still holding our meetings in the supper room of the RMI hall. If you would like to come along and see what we are about, you are more than welcome.

This year we are once again involved with the Kyneton Daffodil Festival with some of the other branches in our group.

This will be held on the weekend of 10th and 11th of September in the Masonic Hall. There will be lots of yummy food, craft items and plants for sale. Please come along and support us.

If you are thinking of going to the Melbourne Royal Show, please drop into our pavilion for some of our famous scones.

Peanut Bars Recipe:

RECIPE

Ingredients:

- 1 Cup Sugar
- 1 Cup Golden Syrup
- 1 Cup Peanut Butter
- 6 Cups Rice Bubbles

Method:

- Combine sugar and syrup in saucepan and cook until sugar is dissolved. Stir in peanut butter, add Rice Bubbles.
- Press into a greased slab tin and ice with chocolate icing. When set, slice into fingers.

For any further information please call:

PRESIDENT: Dianne Purtil **0409 214 520**,

SECRETARY: Wendy Foster **0409 175 667**, email: cwaromsey@gmail.com



Our next walks are:

Friday 5 August and 2 September, 9.45am (meet at the Barry Doyle Rotunda in Kyneton). This is a free event. For catering purposes please RSVP your attendance.

For more information call Abbey on 5422 0262 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/village-connect

Enrol now for Youth Mental Health First Aid Community Courses

Learn how to help young people experiencing mental health problems by participating in one of Council's award-winning Youth Mental Health First Aid courses.

The 14-hour program teaches participants first aid skills to give initial help to young people who are in a mental health crisis situation or in the early stages of a mental illness. The course covers various mental health problems experienced by young people and is delivered using case studies, films and group discussions.

Dates, times and bookings

- LGBTQIA+ Youth Mental Health First Aid course, Kyneton Town Hall - Sat 20 and 27 August 9am–5pm
- Youth Mental Health First Aid course, Romsey Community Hub - Sat 17 September 9am–5pm, Monday 19 and 26 September 6–9pm

Cost is \$37.50 for residents within the Macedon Ranges Shire, and \$190 for all other individuals.

For information call 5422 0333 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/Youth-Mental-Health



Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke

TRUCK was a big, stub-nosed bloke with a heart as big as a Thornycroft diesel engine.

This being so, Truck offered his strength to assist anybody who needed its help. And one day, Daddy Doyle of Talbingo did. His only milking cow had fallen down a half-dug well.

Truck was digging in his spare time so it was appropriate that Daddy Doyle enlist Truck to assist in fetching Daisy the cow back to the surface.

"We'll need a couple of other blokes, too," insisted Daddy Doyle. "I'll flag those two big bastards from next door." And so he did.

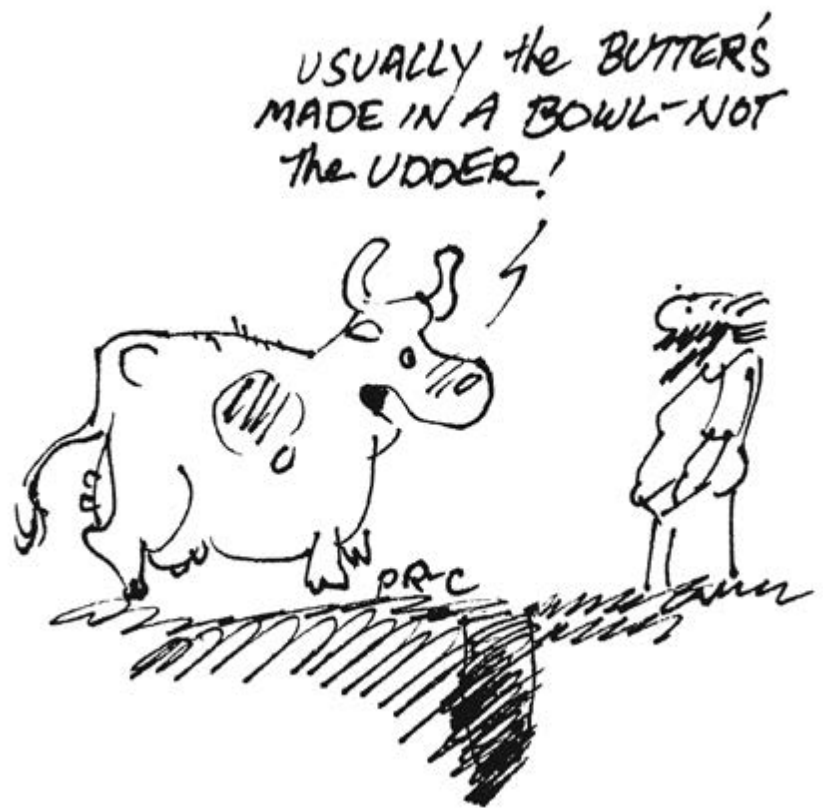
The two willing sons of his neighbour gathered at the well-head to help, and debated if their rope was stout enough to lift Daisy And to also share a couple of long-necks from Mrs. D's Tumut pub. They came to the conclusion that the rope was good-oh, and so were Mrs. D's long-necks - so they cracked another one each. Daisy looked on, though her vision was restricted by the wall of the well.

After many a yarn was told and repeated, they got down to the task at hand.

A loop was made (an American would call it a 'lasso') in one end of the stout rope which was then lowered down the well. Daisy inspected it then, being hungry, began to chew it.

"Bloody hell!" Roared one of the rescue team. "Someone will have to go down and tie it around Daisy as she's too dopey to step into it. I'll get young Michael, Wendy Russell's kid from Tumut - he's staying with us for a while."

Michael was subsequently thrown down the well with Daisy.



"Don't tie the rope too tight," he was told as another long-neck was guzzled. All went well so Mick called to "Pull!"

Daisy was heavy so, halfway up, Truck suggested leaving it halfway up and getting some more booze from the Coolgardie. All agreed, let go the rope and sprinted for the back door of Daddy Doyle's. Daisy plummeted back to the bottom of the well and landed, of course, on top of Michael.

More stories were laughed over (same stories) before they realised Daisy wasn't halfway up. So they had to start again - drinking and throwing the rope down to Michael to tie around Daisy's considerable midriff.

"Be careful of her udder Mike, the milk's probably butter by now," laughed he merry rescuers.

Eventually they hauled Daisy to the top, and then had to send one of the least drunk down to 'get' Michael.

The well was never finished, but Daisy was. She died while being milked a fortnight later. Michael lived another 68 years.

To make butter, don't throw your cow down a well.

HOW TO MAKE BUTTER

- Pour 600ml cream into a bowl and beat with an electric or hand beater until the cream peaks. (The cream must have at least 40% butterfat content and be about 10 deg.C).
- Keep beating and you'll see the buttermilk separate from the butter.
- Pour off the buttermilk and wash the butter in cold water. Then pat the butter into shape, pressing out as much water as possible. If you want to add salt, this is when to do it - blending about 3 teaspoons of salt to each 2 cups of butter. I don't. I like to add a crushed clove of garlic or some oregano or whatever.

Romsey Foodshare - Now open to everyone

Romsey Neighbourhood House is proud to announce we have been approved as an agent of Foodbank Vic, which now ensures that we have a regular supply and variety of goods.

Romsey Foodshare continues to grow from strength to strength! In its 4th month of operation we are bursting at the seams with a now wider range and variety of non-perishable and perishable items, fruit and veggies. Some items may be close to use by date but all are still within the approved 'best before' regulations. Located at the old St Mary's Kiosk next to Romsey laundromat. We are currently open Tuesdays and Thursdays and now every second Saturday.

We are encouraging all residents to be part of this exciting initiative towards ensuring affordable food access to all. Your contribution and involvement helps to keep the initiative going. We are also being active as a community towards reducing unnecessary food wastage. There is nothing worse than seeing food being thrown out when it could be used by others.

BUY, SWAP, SELL, TAKE OR DONATE

The concept is simple. If you can afford it, make a donation to BUY it. This helps provide us with the funds to keep the initiative going, enabling us to continue to purchase more goods as well as helping to subsidise the cost for those who are struggling in our community.

SWAP- Ever grow too much of something and don't know what to do with your excess so you just end up throwing it out? Don't! Help to reduce unnecessary wastage by bringing it along and swap it for something you need in return.

SELL- Bring your produce along to even sell and make a couple of extra bucks in the process!



TAKE- We can all go through tough times at one point or another. There is no shame in it and it's becoming more of a reality for many as we all struggle with the rising costs in living. For those who are struggling, we appreciate times can be tough, so simply register and be on a monthly credit system to help you and/ or your family through this patch.

You can **DONATE** your time in return and help keep the initiative going for our whole community. Donation of funds, sponsors, and goods are always welcome!

We are always in need of more helpers whether it's lending a helping hand on delivery day, to moving goods, picking up supplies or donated items, to helping to man the foodbank kiosk, and helping us to extend our hours. We'd love to eventually be open as school kids go to school to give them breakfast or a snack but need volunteers to make this happen.

You can even volunteer across Romsey Neighbourhood House's many other initiatives aimed at supporting our local community. Activities range from our Community Transport Initiative, to our FIF community lunches, to our community co-op which is all about supporting our local producers and small business to generate a source of income, just to name a few.

Nothing is more fulfilling than being part of something bigger- so like our catch phrase says It's Your Neighbourhood House ... Be Part Of It! Regards Michelle Balthazar-Manager. Ring RNH on 5429 6724 for more details.

Romsey Dental



Dental Week 1 - 7 August 2022

Visit dentalhealthweek.com.au for more information

Here are 4 things you can do to love your teeth!

1) Take your teeth on a date to the dentist

You may not have been for a little while or it may be time for your regular check-up, take this as your reminder to take your teeth on a date and see your dentist!

2) Care for your teeth by brushing every day

Show your teeth you care by brushing two times every day. Brush once in the morning and once at night, the last thing you do before bed.

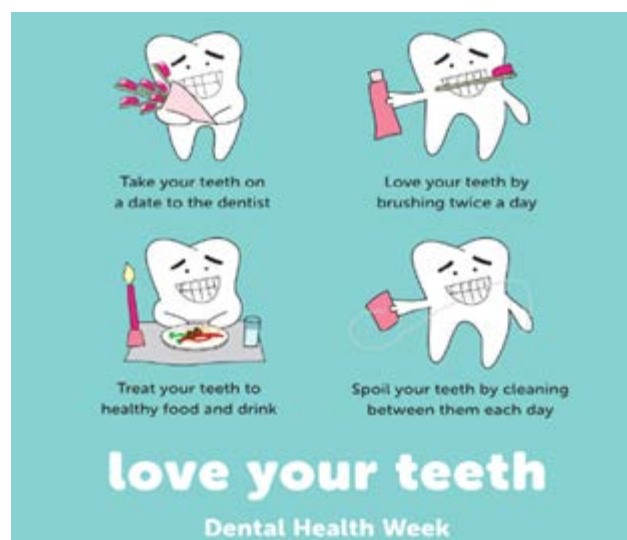
3) Spoil your teeth by flossing them every day

Cleaning between your teeth helps to remove bacteria and food that build up during the day. Not cleaning these spaces can cause gums to become inflamed and sometimes tooth decay can develop.

4) Treat your teeth to healthy foods and drinks

The World Health Organization recommends adults have 6 or less teaspoons (24 grams) of sugar each day. Sticking to this recommendation can decrease the risk of tooth decay developing. Choose to drink water during the day and if having a sweet treat, do so together with a main meal instead of snacking on the treat between meals.

Is it time for a dental check-up and you already feel anxious about the appointment? Come to Romsey dental and we will make your teeth cleaning appointment feel like a spa treatment. Say hello to AIRFLOW® Dental Spa - Using a mixture of air, warm water and fine powder, AIRFLOW® offers a faster, more gentle and effective teeth clean than ever before.



A Riverkeeper for Our River?



On July 20, at the Essendon Rowing Club, the Maribyrnong River Conservation Strategy Forum will be held.

Its task is to determine if the river needs a Riverkeeper and if so, what should the primary focus of the position be? How could the Riverkeeper aid the many organizations and individuals that have agency?

Dr Nicole Kowalczyk, an ecologist, was appointed in 2021 as Maribyrnong Officer at the Yarra Riverkeeper Association. The three year post was funded by the Ross trust with a \$120,000 grant. The role is a pilot, which she hopes will morph into an ongoing Maribyrnong Riverkeeper position, depending on more funding and community support.

Nicole has expressed her understanding of the need for a Riverkeeper in the following way: *"As a myriad of threats, including climate change, pollution, and population growth put pressure on our waterways; these waterways need advocates that increase preservation and restoration efforts along their course. Riverkeepers are independent advocates which link communities that hold local knowledge and passion, to agencies and institutions with technical skills, resources, and management responsibilities. Riverkeepers identify issues affecting river health and build alliances to deliver solutions. This can take many forms from on-ground works restoring riparian vegetation communities to influencing decision-makers with evidence to improve river policy and management practices."*

The Yarra Riverkeeper Association is currently gauging community interest in the prospect of a Maribyrnong Riverkeeper. A series of workshops are being held in 2022 to define what skills and resources are needed to amplify community efforts along the Maribyrnong River and the many creeks that feed into the system, including Deep Creek, and to identify the core role the Maribyrnong Riverkeeper will undertake in this unique catchment." Dr Kowalczyk said the river could do with a higher profile. *"I know how important it is to me and my wellbeing and I suspect it's equally important, if not more, to others."*

Robin Ford, Natural Resource Manager and Deep Creek Landcare member believes that *"the Riverkeeper program is an important step in further recognizing, valuing and*

protecting our waterway. Our rivers are the life blood of the land. We depend on them for the life giving water they supply our environment, farms and cities, the biodiversity they support, their beauty and our recreational pursuits. A Riverkeeper gives a voice to a river to help share its important role to our community and communicate the threats and issues that a river faces. The program links to an old system of protecting waterways in Europe, but also links into the traditional owner's custodianship of caring for the Country. The keeper can help us all to acknowledge and care for our local waterway. Hopefully the system can be expanded into the future and we might one day have our own riverkeeper for our most precious Deep Creek."

The Maribyrnong stretches 130 kilometres from the Macedon Ranges to Port Phillip Bay. The river valley cuts deeply through the lava flows of the Keilor and Werribee plains. This basalt rock was created by volcanic eruptions over two million years ago. Beginning as Deep Creek, the Maribyrnong gathers Emu Creek, Jacksons Creek (south of Bulla), Taylor's Creek (near Keilor), and Steeles Creek (near Essendon) before joining the Yarra River at Footscray. The river and surrounding parklands are biodiverse, home to many animal populations including the iconic platypus. The Maribyrnong valley contains over 290 plant species. The river and its tributaries are corridors that allow plants and animals to move and adapt to changes in catchment and climate.

The Werribee and Yarra rivers already have a Riverkeeper, and there is a Port Philip Baykeeper. Our Deep Creek Landcare Group believes that the Maribyrnong River corridor needs the same protection. Thus joins the call for our own Riverkeeper, an independent voice from source to sea.

Deep Creek Landcare Group has nesting boxes for bats, birds and phascogales for sale from \$25. We also have Myna bird traps to lend out. 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.

THE LIONS LEO CLUB

The Lancefield/Romsey Lions Club has been going nearly fifty years in our township assisting our community in various tasks.

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"LIGHT UP LANCEFIELD PARK"

Despite the weather, a fabulous celebration took place on Friday evening July 8 when the new lighting system was turned on at Lancefield Park. Lancefield Junior Football Netball Club hosted a pre-game sponsors' event and Community Bank Lancefield & Romsey were delighted to be involved through our Reconnect Community Grant scheme. An exciting game followed with Gisborne Rookies proving too good for Lancefield in the RDFNL Under 17's match!



COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM ROUND 1 2022/23 NOW OPEN

We are pleased to announce that applications for Round 1 of our Community Investment Program 2022/23 are NOW OPEN.

Our Community Investment Program (CIP) comprises both grants and sponsorships funding, and over the past twenty years of Community Bank operations, we have invested in excess of \$2 million into the local community! Applications can be submitted online through Bendigo Bank's philanthropic partner, the Community Enterprise Foundation: communityenterprisefoundation.com.au

So let's start working towards making all those great suggestions and community projects raised at our Community Forum in February into reality. Should you require any advice/assistance, please contact Lauren Harrison, our Marketing Officer, at lauren@lrcfsl.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.au

APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE
MONDAY 22ND AUGUST 2022.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

TEAM NEWS!

We are pleased to welcome Natalie Brown into the part-time role of Company Secretary for Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services Limited. Natalie and her young family reside in Lancefield and we are delighted to have her join our team. We would also like to welcome Leo Bruinier to the part-time position of Bookkeeper. Leo has extensive Community Bank experience and we look forward to his contribution and input in the future.

We would also like to take this opportunity of saying "thank you" to John Chisholm (our current Bookkeeper) who will be retiring shortly. John was a member of the initial Steering Committee set up to form Community Bank Lancefield & Romsey as well as a member of the Board for several years. We would like to thank him for his contribution to the success of LRCFSL.

\$500 RECONNECT COMMUNITY GRANTS

Romsey Men's Shed are the latest group to receive a \$500 grant from Community Bank Lancefield & Romsey under our current Reconnect Community Grants scheme. Congratulations!

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Romsey Ecotherapy Park UPDATE

It's been a long time coming but Romsey Ecotherapy Park is close to completion!

In 2008, community members came together to lobby for a playground in Romsey. The idea evolved into something far bigger for all ages and abilities. It will be a feature health and wellbeing attraction in the Macedon Ranges. After 13 years, the multi-million dollar project is almost complete, and members of the original committee are still actively involved.

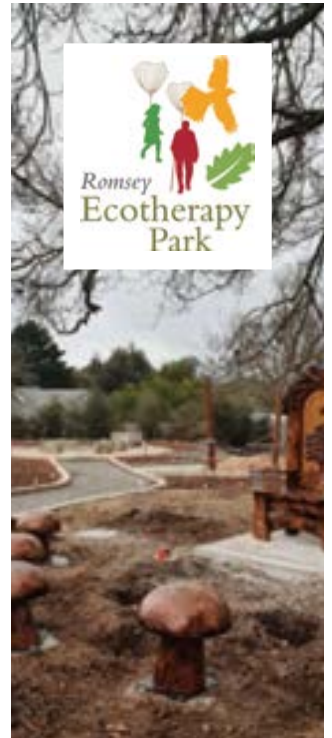
Watching the final elements of the Park come to life has been exciting. Recently the Story Telling Chair and its stools were installed as was the "Rocky Gorge". The garden plantings will soon follow.

Follow Romsey Ecotherapy Park Inc on Facebook for updates.

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www.romseyecotherapypark.com.au



Romsey Mens Shed

Working on Friendships



Activities broaden! Community and in-house.

Since the erection of the shed in Romsey Park in 2020 we have provided for both social and "hands-on" activities - woodworking, automotive, metal work - and importantly, social in the form of Thursday barbecue/luncheon events and a "safe" atmosphere for a coffee and a mens chat. Whether hands on or social activity, Mens Sheds have been acknowledged by all forms of government to be good for men's mental health. We welcome new members who can contact either the Secretary or drop in on a Tuesday or Thursday between 10am and 2pm.

We have a wide range of skills and can help with small refurbishing jobs for the community by arrangement and usually these items have a sentimental value and not viable to be refurbished commercially. We also have a strong relationship with the Hub.

Recently we received a visit from Mark Duffy, a driver for a Variety Bash Charity Event, whose EB Ford had some work undertaken by the shed and this is acknowledged with an RMS support sticker. Members gathered to check it over.

We are currently in the final stages of gaining approval for the Mezzanine floor to improve our social facilities and are planning an Open Day that will have catering support via a Community Grant from the local Bendigo Bank, who have been supportive of the shed from inception. The date of the Open Day is yet to be decided but is planned to follow the completion date of the first stage of the Mezzanine Floor addition.

We also have a Facebook page - Romsey Mens Shed Inc - and will be building that up over time.

For enquiries or membership applications: Secretary: romseym@gmail.com



RMS Members admire the modified EB Ford.



Variety Bash modified Ford EB driven by Mark Duffy. RMS support label.

Yes, it was in Woodend!

Sunday July 10th was a clear sunny cloudless sky day (truly the best day of the winter by far)

The Woodend Hanging Rock Pétanque Club held their inaugural 'Ashes' competition against the Macedon Pétanque Club at our piste at the old racecourse on Forest St in Woodend.

Three games were played and the host club won the trophy on the day, with Louise Potter from WHRPC the highest scoring player.

A morning tea was provided by Macedon, with home baked delicacies and the home club provided hot soup and extras for lunch. And, of course July 14th was Bastille Day! We celebrated at our home piste at Hanging Rock.

T'was a bit chilly, but 32 players managed to brave the elements and we played 3 games with Clive Potter the winner and Connie Ceccys and Beverly Forsyth running in equal second. A delicious lunch was provided by our Social Committee of soup, French beef cassoulet and a yummy chocolate dessert with coulis and chantilly cream.

So, join us, there is always some pétanque event to be looked to. We are at the Old Racecourse on a Monday at 2 pm and then when daylight savings kicks in we are at Hanging Rock as well, on a Thursday at 4 pm.

Email any enquiries to:

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ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

This production of Reservoir Dogs is for a mature audience only. It contains high level course language, sexual references, stylised depictions of violence, simulated gun shots, the use of strobe lighting effects and stage cigarettes which produce an odour.

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Romsey Golf Club Report

Romsey Sporting Precinct:

The MRSC provided funds for a review of the Romsey Sporting Precinct in their 2021/22 budget.. This review, 12 years after the initial master plan was drawn up, began in Feb/Mar. Richard Simon, (Simon Leisure Consultants Pty Ltd), spoke with representatives from almost all of the user groups; each group was able to present their concerns and plans for the future. Richard then had to draw up a plan covering as many of these issues as possible.

On July 11th Richard, and Dean Frank from the MRSC, met with the user groups in the Golf & Bowls Rooms. A draft plan had been circulated earlier, each group was again able to have their say on the draft plan and how it affected their teams & members. A number of changes were suggested to make the area flow better and provide improved access for all involved. Richard will now take these suggestions and work them into the plan which will go to Council for discussion, possible modification and approval. It is hoped the plan can be finalised by November, therefore enabling the plan to be put before both sides of politics for possible funding.

W.E. Tom Shield:

this is a pairs Stableford knock-out competition which was first played in 1965. The qualifying round sees the top eight pairs continue on in the match-play format. The shield will begin on the first weekend of August but other club commitments will mean it will not be completed until early October.

ROMSEY/LANCEFIELD RSL SUB BRANCH



Vietnam Veterans Day – 18th August 2022 56th

Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan – South Vietnam

The Romsey Lancefield RSL Sub-Branch wishes to advise that the 2022 Vietnam Veterans Day commemorative services will be conducted on Thursday, August 18 2022 at the Romsey Cenotaph commencing at 0930 hours and at the Lancefield Cenotaph commencing at 1000 hours.

Wreaths will be laid at both cenotaphs. Members of the community, families, and individuals are invited to lay a wreath.

Veterans to wear full size medals. Children are encouraged to lay a poppy of remembrance at the Cenotaph.

All are welcomed. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Reinhard Goschiniak on 0419 375 060

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New Garden:

In past years we have had many mid/late summer thunder storms. Usually all this water would run out of the park and drain away. Our major drainage works of late 2020 saw a pipe running from the main drain into the golf course. The final two metres of this large pipe had been left bare and it was only a matter of time before it and a mower clashed. A retaining wall of treated pine posts (Ta Rob Good) was built, then the area filled and levelled. Five native flowering bushes were planted and the garden was well mulched. We will build a sluice gate for this pipe so that water can be directed into the two dams or down the drain and out of the park. Here's hoping the plants take off and provide more beauty in our park and additional food and habitat for the many insects and smaller birds that are returning to Romsey Park.



Our new garden.

Romsey Bowling Club

Our big upcoming Event is the Bendigo Bank Re-Connect Day on Saturday 6th August 2022.

We ask you to be there at 10:30am for an 11am start. There will be 10 ends of bowls followed by a BBQ lunch. The day is open to all members and anyone who would like to play bowls. This is a social event with the aim of getting people back to the club and on the green prior to the commencement of the new bowls season.

We thank Bendigo Bank for sponsoring this Pre-Season Tournament.

Another big event is the Bendigo Bank Fours which starts on Friday 23rd September and will be a great chance to practice for the up-coming pennant season.

The contacts for details about the above events are:

Graeme Cuthbert 0491 344 271 or

Andrew Laing 0417 358 094

Romsey Primary School July 2022

NAIDOC week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about our First Nation culture and history. Here at Romsey Primary School, we created a 'Sea of Hands'. It is an iconic symbol of reconciliation that was first held in 1997 in front of Parliament House in Canberra.

The colours of the hands represent the colours of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples flags.

Below are photos of our students creating the 'Sea of Hands' out the front of our school.



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Stronger, Rhyia Dank (Narduma)

I created this piece after reading this year's NAIDOC theme. I know straight away I wanted to do a graphic piece around our flag with our light blue and red. I have been through and we are all fighting for it but that has been black and white when it comes to how we deal with our people in the network.

In this artwork there is a lot of red and yellow. I have included a circle for my late grandma. She was one of the strongest women I knew and was never afraid to speak her mind about our people and Country. I have also included our land's shining stars. It is a reminder that we all always have our Country, our land and Culture. There are also symbols to represent our community. People and land, our camp, a spear and boomerang to represent our strength, unity, love, survival, black and white, and a rainbow to show our connection to Country.



NAIDOC Week 2022 proudly acknowledges and celebrates the rich and diverse cultures of our First Nations people. NAIDOC Week is a time to learn about their history, traditions and achievements. NAIDOC Week is held annually from 3-10 July 2022. naidoc.org.au



St Mary's Playgroup

We would like to invite all families within our Lancefield & Romsey communities to join us at St Mary's for our newly established playgroup. We offer a friendly, welcoming environment, plenty of fun activities and a great chance to socialise with other families from the area.

- **Where:** St Mary's Primary School (in the school hall)
- **When:** Every Friday during the school term
- **Time:** 8.45am - 10.00am

If you or anyone you know may be interested, please send us an email playgroup@smlancefield.catholic.edu.au or contact the school office on (03) 5429 1359.

We look forward to welcoming you and your little ones to this fantastic new program.

End of Term Two

On the last day of Term Two, staff and students at St Mary's were invited to wear casual clothes with a gold coin donation. We do this at the end of each term in order to raise funds for a variety of worthy causes. The cause we chose this time was the local family who's two little boys were injured in a bonfire accident. I'm very pleased to announce that we raised \$200 which was donated on the school's behalf. It's been great to read updates on the little boys and know that they are on the road to recovery. We wish them and their family all the very best for now and the future.



Busy Term Ahead

Term Three promises to be a very busy one. There are so many activities on the calendar and so many wonderful learning opportunities for our students. We look forward to sharing these exciting activities over the next two months which include:

- Student Expo (showcasing their Inquiry projects)
- Book Week (Dress Up Parade & Activity Day plus a live Theatre Performance)
- Our Environment Group presenting at the Kids Teaching Kids Conference
- Father's Day Activity Hour
- Feast Day celebrations

And so much more! We can't wait to share these experiences with our community and show you all our learning and growth.

Jo Shannon (Community Liaison Leader)



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From the Desk of Pastor Tim: Who Do You Say Jesus Is?

I am a logical person. My pre-Pastor career was building financial models in Excel. Things had to add-up and make sense. My staff used to call me the “Emo Hawk” because I could spot an error in a model from a mile away. Over the next three articles, I want to cover 3 key questions that brought me to faith, that had to make sense to me. The first question is: “Who Do You Say Jesus Is?” Recently I was watching a webinar which presented results from an Australian survey in 2021. 49% of those surveyed said that Jesus was a real person who actually lived, 22% said Jesus was a mythical or fictional character and 29% said “don’t know”. I was probably a little brutal in immediately lumping the 22% with flat-earthers and climate change deniers; and seeing the 29% as a blight on our education system (the one person who has the biggest impact on humankind we are talking about here). Jesus as a historical person is accepted by virtually all serious students of history, and those that deny this are rejected as a “fringe theory”. This consensus has been reached using critical historical methods – with (non-bible, non-Christian) examples easy to find - Josephus, Tacitus, Mara Bar-Serapion, Thallus, Phlegon. I like the challenge John Dickson, an historian and writer for the ABC, put out in 2014 – he would eat a page out of his Bible if someone can find a full Professor of Ancient History, Classics, or New Testament in any real university in the world who argues that Jesus never lived. He hasn’t eaten a page. So, if Jesus was an actual person, who lived and breathed on this earth, I had a simple question to answer – who was he? If you critically look at this question, as the author CS Lewis says, you end up with three possibilities – Lord, Liar or Lunatic. He either lied through his teeth, or was an idiot who didn’t know what he was really saying, or he was who he said he was – the Son of God. If you then look at this question taking into account Jesus’ resurrection – I like how Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:3-8 basically says, if you don’t believe me, go and ask any of the 500 who saw him; plus the subsequent behaviour of his disciples – 10 of the 11 (excluding Judas) were martyred. My logical brain just couldn’t accept that those disciples would have died for a lie or die like that if they hadn’t seen Jesus after his resurrection. Once I’d considered all that, the question was no longer “who was he”, but it became “who is he” as Jesus is alive today (Mark 16:19). I made the choice to serve the risen Saviour, Jesus. It was the only thing that made sense.

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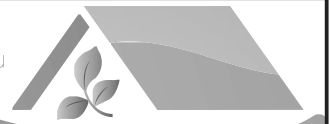
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August Worship Services

Sunday Worship Services in the Romsey Uniting Church are held at 9.30am. They are conducted by Lay and Worship leaders. A Worship and Holy Communion Service is conducted by a Minister on the 4th Sunday.

"Love is a Wild Bird". (Thoughts for the day!). ***'Psalm 13:5-6. But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, for he has been good to me.'*** I went through the nature reserve the other day. It was cold and the trees seemed to huddle together for warmth. As I walked I heard a snatch of bird song. Then a flicker of movement in a bush grabbed my attention. I stood still and waited. Another movement and a flash of red. Just a robin! He watched me, head tilted, alert, and ready to fly. Slowly, I felt for a piece of bread crust in my pocket. Then, even more slowly, with no sudden movement, I stretched my arm out with the bread in my open hand. And waited. The robin hopped onto a nearer branch and watched. I waited some more. We both, the robin and I concentrated on the bread. He hopped nearer, just out of reach.

Then he committed himself. With a flurry of feathers he landed on my hand, almost weightless, took the bread and was off again. He didn't wait to say thankyou – or did he? I felt privileged. That moment of trust was thanks enough. Trust takes time to build. The confidence to trust someone doesn't happen in a flash. It's an act of faith. In trust we surrender something of ourselves to another person. It can be risky, but it enriches life. And that was it. Our encounter was over. The robin flew away with his piece of bread. I went away with a smile on my face, my day brightened by a flash of red, a snatch of bird song, and a moment of trust. ***"Lord, help me to trust today; to take the bread of life your hand holds out to me."***

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The Romsey/Lancefield Probud Club provides an opportunity for active retirees or semi retired people to relax and enjoy the welcoming company of those at the same stage of life at our monthly meetings, and for periodic trips and lunches.

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

The next meeting of the Romsey/Lancefield Probud Club will be on Thursday, 25th August, 2022 at 10.00 am in St.Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey..

***The Guest Speaker will be
Pam Ahern - Edgar's Mission.***

All attending are subject to current Covid regulations.

Contact:

President: Tony 0410 747 616

Secretary: Noreen 0401 579 180

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

St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey

CURRENT MASS CONDITIONS – ALL WELCOME

All Catholics in Melbourne continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. We continue to carry the happy obligation to keep Sunday holy, whether we can attend Mass or not, and can do so by any kind of prayer with members of our household, reading holy scripture & encouraging one another in our faith. Prayerfully participating in online Mass continues to be a great source of comfort on Sundays.

We welcome the opening up of our places of worship but remain mindful and respectful that many in our community remain feeling cautious. Face coverings are recommended for workers who "serve or face" members of the public. As always, our priority is care for others and especially those most vulnerable.

Hand sanitiser will remain available at the church entrance, as will masks if you feel more comfortable using them. Social distancing is always recommended.

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 1st Saturday of each month.

Baptisms: Baptisms are held at 2.30pm on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Please contact the office for the next available date.

Sacraments: Bookings are now open for parish children to register for Sacraments in 2022. Confirmation available to Yr6 and above. Please contact the office if you would like to register your child.

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

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

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



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P: 5429 2130

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Mrs. Tammie Dalgleish
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If you require the Home Library Service or know someone who does, please contact us on 03 5429 3086 or Email: homelibraryservice@ncgrl.vic.gov.au

Dates for your Diary

- **National Family History Month – August**
- **Dying to Know Day – August 8**
- **International Youth Day – August 12**
- **National Science Week – August 13-21**
- **Children's Book Week – August 20 – 26**
- **Wear it Purple Day – August 26**

For what's happening around these events at Goldfields Libraries, please ask for a What's On Winter Program at the library counter or visit www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au

What's happening at the Romsey Library

Inclusive Storytime:

Storytime can be a magic time for children. As the stories unfold and draw them in, children ignite their imagination, encouraging them to develop a love of books and reading. Storytime is a fun and interactive way to build strong foundations for literacy.

For children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Storytime can be challenging. Large groups of people, loud noises and variation to routine can cause anxiety. Inclusive Storytime sessions cater for all children and meet the unique needs of children with ASD, by providing a controlled environment that helps autistic children feel safe and settled. The sessions also incorporate special features like sensory materials and picture exchange communication system cards (PECS).

As well as helping to develop early literacy and school readiness skills, Inclusive Storytime provides important opportunities for the children to interact socially and enables parents and carers on similar journeys to connect. These sessions also establish libraries as a "safe place" and can help to strengthen community awareness around autism.

Please join us on Monday the 1st of August, 11am at Romsey Library for Inclusive Storytime. All are welcome to attend, and no bookings are required.

A Curious Circle

Curiosity, Connection and Creativity.

Come along and create wondrous things for fun and connection in a friendly and inclusive setting. A different activity each month led by our creative library staff.

*No skills required and refreshments provided. For adults.
Thursday 18 August 7 – 8.30 PM*

Digital Literacy – Watching and Listening Online

Learn how to watch TV online and access catch-up services like ABC iView, SBS on Demand and Freeview. See how to access the radio online and use music services to listen to your songs whenever you like.

Groups will be small and follow up help provided.

Be Connected is an Australian Government initiative aiming to empower everyone to use the internet and everyday technology to thrive in our digital world.

More information at www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/beconnected

BOOKINGS REQUIRED

Romsey Cricket Club

Update



The AGM of the Romsey Cricket Club was held late in June – appointing a very strong and enthusiastic incoming committee led by James Collins as the newly appointed President.

President James warmly thanked outgoing President Michael Richardson for his magnificent contribution. Michael will continue to play an important role with the club as the Woolworths Have-a-Go Program Co-ordinator.

The highlight of the evening was the unanimous resolution to approve Life Membership for Len Devlin. Len has been an off-field club stalwart over two decades in administration and in junior coaching and development. He continues to be a well regarded voice of reason across the club. Again, we say, Congratulations Len!

The club is in full swing preparing for the 2022/23 season and welcomes players of all ages & grades to join for the upcoming season. We are significantly expanding playing opportunities for all junior grades – boys and girls - from Under 17s right through to Under 11s. We will field additional junior teams for Season 2022/23 so there are many opportunities to show your interest.

- **Under 17 – Tuesday Nights**
- **Under 15 – Girls Friday Nights, Boys Saturday Mornings**
- **Under 13 – Girls Friday Nights, Boys Saturday Mornings**
- **Under 11 – Friday Nights**

Cricket season will be on us before we know it. Anyone interested can contact either:

James Collins (President)
e: romseycricket@gmail.com - p: 0429 378 724

Tim McCarthy (Secretary)
e: secretaryromseycricket@gmail.com - p: 0403 036 654

Cleaning up or building? Careful – that native vegetation may be protected!

Concerns about increased incidents of illegal vegetation removal in the shire have prompted Council to urge residents to contact us before removing or trimming native vegetation.

Native vegetation is protected and a permit may be required for removal of trees, bushes, grasses and herbs. These plants may be protected by planning controls including significant landscape, environment significance, vegetation protection and heritage overlays. There may also be agreements or covenants on land titles relating to vegetation protection.

Examples of property clean up that may require a permit include:

- Using heavy machinery to clean up fallen trees (if property clean up exposes the soil you may be damaging the native vegetation)
 - Clearing away understory to sow grass under trees
 - Any tree or shrub removal
- The Victorian Government's policy

for native vegetation is outlined in the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning's Guidelines for the Removal, Destruction or Lopping of Native Vegetation. This is a state-wide document and must be considered by Council when assessing proposals to remove native vegetation.

These guidelines seek to ensure there is no net loss to biodiversity as a result of the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation. They also assist in the protection of vital habitat for insects, reptiles, birds and mammals.

Before you remove or modify any native vegetation contact us on 5422 0333 to clarify if a planning permit is required or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/Native-Vegetation.

Unauthorised clearance of native vegetation is illegal under the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and the Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme. Offenders may be prosecuted and receive heavy penalties.

Gardens for Wildlife Info Session

6pm Wednesday 17 August at Woodend Community Centre

Would you like to attract more butterflies, birds, reptiles and mammals in your yard?

Come along to hear about the Gardens for Wildlife project, how to improve biodiversity and attract more birds and other animals to your property.

Council would like to establish a group of ongoing volunteers who are passionate about biodiversity and would like to contribute to the program roll-out across the region.

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