

Romsey Women's Golf Report

The Golf Charity day held Sunday 18 February was a great success. We were overwhelmed with the support of 20 teams who entered and were worried how we would accommodate them all on our 12 hole course. In the spirit of the day people were very tolerant and the field flowed well allowing time for extra activities on course. The fines raised some extra cash and the betting hole was very profitable. Thanks everyone for their donations. Back in the clubrooms there was much laughter over some of the team names and the raffle was also well supported. Thanks to Tender Cuts Meats in Sunbury Square for donating the meat tray. Winners on the day were the "Awesome Foursome" and the "Collectors" were runners-up. Thanks to our major sponsor Sapore Nostro an Italian restaurant in Sunbury. I am sure the team will enjoy their meals there.

The Relay for Life over the weekend of 3rd & 4th of March saw the Romsey Birdies walking around the oval with our baton. With the weather not being as good as it could have been all the Birdies had sense and retired to our nests at home to sleep and then resumed walking in the morning. At the closing ceremony we were thrilled to be announced as second highest fund raisers. All up we raised over \$9000.00 and would sincerely like to thank everyone who supported us in any way. There were the 2 garage sales, Leonie & Laurie's Garden Party, the Golf Charity day and some catering we did as well as people who donated to individual members of the team. A wonderful effort thank you all.

Now for some golf results. February 22nd we had a "Bring a Friend" day and played 9 holes Ambrose. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day, especially Denise's friend from Bacchus Marsh West who, with a few extra ladies came again to March "Bring a Friend" day. Lunch was enjoyed and we hope to see some new members in the future.

February 23rd Lorraine, Kath and I travelled to Alexander for their bowl. It was a warm day and the slices of watermelon on the turn were refreshing. Some of the summer rain was not to our advantage and of course the greens were as tricky as ever. On Tues. 6th Mar. Leila, Denise and Lorraine played Irish 3BBB at Kyneton. There was a full field with teams coming from far and wide. Like all golfers they played some good and some bad shots. Luckily Leila hit her

Denise's adventures in Gippsland! On Saturday 25th Feb, Denise played in the "Sale to Sea" event at Newry. (Hosted by Limbs for Life) It was a VERY hot day. The most popular people on the course that day were the drink providers. The course is a pleasure to play on and Denise scored well. Next day they all went to South Pines. The weather was much better, but much more difficult course. Most players shot half the scores they had at Newry. It has very tight doglegs on most holes, but a great atmosphere from the club members.

Tuesday 28th February, we played at Sale. The weather was very miserable. There was fine misty rain most of day. The game to be held on Thursday was washed!

Denise was invited to play in a Charity day at Berwick Montana on the following week. It is a very picturesque course—heavy undulating but good to play on. She didn't score well but had a fantastic day all the same.

March 1st: Kath, Jan and I played the very wet Goonawarra course for their Bowl. They had arranged an early hit off to beat the heat, but when we arrived there was much discussion about whether we would be able to play. Carts were banned for safety reasons and some teams decided to go home which left a small field. Bunkers were full of water and there was lots of causal water, some so deep players lost balls. Lunch was very much appreciated at the end of play. The weather remained mainly fine but it was windy.

The stroke play on March 2 was won by Leila.

March 5: Lorraine, Kath and I left Romsey in the pitch darkness at 5.30am to play in the Golf Victoria Bronze Teams event held at Heidelberg Golf Club. It was a beautiful morning with bright shining stars and the Milky Way really standing out. After a couple little detours around some blocks we arrived and were relieved to be told all bunkers were out of play due them being full of water. The course was still challenging with the hills but the city views from the higher holes were well worth the early start. Needless to say we didn't win but truly enjoyed the day.

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drive straight on the Par 3 that was surrounded by water on both sides as Denise and Lorraine had already drowned their drives.

March 7: Wendy won the Stableford event in fine sunny weather. Secret Partners was won by Wendy and Kath. The course was in top condition ready for the Junior Tournament.

March 8: Seymour held their bowl and Lorraine, Kath and I all played. They had a full field. The course was heavy having been closed due to the weather the Saturday prior. Scores were not good but everyone enjoyed the day, especially the alfresco lunch. Sitting out under the shady trees with a slight breeze was welcome as the day was warming up. They are in the planning stage for their new clubrooms.

March 15: Denise, Lorraine and I played in the Woodend Ruby McKenzie Bowl. The day started out wet but improved for some time only to rain again before the field was in. Denise provided the entertainment for her group by running amuck with her scooter and having to withdraw injured (herself and scooter). Scores were low as it was challenging in the wet heavy conditions.

Recipe for this month
Roasted Tomato Soup.

Olive Oil
1 onion finely chopped
1kg tomatoes roughly chopped
3 garlic cloves
1 teaspoon caster sugar
600 ml vegetable stock
100 gm alphabet or risoni pasta.
Preheat oven to 200C. Cook onion in oil over low heat until softened.
Put into casserole add tomatoes, garlic, sugar and season well with salt & pepper.
Roast uncovered in oven for 20 mins, then allow to cool.
Puree in a blender adding a little stock as required.
Return to pan, add remaining stock.
Bring to boil, add pasta and simmer for 10 mins.
Taste, adjust seasoning if necessary.

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A DAY FOR REMEMBRANCE

"How do we remember them? They died so young. They missed so much. They gave up so much: their dreams; their loved ones. They laid down their lives that their friends might live. Greater love has no man than this."

These words from Lieutenant-Colonel Ralph Honner, DSO, MC, who commanded the 39th Battalion on the Kokoda Track during World War II, capture the sacrifices of our service men and women and the true spirit of the Anzacs.

ANZAC Day goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. We have a duty and obligation to never forget the courage and endurance of those who fought at Gallipoli. It is only one episode in Australia's military history, but it defines the qualities summarized in the word ANZAC- mateship, courage, a sense of duty and an indomitable fighting spirit.

Ninety seven years on the spirit of ANZAC continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity. It is a day of national memory, of the legend that the Anzacs forged on that distant shore long ago.

Commemorative ceremonies, with the crowds growing each year, are held in towns and cities across the nation, to acknowledge the service of our veterans. I hope you have the opportunity to attend the very moving Dawn Service at Mount Macedon or a service in your town. These ceremonies can be a very personal and emotional experience. It is a time to stop to remember not just Gallipoli, but all the wars and conflicts, and those who have served in defence of our freedom.

Warm regards
Joanne

Thank You

On February 17, a Magic Show was held in Woodend for families, featuring magician Anthony De Masi (aka Luigi Zucchini). It raised \$1110 for the Cancer Council Victoria via my Relay For Life team.

The show would not have gone ahead without the generous support of the Rotary Club of Woodend, Bourke's Bakehouse, Woodend Pharmacy, and the Brooke Street Medical Centre. Raffle donations, prizes and in kind assistance were also provided by Schatzi's, Kerri's Bundle of Bears, Bodywise, Collier Office & Business Assist, Belinda Shanahan and Karen McNeil.

More than 100 people from across the Macedon Ranges attended and were treated to a highly entertaining and professional performance by one of Australia's most highly regarded magicians.

Thanks to everyone who bought tickets and contributed to the event's success in other ways. Spaghetti has never tasted so hilarious or enchanting!



2012 Macedon Ranges Junior Tournament Report

The 3rd Macedon Ranges Junior Tournament attracted junior golfers from Woodend, Romsey, Lancefield, Bundoora, Kilmore, Hidden Valley, Victoria, Northern, Southern, Yarrambat, Sandhurst and Medway Golf Clubs. Well over 50% of the players were off 10 or less with one player, Ryan Ruffles (Victoria) off +4. After registration at 11.00 am players sat down for lunch and to make new friendships or renew old ones. Macedon Ranges Shire councilor, Henryka Benson, opened the tournament congratulating the players on their interest in golf and their obvious hard work to lower their handicaps. Councillor Benson also congratulated the three clubs for their ability to work together to run the event which brought the region's youth together and which also attracted new people to both the three golf courses and to the region in general. Organising committee members Anthony Lakey (Romsey) and David Muller (Lancefield) welcomed the players and their families thanking the event's sponsors; the Shire of Macedon Ranges, the Victorian Golf Foundation, Australian Industry Group Training Services & Drummonds Golf. Woodend Captain, Paul Whelan also spoke. welcoming everyone to the course.

The 1st round at Woodend (Par 66) Players, in handicap based group, hit off in cool, overcast conditions. The course was in great condition and some good scoring was expected. As usual the par 3 11th surprised new players and proved a wonderful challenge for the whole field. The rounds of the day came from Hugh Parks (L'field) and Callan Stone (Hidden Valley) with 71, Nathan Callaghan (Bundoora) carded a 72 and Kono Matsumoto (Victoria) was the leading girl with 82

Results Rd 1 - Woodend Golf Club.

14&U Boys' Stroke - Callan Stone (HValley) 71, Handicap - Kieran Vogels (Sandhurst) 81/16/65
16&U Boys' Stroke - Hugh Parks (L.field) 71, H/cap - Seamus Whelan (Woodend) 73/5/68

18&U Boys' Stroke - Nathan Callaghan (Bundoora) 72, H/cap - Jarrad White (Kilmore) 75/10/65

18&U Girls' Stroke - Kono Matsumoto (Victoria) 82, H/cap - Tylah Hodgson (HValley) 84/14/70

The 2nd round at Romsey (Par 72) Players again enjoyed a hearty lunch before they hit-off, in age and handicap based groups. The recent rains had freshened-up the course and the still, warm conditions were perfect for golf. The smaller greens proved challenging to all players however they did hold and were quite true. The round of the day came from Jack Walsh with a 76, other players did not take advantage of the conditions to post a really good score. At the end of the 2nd round clubhouse leaders were; Boys - Callan Stone – 150, Hugh Parks – 152 & Seamus Whelan – 154, Girls – Kono Matsumoto – 165 & Tylah Hodgson – 184. This round was also the 6th Gary Watts Shield, the Romsey Golf Club junior Tournament.



Cr Henryka Benson with 2012 MRJT Champions Kono Matsumoto and Daniel Wright

Results Rd 2 - Romsey Golf Club.

14&U Boys' Stroke - Callan Stone 79, H/cap - Kieran Vogels 86/16/70

16&U Boys' Stroke - Jack Walsh (HValley) 76, H/cap - Seamus Whelan 81/5/76

18&U Boys' Stroke - Daniel Wright (Romsey) 82, H/cap Dean vanDenHeuvel (Romsey) 96/17/79

18&U Girls' Stroke - Kono Matsumoto 83, GeorgiaNankivell (Medway) 99/21/78

Gary Watts Shield Winners - Jack Walsh & KonoMatsumoto

The 3rd round at Lancefield (Par 72) An early start saw players in jumpers and jackets however the day soon warmed up and conditions were again perfect for golf. Groups were score based, tournament leaders, Hugh Parks, Seamus Whelan & Callan Stone had a rough front 9 turning the corner 4 to 6 over however Daniel Wright (155) had played the front 9 in 1 under so the championship was up for grabs. In the end Daniel was able to hold his nerve and, despite a stumble on the last was able to come in with a 2 over 74 to win the day. Other excellent rounds came from Ryan Ruffles (Victoria) 76/80, Jordan Smith (Medway) (91/71) and Kieran Vogels (Sandhurst) 89/73

Results Rd 3 - Lancefield Golf Club. Par 72

14&U Boys Stroke – Ryan Ruffles, 76, H/cap – Jordan Smith – 91/20/71

16&U Boys Stroke – Seamus Whelan 80, H/cap Jack Walsh 85/8/77

18&U Boys Stroke –Daniel Wright 74, H/cap Dean vanDenHeuvel 88/17/71

18&U Girls Stroke – Kono Matsumoto 87, Georgia Nankivell 96/21/75

Macedon Ranges Junior Champions (Presented by Macedon Shire Councillor Henryka Benson) – Daniel Wright 229 & Kono Matsumoto 252

Chris Gaunt Cup (Handicap) winners (Presented by Lancefield GC President David Muller)- Kieran Vogels 208 & Georgia Nankivell 228.

David and Anthony closed the event by thanking the event's sponsors, the three golf clubs for allowing the event to be run on their courses, all the kitchen and bar staff who had looked after refreshments, the many volunteers at the clubs who had worked so hard to get the courses into top condition, the parents and friends who had driven the players and finally the players themselves for their hard work, their positive attitudes and efforts on the course and their camaraderie in the clubrooms.



2012 Chris Gaunt Cup winners Georgia Nankivell and Kieran Vogels With Lancefield Pres Dave Muller

The 2013 MRJT will again be held over the Labour Day long weekend Sat 9th, Sun 10th & Mon March 11th.

BOLINDA & MONEGEETA News COMMUNITY NEWS:

CELEBRATE!! We were just delighted to hear of a Wedding in Bolinda! Jessica Gauci and Damien Stephens (the son of Gail and George) were married on March 3rd. They had long admired the magnificent stable of neighbor, John Francis, (it is a really stunning design) and were delighted to be able to celebrate their wedding there, with the reception following at the Stephens family home. They have moved back to NSW. We wish them all the very best for the future as they share the ups and downs of life together.

And George's mother, Ella Violetta Stephens, aged 98, still lives at her home in Essendon. Her 'children' support her by sharing a live-in role. She uses a walker occasionally for stamina only!

As usual, the weather gets our attention... January was very dry, and February very wet! 476 pts (119mL) for the month (I'll have to check whether that's a record for Bolinda since our records in 1950) and the country looks like spring. It's great for gardens and pastures of course, but heartbreaking to think on the many who have suffered devastating flood damage.

HALL NEWS:

If you are a gardener, or looking for a really lasting gift (hint: Mother's Day coming up!) don't miss BULBS @ BOLINDA Sale Day on Saturday, March 31st. Bulbs are among the most rewarding of plants; many thrive on neglect, coming up year after year to bloom beautifully, seemingly die away, but to re-emerge next year... without any effort - except appreciation - on our part. Doug Bryce will have a range of excellent quality bulbs for sale at very good prices. Last year I picked up some beautiful

little species tulips, which are hardier and even more charming than the common ones, for just \$2.50. They repeat very easily. He has a range of daffodils (including miniatures) tulips, different grape hyacinths, nerines, crocuses and many more. He also has a range of more rare 'one-offs'. Our day starts with a brief question/answer session at 2:00pm. Also a lucky door prize and afternoon tea. There will also be a local plant stall.

HISTORY BOOK If you are waiting for a copy of our Bolinda History book it should be available again soon and we will deliver. Unfortunately the scanned file went missing.

HALL HIRE: Don't forget our community hall is available for hire at very cheap rates. We want to see it used by the community. Not available for 8ths or 21sts, however, per Council regulations.

BOL-DARRA (Bolinda-Darraweil) GARDEN CLUB:

Our last Garden Get-Together was at Cath and Terry Fisher's in Bolinda-Darraweil Road. It was a real treat to walk around their garden admiring the excellent lay-out and the many stunning plants. Some of the highlights were the glorious colors of the 'Flowering Gums', beautiful shapes and foliage of wattles, gorgeous prostrate wattles and banksias, and the loveliest Geebung (*Persoonia pinifolia*) we had ever seen! The vegie garden area had to be one of the best designs I have ever seen - and the rhubarb there was disappearing rapidly! Afternoon tea was a great feast and chatfest - a great day indeed.

Next meeting is our Bulb Day at Bolinda Hall; April meeting is a visit to a garden in the Lancefield area. We meet at Bolinda Hall for a quick cuppa, chat about garden problems and a plant swap. Last time we had tall white bearded iris, parsnip seeds, lemons for free giveaways. It's a good way to share or get rid of excess produce. You don't have to bring anything. Just come along yourself - it's a good day...and we have folk who are not really keen gardeners! Come to meet some nice neighbors. We meet at 1:30 to move off to our garden visit at 2:00

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH:

*If you are concerned about rising electricity bills then you will be really interested to be introduced to another great local industry - **BLUE TONGUE SOLAR**, 539 Bolinda-Darraweil Road, Bolinda, 3432. Phone 54 285*

390 - family company of Teresa and Warren Hall, Thomas and James. Warren is an industrial design engineer and business analyst, with a background in the aviation industry.

He has been approx 6 yrs in the Solar industry, building up expertise and planning, with the business established now for over 18 months. They employ 4/5 permanent staff, more part-time (16 last June!) He is justly proud that his customers now produce 1 gigawatt of power for country Victoria and 240 of his customers pay no electricity bills!! If you know of people who are not totally satisfied with the solar system, or found it very expensive, you will be pleased to know that Warren uses only the very best quality German and Chinese equipment. They cater for both commercial and domestic use. Warren has been working on around 200 conversions in the

Yarrawonga area; as with all good industry, referrals are by word of mouth. You might be aware the subsidy for solar power may be reduced after July 1st. The Hall family are also great community people, keen to support the area (indubitably the world's best!) in which they have chosen to live.

Cheerio from Bolinda & Monegeeta (Enquiries: John and Ruth Green 54285347; 0415256911)

Book Review: *The HELP*

The Help is an inspiring, lovely and woman-centred story which tackles the serious issue of racism in 1960s America.

The Help is fictional but you can't help wonder if there is some truth to the experiences as told by Miss Skeeter, a young privileged and ambitious white woman who is aware of the injustice towards African Americans in her own home, despite how polite and socially acceptable it is. Then there are Aibileen and Minny, two African American maids who experience this racism on a practical level each day, so when Miss Skeeter, Minny and Aibileen team up together to challenge these polite society rules in a charming and innovative way, the results are very empowering.

A lovely and inspiring book most suited to female readers.



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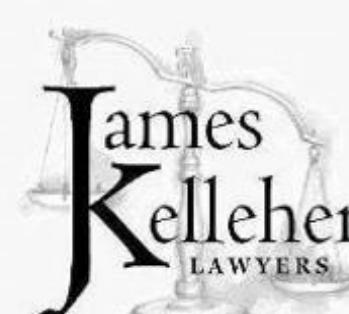
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ANZAC Day Service—Wednesday April 25th 2012

The Romsey/Lancefield RSL Sub Branch wishes to advise that the 2012 ANZAC Day Commemorative Service will be conducted in High Street, Lancefield on Wednesday April 25th. Marchers are requested to assemble at the bakery at 0815 hrs—the service begins at 0830. All families and individuals are invited to attend this most important day in Australia's history, particularly the school children. Your attendance will be most appreciated. Refreshments will be served in the Lancefield Mechanics Institute hall after the service—all welcome. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to call John Lynch on 0417 393 396.



James Kelleher
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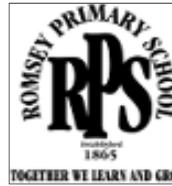
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Romsey Primary School News

Young Leaders Day for Local Schools

Romsey Primary School hosted the first young leader's day for the Macedon Ranges Network with all of our student councillors and the school captains attending. Other schools who participated were Gisborne, Riddells Creek, Langley, Tylden, Redesdale Mia Mia and Malmsbury. The students were privileged to listen to four inspirational guest speakers and worked in small groups reflecting on what they learnt. Participant Cameron Stein reflected "When we were settled down the first speaker stood up. It was Rieley Pyne. He was a school captain in 2008 at Romsey Primary School. He now goes to Assumption College. He talked about his time at Romsey and experience being a school captain. The next speaker was Joanne Duncan the Labour MP for the area. She was saying that you don't need to be given opportunities but you need to try. Next Wayne Schwass the AFL footballer talked. He was talking about how people normally copy what leaders do and that leaders need to do the right thing. We did a few activities and then the last speaker came on. His name was Mark Fisher and he was in a wheelchair. There were photos from his life. His speech was very moving because he has multiple sclerosis. He could not move his legs and could just move his arms. He went to China to be in the World Choir Olympics and got 2nd. After his speech the schools got into groups and made goals for the end of the year. Overall I think the day was a success and people enjoyed it. The food was nice and the speeches were very moving. I learnt from the day that no matter what position you are in, if you believe you can do something, you can do it."



Cross Country

Recently all our students participated in the House Cross Country Carnival. It was fabulous to see all the students try so hard in their event and to see their smiling faces after collecting their ribbons. It was also fantastic to see so many supportive parents turn up to cheer on the runners. We had the largest turnout of parents we have ever had at a house cross country carnival, and we were thrilled to see many parents joining in the event with their children. Well done mums and dads! We were very proud of our extremely responsible year 5/6 students who helped the younger students and particularly our House captains who assisted with the organisation, set-up and pack-up. Congratulations to Clarke who won the cross country for the third year in a row!



Lancefield / Romsey Community Grants

Romsey Community Bank not only providing banking facilities for the school and our students but actively supports numerous community groups. We have again been the recipients of a grant from our local community bank. Leanne Showler and Tracey Newnham from the community bank presented School Captain Keith Traill and Student Council Publicity Officer Isabelle Emond with the giant cheque for \$500. This money will be used to purchase additional classroom library shelving. We appreciate the ongoing support of the Bendigo Bank through their community grants.



School Council News

Romsey Primary School Council recently welcomed several new members, and we look forward to a productive year ahead. The parent members of School Council are: Lynda Grierson (President), Peter Halton (Vice President), John Webb Ware (Treasurer), Scott Hoctor-Turner, Kerri Mewett, Kerry Hammond, Elizabeth McDonnell, Anthony Quigley and Raelene Mottram.

Staff representatives are: Joan Gibbs (Executive Officer), Jo Emond (Secretary), Wendy Ashworth, Brian Tannenberg and Karren Baker.

I would like to thank out-going School Council President Sue Hayes, who has resigned from School Council, for her service to the school on council over the past three years, and for her leadership as President in 2011.

The Annual Report to the Community was presented to School Council and copies of it are available from the office for parents and community members.

Farewell Cathy Calder

This month we said farewell to Cathy Calder, who has worked at Romsey Primary School for the past 11 years. Many people would know Cathy from her work in the office and with some of our special programs with individual students in her role as an integration aide. Cathy has made an outstanding contribution to our school and we are very sorry to see her go. We wish her all the best with her new position in the office at Kilmore Primary School.

Joan Gibbs, Principal



ROMSEY KINDER NEWS

March 2012

March	Tesselaar Bulbs Fundraising.
March	Hot Cross Bun Drive.
March/April	Tupperware.

Fundraising

Thank you to committee members Kellie, Kristy, Louise, Alison, Kylie, Andrew & Keillie's children Aimee, Michael & Emma-Lee & parent volunteers Nicole, Daryl, Christine & Daniel for helping during the day at the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. We raised \$618 which will go towards the purchase of climbing frames, a picket fence, a wooden table & wooden boxes for use in the playgrounds & classrooms as required by the teachers in the curriculum.

Thank you to the following business's for their generous donations on the day: IGA, Romsey Fresh Wholesalers, Coles Sunbury, J & A Bakery Sunbury.

TESSELAAR BULBS

If you would like to order some beautiful bulbs and support the Kinder at the same time please contact Louise on 0402 299 533 or alternatively please place an order with full name & payment in an envelope in the correspondence box outside Unit 2 by Friday the 30th of March. The funds made from this activity will also go towards climbing frames & wooden blocks.

Maintenance Person

The Committee is looking for a Maintenance Person to fix a couple of items around the Kinder. If you know of someone who likes to fix things or is a professional handyman we would like to get in touch with them. Unfortunately things aren't indestructible and break occasionally so having someone we can call on throughout the year is desirable.

UPCOMING WORKING BEE ON SUNDAY THE 22ND OF APRIL.

UNIT 1	Kim Bates & Catherine Tighe	5429 5294
UNIT 2	Liz Keily & Kay Futcher	5429 6076

Kinder Hats & T-Shirts

Hats – Hats are still available for purchase – call Louise on 0402 299 533 if you would like to purchase a hat.

Clothing – During Term 4 & 1 children need to wear clothing that will cover and protect their shoulders from the sun.

Water – don't forget to fill your child's water bottle!

Kinder Pavers

Could to following people please contact Jodie on 0488 288 831 regarding Pavers – Klem Evans, Leanne Dorian (Caitlyn Rose), Georgena Rogerson (Emily). Thank you.

Tupperware

Catherine Heim's (Jacaranda) mum Beth is starting a Tupperware business. The committee is looking at doing a Tupperware fundraiser in Term 2. In the meantime for any enquiries, catalogues or to book a demonstration, please contact her on 54293824, 0413726768 or email her at Tupperlady@live.com.au.

Beth is happy to do kids in the kitchen demonstrations which includes the kids in the cooking of yummy biscuits to share, and there is a great kids range at the moment. She can also find allergy-free options; call her to chat if this interests you. Also she is happy to do day or night or weekend demonstrations to suit around mums' busy schedules.

Andrew.

MACEDON RANGES FILM SOCIETY HAS A WINNING LIST FOR 2012

In February, the much-loved film "Some Like It Hot" starring Marilyn Monroe, Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis was a fabulous curtain-raiser. This was followed in March by Milos Forman's film version of the musical "Hair". Made in 1979, it highlighted the division of opinion over America's involvement in the Vietnam war and focused on the tendency of young men to grow their hair long as part of their rebellion along with setting fire to their draft notices. This highly successful musical originally premiered on Broadway in 1968 and in London ran for an impressive 1,997 performances.

The film for April is Peter Jackson's "Heavenly Creatures", a darker theme admittedly but one which is acted with great sensitivity by Melanie Lynskey and Kate Winslet in her screen debut. This film which deals with a true life event in New Zealand in 1953 and 1954, will be shown at the Woodend Community Centre at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11th.

The Macedon Ranges Film Society meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Woodend Community Centre. Film notes are supplied and for those who wish, there is some discussion over supper about the film afterwards.

Email mrfilmsociety@gmail.com or call Vicki on 5427 2323 or Christine on 5429 5452."



Change is the Constant –

Are you taking advantage of opportunity?

Are you missing out on the chance to make more of your money and minimise your tax? There are many changes happening all the time within accounting, taxation and superannuation. Generally they result from a legislative change from our politicians or case law where the courts make an interpretation of the law as written. Sometimes it can be where the best opportunities lie.

In 2012 again there are a number of changes on the way with a numerous reviews being completed the existing taxation laws and some major fundamental changes such as carbon pricing. Whether we agree or disagree with the reasons and the changes that result from political aspirations and requirements, not keeping abreast of these changes can cost you money.

Below are just a few of the upcoming changes that may impact on your taxation & wealth planning.

- From 1 July, 2012 the maximum tax deductible superannuation contribution permitted annually will be \$25,000 (there is a \$50,000 maximum contribution possible if you are over 50 years of age and your superannuation benefit is below \$500,000). This limit includes any Superannuation Guarantee.
- From 1 July, 2012 off market transfers to a Self Managed Superannuation Fund are not permitted. If you currently hold any ASX listed shares in your own name or a related entity you can transfer them to your SMSF without having to sell and repurchase the shares – from 1 July, 2012 this is no longer possible.
- In the 2012 financial year any minors who are beneficiaries of a family trust can only receive \$416 tax free. Prior to this the limit was as high as \$3,333 by taking advantage of low income offsets that are no longer available.
- From 30 January, 2012 the Personal Property Security Act has become effective which changes the way a business deals with debtors and financiers.

Quite often when a change takes place there will be some form or honeymoon period or transitional phase and it is often in these times that we have the greatest opportunity to plan. Other times the change is effective immediately and we must make do.

If you like to keep up with the changes that keep coming at this thick and fast rate go to www.mcmahonosborne.com.au and from the Contact Us page lodge an enquiry to subscribe to our newsletter or email kristie@mcmahonosborne.com.au and request to be added to our newsletter distribution list. Alternatively you can "Like" the McMahon Osborne Group Facebook Page or follow Tim McCarthy on twitter at @tmccarthy31.

No matter how you choose to keep up with these changes you should do something to give yourself the best opportunity to succeed in this current environment.

Trust – The Oil in the Machine of Everyday Life.

At many levels, the simple notion of **trust** is what keeps relationships of all sorts - in families, partnerships, businesses, community groups, governance bodies, diplomatic relations (local and international) and society in general - functional. Trust can relate to honesty and integrity but, in short, is synonymous with feeling safe in a relationship.

Trust can erode suddenly or insidiously over time. Either way, when it is lost, the consequences are almost always disastrous at some level and long lasting. Relationships are sacrificed, group functionality is lost, and individuals are hurt – often forever. What was once productive and satisfying is no more.

So, why does trust break in the first place? Sometimes it is because of ego (or lack thereof). Sometimes it is because of arrogance or even complacency. Sometimes it is because of greed related to power. Sometimes it is the development of a siege mentality – "He said, She said", "Them Versus Us". Without trust, the oil in the machine of everyday life is missing. The machine heads for inevitable breakdown. How sad when it is so easy to just oil the machine.....

Greylight "Olde Time Dance"



Place: Kyneton Town Hall

Date: Wednesday 2nd of May, 2012

Time: 1:30 pm until 5:00 pm

Cost: "FREE"

"Light refreshments available"

Music provided by

"Police Show Band"

RSVP: 16th of April, 2012 - Call Holly Clinton at

Macedon Ranges Shire Council

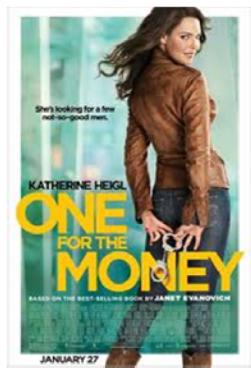
Ph: (03) 5422 0250 or email: hclinton@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Must register as limited seats available.

Transport available on request at time of registration.



One For The Money



To celebrate the launch of the new movie 'One for the money' based on the books by author Janet Evanovich. The Romsey library is going to be giving away a **double pass to the movies** to anyone who comes in and borrows a book from the library during the month of April. As an added incentive anyone who borrows any Janet Evanovich book will get an extra entry into the draw. Entries close April 30 so get in quick.

For more information please contact the Romsey library on 54 293086

Use your extra hour to protect

home and family

CFA in partnership with Duracell is calling on Victorians to use their 'bonus' hour when clocks go back on 1 April to make sure their home has a working smoke alarm and a home fire escape plan.

"For most of us the end of daylight saving means an extra hour in bed," said Deputy Chief Officer Alan Ellis. "We're asking Victorians to instead devote some of this time to protecting their homes and families from a house fire. It only takes ten minutes to check your smoke alarm batteries, and not much longer to talk with your family about what they would do if there was a fire."

In the same time it takes to cook a piece of toast, a spark can become a life-threatening blaze so it's critical for Victorian households to know and be able to implement their home fire escape plan quickly and confidently.

CFA recommends you:

- Use long-lasting 9V alkaline batteries to ensure year-round protection.
- Test smoke alarms once a month using a broom handle – the alarm should produce a beeping sound when the test button is pressed.
- Use the brush attachment on your vacuum cleaner to dust around the smoke alarm.
- Install photo-electric smoke alarms rather than ionisation smoke alarms where possible.
- Replace all smoke alarms (both battery powered and 240v hard-wired) after ten years. The year of manufacture is displayed on the alarm.

"Kids enjoy being involved in the process – changing the battery and pressing the test button. From there it's a great opportunity to remind them of what the alarm is for and what actions to take when it goes off," said Mr Ellis. "Simple actions like getting down low and crawling under smoke save lives so it is important kids get involved."

Tips for involving children with smoke alarms and home fire safety:

- Make testing the smoke alarm, or reminding an adult to do so, part of their regular responsibilities.
- Help them make their own 'smoke alarm tester' using a piece of wooden dowel decorated with paint, tape or ribbons.
- Talk through your home fire escape plan highlighting actions they can take, such as knowing when to dial 000.

CFA has partnered with Duracell for more than ten years now to urge Victorians to change their smoke alarm batteries when they change their clocks at the end of daylight saving.

Without a working smoke alarm, residents are four times more likely to die in a house fire, 57 per cent more likely to suffer property loss or damage, and 25 per cent more likely to suffer serious injury.

For more information on the recommendations for smoke alarm usage and fire escape plans visit www.changeyourbattery.com.au.



FIRE DANGER PERIOD TO FINISH IN SELECTED MUNICIPALITIES

The Fire Danger Period finished on Monday, 19 March, in the following municipalities in CFA's Loddon Mallee Region District 2:

- Greater Bendigo City Council
- Central Goldfields Shire Council
- Mount Alexander Shire Council
- Macedon Ranges Shire Council

Fire Danger Periods are based on local conditions and take into account fuel moistures, fuel loads, grassland curing, weather and rainfall. They are a seasonal declaration. Information about fire restrictions is available in CFA's *Can I or Can't I* brochure available on the CFA website <http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/restrictions>, or by phoning the Victorian Bushfire Information Line (VBIL) 1800 240 667. Although CFA places only limited restrictions on the lighting of fires in the open air outside of the Fire Danger Period, lighting of fires may be fully or partly restricted under legislation and by-laws administered by municipalities and Department of Sustainability and Environment. A person who lights a fire in dangerous weather or fuel conditions or lights a fire that damages another person's property whether intentionally or not is guilty of a serious crime.

Although the fire danger period is ending, it is important the community takes extreme care when burning off. If a fire is left unattended in windy conditions it can spread quickly and can burn into bushland or onto neighbours' properties.

Always remember to:

- Check local by-laws before burning-off;
- Never leave a burn-off unattended;
- Tell your neighbours and call the VicFire Burn-Off Line on 1800 668 511 so that brigades don't get called out unnecessarily and;
- Check the weather forecast before you burn-off - never burn-off in dry, hot, windy conditions.

Some larger sized fires over the past few weeks, particularly the recent grassfire near Ararat, highlights the importance of being fire ready and always remaining vigilant.

CFA Chief Officer, Euan Ferguson, said although there had been wet conditions and flooding in Victoria, the recent grassfires demonstrated how quickly fires could take hold.

"Grassfires travel faster than you can run. They can threaten properties and even kill," he said. "People should have a fire plan and prepare for the event of fire - never be complacent."

To download a Fire Ready Kit, complete the Household Bushfire Self Assessment or find the location of Fire Ready meetings in your area visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667.

For more information contact: CFA Media (03) 5330 3124 or visit www.cfaconnect.net.au

LIONS IN ACTION

The Lions Club of Lancefield/Romsey has been busy in the past few weeks. Sunday 19th February our members were out early with our BBQ Trailer to cook breakfast for the Lancefield MotorCycle Poker Run. Some 280 riders took park in the Ride for Amber & Kaya Muscle Run, both children suffering different forms of degenerative neuromuscular disorders. Riders left Lancefield for their first stop in Seymour then onto Flowerdale where Lions assisted to feed the hungry Bikers.



Sunday 4th March, Clean Up Australia Day, Lions once again out and about. A section of the Lancefield-Sunbury Road south of Romsey was the site for rubbish collection. Ten members put on wet weather gear for the 4km trek after several days of heavy rain. Quite a few trailer loads of rubbish were dispatched to the tip. Lions enjoyed a BBQ Lunch after a successful morning's work.



Monday 5th March Cyclist Alan (Sandy) Sandford, age 75, who is riding 2700km around Victoria over the next three weeks to raise money to help purchase an Olympic Standard Dressage horse for a Paralympic hopeful, Morgan Webb Liddle, rode into Lancefield with 20 support riders. They rode from Kyneton and stopped in Lancefield for a BBQ Brunch. Lions Members fed the riders and also presented Sandy with a cheque for \$250.00 plus the takings from the morning BBQ. Sandy presented the Lions Club with a Certificate of Appreciation before mounting up to ride to his next stop in Sunbury.



We Care for your Health



Romsey Medical Clinic Hours
Monday to Friday: 8.15am to 8.00pm
Saturday: 8.30am to 1.00pm
Sunday: **CLOSED**

Lancefield Medical Clinic Hours
Monday to Friday: 8.30am – 5.30pm
Saturday: Services through Romsey Medical
Sunday: **CLOSED**

After Hours Services
When the clinic is closed, we have an on-call doctor available for urgent matters.
Please call 1300 557 512 to speak to a nurse who will contact the doctor on duty if required.

Flu clinic appointments are now available

The following patients are now able to obtain a **FREE** influenza vaccine from the Romsey Medical Centre.

- All persons over the age of 65.
- All persons under 65 who have a chronic illness that predisposes to complications from influenza such as DIABETES, HEART DISEASE, KIDNEY DISEASE, ASTHMA, CHRONIC RESPIRATORY CONDITIONS.

We encourage all eligible patients to obtain a Flu Vaccination.

You cannot get the flu from the vaccine.We have multiple dates/times for the Flu Clinics available for your convenience. Please speak to our friendly staff to book your appointment. If you are unsure of your eligibility for the influenza vaccine, please discuss this with your doctor.

On the day appointments

Both Romsey Medical and Lancefield Medical Centres can guarantee on the day appointments for all patients. Call 03 54295254 from 8.15am or as soon as possible after this time.

Romsey and Lancefield Medical Centres will attend to all urgent care on the day.

Remember:

Bulk billed Quick Clinic appointments are available every weekday at both centres, for urgent/lost repeat prescriptions, re-referrals and some vaccinations.

Want to meet some great everyday local women?

The Romsey Region Women's Network is a totally voluntary non-profit organisation that works to connects local women, in a warm and welcoming environment. It's a great way to meet new people in the local area, tap into the wealth of knowledge and expertise local women have to offer, have some laughs and gain plenty of inspiration.

Current members represent a number of towns/areas throughout the district (Romsey, Lancefield, Rochford, Woodend, Riddells Creek & Gisborne), spanning different backgrounds and age groups. We're about bringing women together to share ideas, connect people with common interests and support women in our rural community to pursue their dreams. We meet the 3rd Thursday of each month, so take some time out for yourself and come join us for a glass of wine and a chat. Our goal is also to host quarterly events throughout the year so watch this space for further information!

Enquiries: -

Romsey Region Women's Network Inc.
P.O. Box 317 Romsey VIC 3434

Annual membership: - \$20

Email: info@rrwn.com.au

Romsey Golf Club – Men's Report

<http://romseygolfclub.net>

Saturday March 10th 2012 - Stableford

Strong winds, gusting from the south, met players as they hit off in the club's stableford competition. This was also the qualifying round for the Algie Mitchell Shield, a singles knock-out event. The course was in wonderful condition; the greens and fairways were perfect and the rough well under control. The 400+ trees planted over the last two years are now starting to come into play and will soon really increase the difficulty of the course. The day's winner was Ron Walker (18) 39 pts from Les Gaunt (5) 37 pts and Rob Rea (18) & Andrew Laing (19) 36 pts. NTPs went to 15 - Kev Milner and 16 - Les Gaunt.

Round 1 of the Algie Mitchell Shield will be; Ron Walker V Mick Nicholls, Rob Rea V Pat Chisholm, Les Gaunt V John Laing, Andrew Laing V Mat Thornton.

Saturday March 3rd 2012 - Stableford

With over 155 mm of rain falling during the week and more scheduled for the weekend it was a small but cheerful group who took to the course to compete in the club's stableford competition. Light rain fell throughout the afternoon growing heavier towards the final few holes. The fairways were wet and soft with a deal of casual water and the greens grew progressively slower until, by the end of the round, they too had many patches of casual water.

The day's winner with an excellent 42 pts was junior captain Dean vanDenHeuval (18) from another junior Daniel Wright (4) 40 pts (a great tune up by both for next weekend's Macedon Ranges Junior Tournament) and Aaron Partridge (3) & Mat Thornton (4) with 39pts. NTPs went to 1 - Rob Rea and 15 - Mat Thornton.

Saturday February 25th 2012 - February Monthly Medal, stroke & Putts

With temperatures in excess of 35C predicted the club's extreme heat policy was activated and players hit off at 8.30 am. Despite the early start a good field contested the February Monthly Medal. The sun, low in the eastern sky, made it difficult to follow shots on a number of holes and a stiffening northerly wind created problems on others.

The day's winner was Mat Thornton with 77/4/73, other good rounds came from Anthony Freeman - 95/20/75 and John Laing - 97/22/75. NTPs went to 15 - Les Gaunt and 16 - Rob Walker. John Laing took out the least putts with 28 on a count back from Kev Milner, Rob Walker and Mat Thornton.

Romsey
Community Bank® Branch



\$320,000
in community contributions

Over the last ten years Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank® branches have contributed more than \$320,000 in much needed funds to local community groups, clubs and not-for-profit organisations that are the backbone of our community.

They're secret millionaires – local people achieving extraordinary things.

Call in to the branch and speak to Branch Manager Leanne Showler and the team at Shop 1, 112 Main Street, phone 5429 5526, or watch www.bendigobank.com.au/snapshots to find out more.

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Romsey Community Bank® Branch

RIDDELLS CREEK NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE:
59 Main Rd, Riddells Creek. PH: 5428 7836

Children's art classes: Tuesdays 4-5.30pm.

Sewing 4 Teenagers: 2nd Sat each month. 1:30-4pm

Yoga 4 Teenagers: Wed 6-7pm.

Historic Smiths Nursery discovery day: April 15th. 9:30-12:30

Community Food Garden creation: April 28th 9-3pm.

Zumba, Tai Chi, Yoga, Italian, French, Spanish, Computer classes and more!



ROMSEY C.W.A.

Hello Readers,
Another funny one!

Two brooms decided to marry. Of course, the male was the Groom Broom, the lady the Bride Broom. She looked beautiful in her white wedding gown, he resplendent in his tuxedo and the bridesmaids ever so pretty in their new dresses.

The wedding ceremony was delightful, as was the reception where a delightful meal was served.

During the reception the Bride Broom leant over to the Groom Broom and said "I think we are having a little broom"

The Groom Broom replied, "How silly, we haven't even swept together yet."

A quarter of 2012 has gone by, and we have plenty on our plates for the next couple of months.

Invitations have been received to go on a bus trip to the Melbourne International Flower Show, to hear a guest speaker from Ray M. Begg Nursing Home, another guest speaker, a past Chaplain of Grafton Prison, and two Fashion Parades. I seem to be never at home!!

At our March meeting, donations were made to Romsey Red Cross and to the Dame Phyllis Frost Prison for pamper packs for female prisoners, who arrive without any personal items.

A lady from ASPREE Clinical trialling at Monash University, will be at our next meeting, April 5th to advise us the risks and benefits of taking a low dose aspirin each day to ward off dementia, cancer, strokes and heart attacks. This should be very interesting.

The sewing machine demonstration by Statewide Sewing Machines in Bendigo was wonderful. The machines were "to die for". I bought a Tattslotto ticket on the way home, in the hope that I would win and be able to purchase one of the machines demonstrated. No such luck came my way, and I am still using my old faithful machine.

Our Group's Creative Arts Exhibition is scheduled for April 13, 14, and 15. This will be held in Kyneton. Nine of our ladies have put in 67 entries, and no doubt all will be successful in the various categories entered. Each Branch within our Group must enter a compulsory section and our Handicraft table depicting "Autumn" will be a worthy entry.

Romsey Primary School has sought our assistance in making 90 or so art smocks in three sizes for its students. A grant will be applied for to assist in the purchase of the copious amount of material required to construct these smocks. I do hope we are successful, as our limited coffers can not cover the cost of the purchase of this material.

At the end of April, we are combining with the Lancefield CWA to have a day hearing Jean Buist's adventures in Cambodia (CWA Country of Study for 2012). This will be followed by a luncheon of Cambodian food, prepared by members.

Bendigo Bank representatives came to our February meeting to take a "mock-up" photo presenting us with their Grant of \$500 to purchase kitchen utensils, crockery, cutting boards, cutlery, etc. to assist us with our catering ventures in the future.

Association Day this year will feature a visit by local TV and stage star, Anne Phelan, OAM. This will be most interesting and all are welcome to attend. Bring along your family, partners, and friends. Our well known CWA afternoon tea will be provided. The date is May 3rd, 2012 at 1.00 pm at the Romsey Mechanics Hall. Bookings would be appreciated before April 27th to assist with catering. An advertising flyer for this event is in this issue of the Romsey Rag. Bookings can be made with Val Jordan, on 5429 2311 or email jordanval@bigpond.com

Our ladies have received an invitation to participate in "Let's Light Up Romsey Football Ground". As you probably know one lighting tower had a bit of a mishap last year, and funds are needed to upgrade the power and install new towers. These towers are most essential to our current Romsey sporting heroes, and our sportspeople of the future - our children and grand children. We have also been invited to attend "Neighbour Day" at the Hub. This will be a morning tea in appreciation of the work done by Emergency Service Workers and Community Groups in our township.

All enquiries re joining our wonderful Branch can be made to Val on 5429 2311 or jordanval@bigpond.com. You, too, will then be and out and about, and not have a reason to sit at home. More importantly, joining us will give you the 'THREE F's'

Friendship,
Fellowship, and lots of
Fun.

Cheers till next month, Val.

★ *Have you ever wondered how much that plate, trinket, item of jewellery, painting or piece of furniture might be worth? Then come along to the next Romsey/Lancefield & District Ambulance Auxiliary fundraiser.* ★

Antiques & Collectables Valuations afternoon



Saturday 21st April 2012
1.00pm to 4.30pm

Romsey Ambulance Station
159 Main Road, Romsey

Written valuations by Ray Dalton

Fee : \$7.00 per item

Devonshire Teas available.

Enquiries : Phone Helen on 54296369

Where is the Toy Library???



discover - imagine - play

Since the Romsey Community Hub opened its doors in July 2008 the Toy Library has been located at the back of the library in the children's section. As we cater to children from birth to age 6 this is an ideal location for our service. We are a non-profit volunteer organisation that is run separately to the main library and therefore we have separate open hours. If you are interested in becoming a member and not able to attend during our open hours, please still get in contact with us as we are able to accommodate and be flexible for members with varying schedules

What's Been Happening?

We closed out the year 2011 with our Annual Christmas Morning Tea and had a great turn out. It was a fun morning with the kids busily decorating their gingerbread men in between licking their fingers and mum's enjoying some chitchat over a cuppa. We'd like to say a big thank you to the Romsey Neighbourhood House for allowing us to use their space to hold this event.

We were also the lucky recipients of \$500 from the Lancefield & Romsey Community Bank® as part of the Community Investment Program. This donation will be used to install new shelving

and storage as part of a project to improve the layout/design of our space to better showcase our toys and improve access to all visitors with prams or disabled access. We are extremely grateful for the generosity and support the Bendigo Bank continues to give the Romsey Toy Library.

Interested in joining our Toy Library?

All residents of the Romsey and Lancefield area, whether carers, parents or grandparents, are most welcome to join the library. Membership fees are \$25 for a whole year or if you are a Grandparent or member of Playgroup we are offering a discounted price of just \$15. Please drop in during our open times and view our range of toys or contact us to arrange an appointment if you would like a tour of our facilities.

Opening Hours: - Friday 10.00am to 11.00am
Email - romseytoylibrary@gmail.com

Fiona Quigley - 0408 110 054
Hannah Sutton - 0401 085 125

We look forward to seeing you at the library!

Fiona Quigley & Hannah Sutton

ROMSEY TOY LIBRARY Inc. 2011

Cooking with Kids from the Toy Library

Spending time in the kitchen with kids takes time and patience but it can be a really lovely experience if you view it like a craft activity - don't be in a hurry and don't expect to want to eat anything you cook! Be generous with your praise, and encourage them to 'help' you tidy up after your cooking time together

**** 5-Minute Cake in a Mug ****

Ingredients

4 tbsp self-raising flour
2 tbsp sugar
2 tbsp cocoa
1 egg
3 tbsp milk
3 tbsp vegetable oil or butter
½ tsp vanilla essence
1 tbsp choc chips (optional)
1 large mug

Method

In a large mug, place all the dry ingredients and mix well with a spoon. Use the spoon or fork to grind all of the cocoa against the side of the cup so there are no lumps. Add the egg and beat well making sure to get rid of all the pockets of flour in the corners.

Add the oil, milk and vanilla and mix until well combined. Stir the chocolate chips in and put into the microwave on high for 3 minutes.

Wait until the cake stops rising and sets in the mug. Be careful it will be VERY HOT. If you like can run a knife around the mug and tip onto a saucer and serve with a nice big scoop of ice-cream. YUM!

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CITILINK DAY PASSES	COMPUTER DISKS		
COMMONWEALTH, NATIONAL & GIROPOST BANKING			



Romsey Uniting Church

Pohlman Street, Romsey. 3434

Minister Rev. Dr. Avril Hannah-Jones: 5429 5351

Mobile: 0408 380 962

Church Council Chairperson: Noel Shaw - 5429 5509

Secretary: Jeni Clampit - 5429 5480



You are most welcome to come to the Romsey Uniting Church Services and share in fellowship and worship
We wish everyone a joyful Christmas filled with love and peace.

After the Resurrection

"Simon Peter said, 'I am going out fishing.' 'We will go with you', said the others. So they started and got into the boat. But that night they caught nothing.

Morning came, and there stood Jesus on the beach...

This makes the third time that Jesus appeared to his disciples after his resurrection from the dead.

After breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than all else?' 'Yes, Lord,' he answered, 'you know that I love you.' 'Then feed my lambs,' he said. A second time he asked, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' 'Then tend my sheep.' A third time he said, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' Peter was hurt that he asked him a third time, 'Do you love me?' 'Lord,' he said, 'you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Feed my sheep'.

John 21: 3-4, 14-17.

I joined in the Hallelujahs on Easter morning;
The choir was magnificent, Lord.
Our songs of praise filled all the church.

But it is easy to sing.

It is not so easy to live by the challenge of the resurrection.

It would be great just to go fishing, Lord,
As Peter did after Calvary.

To disentangle myself from all involvement in suffering humanity, or social issues;

To forget all about pollution, and hunger, and war, and the road toll, and racial discrimination.

But you beckon me back to shore.

Three times you ask,
'Do you love me?'

And then you put the challenge;
'Feed my sheep'.

The resurrection reminds us that love goes on.

And life goes on.

And there is hope to live by
And to work by.

Yes, Lord. We love you.
And we will do our best
To feed your sheep.

From Conversations with God by Joy Merritt.

Death has no dominion'

Sci Fi and Fantasy Friendly Service

Time: 3.30 pm

Date: Sunday, 22 April 2012

Place: Romsey Uniting Church, 25 Pohlman Street, Romsey 3434.

Dress: Feel free to come in a sci-fi or fantasy costume but, remember, all stakes, swords, lightsabres, blasters and other weapons must be left at the church door.

You are most welcome to come to the Romsey Uniting Church Services and share in fellowship and worship
We wish everyone a joyful Christmas filled with love and peace.

Bring a plate: For a shared afternoon tea; anything shaped like a TARDIS or made from a recipe in Wookie Cookies will be particularly welcome.

Further information: email Avril on avrilhj@bigpond.co

Other Services in April

1 April: 9am. Palm Sunday Worship Service conducted by Lay Worship Team

6 April: 10.30am, Good Friday

Stations of the Cross walk, commencing at the Lancefield Anglican Church.

8 April: 9am. Worship Service and Eucharist

conducted by Rev.Dr Avril Hannah-Jones

15 April: 9am. Worship Service - Guest Preacher

22 April: 9am. Worship Service conducted by Rev. Dr Paul Walton

29 April: 10.30am Joint Worship Service at the Riddells Creek Uniting Church, Sutherlands Road, Riddells Creek

BOOK THEATRE

Fabulous frog-like fun from Quirky Tales featuring the classic children's tales of 'Tiddalik' and "The Frog Prince"



Romsey Library

Wednesday April 11, 2012

2.00 - 3.00pm

For children aged 5-10 years

Bookings required



Romsey Library
98 Main St
Phone: 5429 3086



Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association UPDATE

Macedon Ranges Shire Council Support

RRBATA Committee feels it is timely to acknowledge the unwavering support from Macedon Ranges Shire Council (MRSC) over the last few years. Whether it be via the office of Economic Development and Tourism (take a bow Kylie Letchford, Leanne Davey, Bridgette O'Brien and Jane Duncan) or the councillors themselves (particularly our East Ward Councillors- Henry McLaughlin, Joan Donovan and Joe Morabito), there has been no shortage of willing assistance. Whether it be in the form of financial assistance (Romsey Online establishment, illuminated tree plaque) or facilitative support (provision of information, linking to relevant council officers, assistance to conduct events etc), or just moral support by attending our meetings and events, RRBATA is most grateful for the help it regularly receives. The relationship between RRBATA and MRSC has developed into a strong one in recent years. We look forward to its ongoing consolidation.

TMR Seeks Feedback at RRBATA Meeting

Tourism Macedon Ranges (TMR) board members attended a general RRBATA gathering at the Bay Tree in late February. A worthwhile exchange of ideas regarding all matters tourism was undertaken. Attendees (including Cr. Joan Donovan and Mayor Henry McLaughlin) highlighted positive and negative tourism aspects relating to the Romsey region. Brainstorming of potential future initiatives was most worthwhile for the TMR board members in attendance. A big thank you is extended to The Bay Tree for opening the premises on a Monday evening especially for our meeting.

Business of the Month – Custom Built Motor Homes

RRBATA wishes to acknowledge Custom Built Motor Homes (Australia) as a gold sponsor for April's Light Up The Sky event in Romsey. This business, located at 9 Park Lane in Romsey, specialises in bus to motor home conversions as well as undertaking repairs and maintenance on existing motor homes, buses, campers, caravans, slide-ons, fifth wheelers, horse trucks and horse floats. Motor home conversions can be tailored to your budget and specific requests. Michael and the team's expertise includes cabinet making, plumbing/gas fitting and electrical inspection. All conversions are supplied with relevant safety certificates conforming to Australian standards.

So, attention all prospective travellers and horse business operators – drop in to have a chat with Michael soon and see what Custom Built Motor Homes can do for you. Alternatively, have a look at www.custombuiltmotorhomes.com.au today!



Light Up The Sky Is Coming SOON!

Romsey business is getting behind the upcoming Light Up The Sky event to be held at the Lions Reserve (skate park) on Saturday 21st April 2012. At the time of writing this, generous sponsorships had already been received from Custom Built Motor Homes (Australia), Romsey IGA, Romsey Community Bank (Lancefield and Romsey Community Financial Services Limited), O'Deas Auto Spares, Romsey Wholesale Fruit Shop and Romsey Stockfeeds. The take home message from this community event is obvious – For Romsey business to look after Romsey community, Romsey community needs to support Romsey business! From 5 pm, there will be live music, activities, stalls and hot food (it is a Romsey Autumn evening, remember!!). Bring a deck chair, your family and friends and relax whilst waiting for the fireworks conducted by Crack-A-Jack Australia at 8pm!



Romsey Online Update

And 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.

Thinking About Membership?

RRBATA is only as good as its membership. Consider being a beneficiary of the exciting initiatives planned ahead by becoming a RRBATA member so as you can be heard!!

Membership Enquiries:

Joanne Hagan (Secretary) Phone: 0432 320553
Email: hages10@optusnet.com.au

Next RRBATA Function:

General Gathering

Monday 21st May 2012 at 7.30pm

Venue to be advised in May Rag.

ALL WELCOME

SCOUTS AND CUBS LEADERS NEEDED

1st Romsey Scout Group is looking to expand so we need YOU!

- Are you a mum, dad or grandparent interested in scouts?
- Do you have around 3+ hours spare per week?
- Do you enjoy interacting with children (Note: Working With Children check needed)
- Do you have skills you could teach our cubs and scouts, eg. Knot tying, camping etc.?

No experience or qualifications required as at 1st Romsey Scouts Group we will provide appropriate training for all suitable applicants. CALL TODAY! DON'T DELAY! All queries happily answered. A trial period is available with no obligation to continue BUT the difference between a good and a great scouting experience is... YOU!

Please call Heidi on 0419 534 718 or Felicity on 0447 956 214. Our email address is 1STROMSEYSCOUTGROUP@mail.com

Karate Classes for 2012 resumes Tuesday 7th February.
& Tai Chi Classes resume Saturday 4th February at 11am.
Beginners are most welcome at any time. Come and try a complimentary class.



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- Provides a member with a cash flow whilst reducing their working hours as they ease into retirement
- Any earnings on assets financing your TRIS are exempt from tax in the fund
- TRIS allows you to enter into a tax effective re contribution strategy
- TRIS paid to members over 60 years of age are tax free

To discuss further please contact Andrew Marshall or Janine Orpwood - 54273790 (85 High St, Woodend)

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Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club

President: Mrs. Jean Buist 54291116
Secretary: Mrs. Jeni Clampit 5429 5480

Probus Meetings are held at St. Mary's Hall, Main Street, Romsey at 10am on the fourth Thursday in each month.

Probus is a mixed club for men and women

There is a guest speaker at each meeting.

We have an outing on the third Wednesday of the month.
(Either a trip or luncheon)

Friday Morning Coffee



Musical Afternoons each month.

Ten Pin Bowling each fortnight.



Persons interested in this club and wish to have more information please contact the President or Secretary at the above phone numbers.

On April 18th we are visiting Montsalvat, an artists' colony in Eltham.

Our April meeting will be on Thursday 26th April.



Barking Space...

Whether you are going away, recovering from illness or spending long days away due to work... you need someone to visit and care for your dog/s. An experienced handler (and genuine dog lover) can visit daily to feed & water your pets, and will play with or walk your dog. Mental stimulation is important to dogs. They are pack animals that require exercise and company. I can give them that. I am currently studying a Certificate 3 in Companion Animal Services, so your much loved family member will be in confident, capable hands.

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GRAAP Chats to RRWN

Greater Romsey All Abilities Park (GRAAP) Inc., represented by the President Raelene Mottram, and committee member Jenny Stillman, were grateful for the opportunity to recently give an update presentation at a gathering of the Romsey Region Women's Network (RRWN). Many of the RRWN network members have young families, and openly expressed their wishes for a special park space in Romsey. They currently travel to Woodend or Gisborne to utilise the playground parks there, often having a coffee or doing the grocery shopping whilst they are there. This contributes to the economic leakage from our town. There was a great exchange of ideas in the discussion, with the RRWN keen to be updated regularly as to GRAAP's progress in its quest to secure the old primary school site for community use.

In other GRAAP news

- Fee Proposal tenders have been received from a number of architects to design a Master Plan for an iconic park space at the old primary school site. These proposals are currently under consideration. Although the old primary school site has not yet been secured, in the context of the community's and Macedon Ranges Shire Council's support, it is important to move forward with such plans to give dramatic visual context for the site's potential.
 - Fundraising continues with a sausage sizzle and information session at IGA on Saturday 24th March, followed by a hot food and glowlight merchandise stall at the Light Up The Sky night on Saturday 21st April.
- For further information regarding GRAAP, please contact Raelene Mottram (President) Phone: 0428 928908 Email: mmo67451@bigpond.net.au



Water mains in line for a clean up

Western Water staff members are rolling up their sleeves for a huge cleaning job in Romsey. The town's water mains will be progressively cleaned during late March and April to make sure residents are receiving the best quality drinking water possible.

"During the drought we scaled back our mains cleaning program to help save water, but with good rains over the past year, we are getting back on track," Western Water's Managing Director, John Wilkinson, says. "We will need to turn the water off temporarily in each street as we work our way through the town, but anyone who is affected will be notified individually by letter prior to the work. We have tried to minimise the inconvenience as much as possible, for example, by working at night in areas where there are businesses, and during the day in residential areas when people are less likely to be home."

The cleaning process involves injecting compressed air into the pipe to stir up the water, then flushing the turbulent water out.

"What we are cleaning out is just very fine sediment that settles to the bottom of the pipe, and doesn't generally have any effect on the safety or quality of the water," Mr Wilkinson says. "After their mains have been cleaned people may find the water from their tap is cloudy, or tastes a bit 'earthy'. The cloudiness is just residual air – if you leave the water in a jug or glass for a few minutes, the air will bubble out leaving the water clear. The taste will settle down fairly quickly. People may notice water flowing out of hydrants at times. This is just drinking water stirred up with air and the fine sediment being cleaned out from the bottom of the pipe," Mr Wilkinson says.

Romsey residents who want more information can call Western Water on 1300 650 425.

Romsey & Lancefield Get Works Underway

Both Romsey and Lancefield have benefited in the last few weeks from Deep Creek Landcare Group working bees. In Romsey, the Group has commenced a project to clean up and commence restoration of Sheehan's Reserve (also known as Sheehan's Crossing), funded to the tune of \$1,000 by Parks Vic.

In Lancefield, the Group has started work on its "Celebrating Landcare Indigenous Garden" at Lancefield Park, the recreation centre of the town. Funding of \$3,731 for the project has been provided by the State Government as part of the Victorian Landcare Grants delivered by the Port Phillip and Westernport CMA Community Grants Program.

President Robin Ford says that the Group is keen to undertake works on the ground in both Romsey and Lancefield, and would love to have more local community members join in the fun.



Deep Creek Landcare Group at work in Lancefield Park and Sheehan's Reserve



St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey
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Pastoral Worker: Mrs. Joanne Reuther
School Principal: Mr. Anthony Falls

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School Wide Positive Behaviour Program
Be Positive, Be Respectful, Be Cooperative.

During the week the teachers recognise students who are behaving well on the yard by writing their names down on a raffle ticket. At assembly 4 students are picked from the tickets and they are rewarded by a choice of an item from the rewards box. This week at assembly, Year 1/2 I (Miss Inglis) performed a footy style chant about the 3 Bees which was fantastic. Well done. Year 5/6RG made 3 Bees bookmarks for all the students.

Parents and Friends.
The School fun run will be at the Lancefield oval. The students will also be involved in Tabloid sports so please let Melinda Giles know if you are available to help on the day.
The sponsorship forms have gone home. The Landscape master plan will be available for people to view shortly and this will be displayed in the school. Many of the ideas will be funded by the P & F.

Lent
Miss Murtagh has organized for all the grades to support the Caritas organization by bringing a donation. Caritas is a Catholic group that supports people in less fortunate countries. The students will be able to fill in a cow poster as the money is raised hopefully allowing a town in a poorer country to purchase a cow.

COBAW Tennis.
Well done to the following students who represented our school in the COBAW tennis competition which is against State and Catholic school in our area:
Caitlyn Brown, Hannah Martin, Connor Dowling and Luke Newnham. Caitlyn will compete at the Zone championships in Bendigo in March. Good luck.

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who have worked at the Lancefield Op Shop as we now have a Defibrillator which will be placed in the hall as we have community events.

BINGO!! BINGO!! BINGO!!

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Mondays 7pm-8.30pm @ Romsey Community House
\$14 per class when Term Paid before end of Week 1
\$18 Casual Contact: Leisa Kirk 0408 934 656

Thursdays 7pm-8.30pm @ Romsey Community House
\$15 per class when Term Paid before end of Week 1
\$18 Casual Contact Lisa Moore: 0448 345 338

Sun Style Tai Chi

Tuesdays 1pm—2pm

\$8 per class (Minimum Numbers Apply)

To join—Contact Romsey Community House

Gentle Exercise for Over 50's - \$5 per class

Every Monday 10am - 11am. These classes are designed to be fun and are specifically tailored to meet the capacity of each participant. Can assist with balance, mobility, bladder control and joint pain. Chair based exercises also available. Register now. Cost \$5 per class

***join us after class for a cuppa and morning tea (\$2/ Gold Coin Donation)**

Heart Foundation 'Walk Together' Program

Tuesday's 9.30am - 10.30am. Meet Eileen at the Lions Park, near the creek.

Social & Creative Activities

Line Dancing

Mondays 9.30am - 10.30am & Fridays 7.30pm-8.30pm at the Mechanics Institute Hall. Cost: \$6 per class. Open Age.

Craft Group

Thursdays 10.30am - 12.30pm. Come and practise a variety of crafts including; quilting, card making, knitting, smocking, embroidery etc. Gold coin contribution on the day.

Art Classes

In Term 2, 2012 we will run an 8 week course for children and a 9 week course for Adults.

Adult (Daytime) Learn to draw flowers incl Roses/ Develop your own work

Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm. Term Cost: \$100

Children 5 - 8yrs Drawing/Painting Mythical Creatures

Time: 3.45pm - 4.45pm. Term Cost: \$60

Children 9 - 15yrs Drawing/Painting Mythical Creatures

Time: 5.00pm - 6.30pm . Term Cost: \$90

Adult (Evening) Learn to draw flowers incl Roses/ Develop your own work

Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm. Term Cost: \$100

All Classes will be taken by Mrs Tanya Salter who will provide new learning opportunities including use of Oils for beginners to advanced, mixing colours, Renaissance Painting and other creative skills you may want to learn or further develop. For all bookings call the Romsey Community House.

Ring today about our Children's Art Workshops in the April School Holidays..

For All Bookings & Enquiries
Phone: 5429 6724
Office Hours 10am-1pm
Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Public Internet Access Available
10-1pm Monday-Friday

Romsey Community House Inc.

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Ph/fax: 03 5429 6724

Writers Group

Meets on the 2nd Friday of each month 9.45 - 11.45am. We share our work and ideas whilst providing encouragement, feedback and support. Gold Coin contribution. Phone Jack 5429 6095 or Lila 5429 3732

Open House

Our 'Drop in Room' is open to the public any week day 9.30am - 5.00pm. Enjoy a quiet cuppa alone or socialise with friends. Gold coin donation.

Pre-Accredited Courses

Computer Basics 1

Learn the basics of Microsoft Office Word 2010. This is an 8 week course that runs on Tuesdays from 12.30pm - 3pm. Cost \$165.00 / Concession \$60.00

Minimum Numbers Apply

Computer Basics 2

Build your knowledge around computers, Microsoft Office and Word 2010. This 8 week course will run on Thursdays from 12.30pm - 3pm Cost \$165.00 / Conc \$60.00.

Minimum Numbers Apply

Upcoming Workshops

'It's All About You' 4 Women.

Let's get together and chat in a relaxed, safe, fun and supportive environment. If you have something you want to share, learn or understand please come along to the Romsey Community Hub. Sessions include meditation, a free cuppa and a different topic each week (if needed). Sessions will be led by Gillian Gorrie, Life Circle Solutions, Tutor, Teacher, NLP Practitioner. For more information contact Gillian on H:0409 801 082 or H:54295448

Workshops for Children (with Stavroula)

Workshop 1 Expressive movement through dance and sound. Includes meditation

Tuesday April 3rd 10am-11am

Workshop 2 Sound vibration session using Tibetan drums, flute, crystal bowls and circle dancing

Workshops for Adults (with Stavroula)

Include: 'Introduction to Therapeutic Sound', 'Drum Circle and Peace Dance', 'Adult Chakra Dance' and 'Spiritual Development'

Wednesdays 4th & 11th April 10.30am -12.30pm

For more information or to book –

Contact Stavroula: 0400 032 518

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Phone: 5429 6724

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Monday, Wednesday and Friday

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The Easter message

When Billy Graham was driving through a small southern town, he was stopped by a policeman and charged with speeding. Graham admitted his guilt, but was told by the officer that he would have to appear in court. The judge asked, "Guilty, or not guilty?" When Graham pleaded guilty, the judge replied, "That'll be ten dollars -- a dollar for every mile you went over the limit." Suddenly the judge recognized the famous minister. "You have violated the law," he said. "The fine must be paid--but I am going to pay it for you." He took a ten dollar bill from his own wallet, attached it to the ticket, and then took Graham out and bought him a steak dinner! "That," said Billy Graham, "is how God treats repentant sinners!" The message Bible puts it this way: "Become friends with God; He's already a friend with you. How? You ask. In Christ. God put the wrong on Him who never did anything wrong, so we could be put right with God." 2 Cor. 5:20-21

Easter reminds us that Jesus paid the penalty for 'all' of our wrong doings, so that we could be friends with a Pure Loving God.

Q. What do you have to do to receive this wonderful gift of a new start in Life from God who loves us so much?
A. BELIEVE – John 3:16

If you would like to learn more about the Christian Faith you are invited to join us at one of our Sunday Services; one of our fortnightly Life Groups; or simply contact us at our Church office 5429 6327. We would be blessed to be of assistance to you.

Pastor Marilyn Hunter - Senior Pastor - The "Living Word" Christian Church

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On Saturday April 21st the inaugural meeting of "Friends of Seymour Cottage" will be held at Seymour Cottage, Romsey, between 10.00am and 3.00pm. If you are interested in joining this group, and want to help with the preservation of this historic building, please come along.

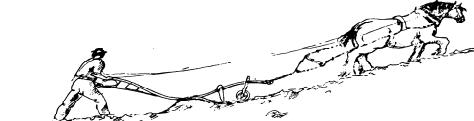
The next general meeting of the Society will be March 27th at Lancefield Courthouse starting at 7.30 pm. We are interested in local people and their families. Are you keeping your own history up to date and accurate? Do you want to know how? Everyone is welcome to attend and to share a cuppa afterwards.

The April General Meeting will be held on the 24th at Seymour Cottage at 7.30pm

A book launch will be held on Saturday April 28th at the Lancefield Farmers Market, for 'He drew his last breath and expired': a transcription of obituaries from our local newspapers with the time frame 1870 -1879. There will be a free guided cemetery walk afterwards at Lancefield Cemetery for anyone who purchases a copy of the book. Please keep a look out for posters around the town prior to this event.

The newspapers from 1870 to 1920 for both Lancefield and Romsey are available to read on computer at the Courthouse. Births, Deaths and Marriages are also available on computer. Photographs from our collection are also available for sale. For any enquiries please contact Shirley on 0402 248 540 or Robyn on 0418 172 659.

Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society



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