

Romsey Golf Club – Women's Report Wednesday 19th August

A very pleasant sunny morning was a welcome relief from the recent cold, wet days for the ladies to play a fun game of Irish Sixes. The winners were Pam Drummond and Lyn Robison with a score of 49 stableford points, and Jan had a gobbler.

Thursday 20th August

Kath, Lyn and Pam played in the Broadford Bowl in lovely sunny weather. The fairways were well grassed but the rough had hidden tree roots causing havoc to wayward balls. After a lovely lunch all was forgotten with Broadford, with a top team winning their own Bowl

Wednesday 26th August

A very mild calm winter's morning prevailed for the Medal of Medalists play off and the August Monthly medal round. Some members choose to play in 9 hole competition. 2015 Medal of Medalist and August Monthly Medal winner – Pam Drummond

9 hole competition – Lyn Robinson

Least putts – Kath Jekabsons

Thursday 27th August

Two teams – Pam & Lyn, Kath & Denise played in the Nagambie's Bowl in appalling weather. The wet weather gear kept everyone mostly dry and the company was great with lots of laughs. There were many obstacles on the course. One of the Romsey ladies found her ball sitting beautifully on the outer branches of a Callistemon shrub looking like a little white flower. Her partner was wishing she had her camera in her bag to capture the moment. The welcomed cup of hot pea and ham soup half way round, and the lovely lunch back in the club rooms helped revive all the wet and tired players. After all their good work for the day our ladies learn their best score of 35 points was nowhere near the winners 43 points.

Saturday 29th August

Denise joined with a team from Seymour to play in the annual Relay for Life fund raiser at Seymour.

Wednesday 2nd September

Players enjoyed the beautiful spring morning with sunny conditions giving a little warmth but the northerly breeze did not assist the scoring. Pam was the winner of the 18 hole competition, while Denise won the 9 hole competition.

Wednesday 9th September

Players teed off under cool, overcast skies with rain overnight, so the fairways and greens were quite wet. During the round there was light drizzle adding extra challenges to score well. Results: 18 hole stroke winner – Mary Campbell (Trentham) 92/17/75 Secret 9 holes winner – Pam Drummond 55/17/39

Least putts – Lyn Robison 30

Thursday 10th September

The Women's Singles Knock out final was played under perfect weather conditions with excellent fairways and greens. It was a close contest between Kath Jekabsons and Pam Drummond; with Kath eventually taking the title on the 18th hole 1 up.

Denise has been very busy travelling a little further north representing the Romsey Ladies and enjoying warmer weather some times – Axedale on 12th August where she enjoyed a raffle win, Avenel 13th August and Kyneton on the 25th August.

Gradually our members who are travelling and enjoying the warmer weather up north are returning to the Romsey fairways. They are going to be very pleasantly surprised of the great growth and grass coverage. A few of us who have been around for awhile believe the best they have seen. Thank you to the voluntary course maintenance team.

Golf competition: Wednesday assemble 9am for 9.30 hit off. Saturday assemble 11.30 for midday hit off

9 hole competition – Wednesday – assemble 10.45, hit off at 11am

Social golf – Friday 10.30am

Twilight golf – Friday from 4.30pm will start November. More information next month

Enquiries/ Further information Elaine 0400 768 040 RGC Secretary

Recipe Thank you to our visitor this week for sharing this recipe
Clinker Slice

250 gram packet of malt o milk biscuits

200 grams clinkers

1 cup condensed milk

125 grams butter

200 grams chocolate melts

Place biscuits in food processor and blend. Crush clinkers roughly and combine with biscuits.

Melt butter and condensed milk over low heat, stirring constantly for 2 minutes. Pour into clinker mix and stir through until well mixed.

Line a slice tray with alfoil and press slice in. Melt chocolate and pour over slice.

Place in fridge to set for 2 hours. (may need longer)

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Sat 24th Oct

DUSTY

The movie filmed in Romsey in 1982. Come and spot some of the locals up on the big screen.

\$4 adult or \$10 family (2 adults & 2 children under 16)

Movie will start at 7.30pm, doors open at 7pm. Popcorn, maltasers and choc tops available for sale as well as a country supper provided by the GRAAP committee.

The Picture Show Man returns to Romsey.

Films were shown at the Romsey Mechanics Institute (RMI) from the 1920s to the late 1940s. In that wonderful tradition we are pleased to announce that on Saturday 24th of October the RMI, 122 Main St Romsey, will be showing the Australian movie *Dusty*. *Dusty* was made in Romsey and surrounding areas in 1982. Many locals were used as extras in the film, the Mechanics' Institute featured in one scene. Scenes were also filmed at Romsey House (now 5 Kings Café and Baytree Café) the Lobb family farm "Woodlands" and the Scanlon sheep yards and shearing shed in Springfield..

The Romsey and Lancefield Branches of the Bendigo Bank are sponsoring the film. The Mechanics' Institute wishes to thank them very much for their support in bringing this event to Romsey. The screening of the film is in conjunction with the Romsey Primary School 150th Anniversary celebrations which are running from Thurs 22nd to Sat 24th of October.

Tickets will be on sale at the door on the night from 7.00pm, \$4 per adult, \$10 per family (Two adults & two chn under 16). Popcorn, Maltasers, Choc Tops etc (before the show) and supper (at intermission) will be on sale from the GRAAP committee. There is plenty of parking behind the hall, entrance, off William St. *Come along and spot some of the locals on the big screen.*

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**Romsey Primary School
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October 22nd–24th**

**Thursday
October 22nd
At 6.00pm
The Bendigo Bank /
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150th Anniversary
Art Show in the
Learning
Neighbourhood**

Includes the launch of Trevor Turnham's book *The history of Romsey Primary School & the Romsey 150th Anniversary Cook Book.*

Friday October 23rd:
Staff and students will dress up in old time costumes and experience school as it was in times gone by. Feature of the day will be bushdancing with school families are invited at 5.30pm for a bush dance and picnic tea.

**Saturday
October 24th:**

**OPEN DAY AT
ROMSEY
PRIMARY
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Food and drinks

Mini market day

Official ceremony at 2.30pm



While you are in Romsey:
"Dusty" is being screened at the Mechanics Hall on Saturday evening at 7.00pm

There is a family picnic day at the old school site on Sunday October 25th

The Historical Society celebrates World Children's Day at Seymour Cottage also on Sunday.

Check out the special deals in some of our local hospitality venues over this big weekend!

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FUNDING ANNOUNCED FOR ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL, LOCAL LIBRARIES AND LGBTI YOUTH IN MACEDON

Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas announced that Romsey Primary School is one of five schools across the electorate that will share in more than \$700,000 in maintenance grants to ensure students can thrive in a safe, modern and comfortable environment. Ms Thomas was alongside Catherine Andrews, partner to Premier Daniel Andrews for the announcement. Romsey will receive \$112,000 for the refurbishment of classrooms, this is in addition to the \$130,000 received last year for the gym, art room and canteen space upgrades.

The additional funding coincides with Romsey Primary School's 150th celebrations that will take place from October 22nd to Oct 24th and members of the community are encouraged to join the celebrations.

On the same day, Ms Thomas and Catherine Andrews toured the electorate, visiting the Woodend Library to remind parents and young readers about the final weeks of the *Premier's Reading Challenge*. In good news for local libraries across Macedon, Ms Thomas announced that Goldfields Libraries Corporation would be receiving \$1.2 million as part of the *Public Libraries Funding Program*. These funds can be used towards all aspects of local library operations including staffing, community programs, book purchases and technology upgrades. The Woodend Library received \$68,000 in the last round of funding. Cobaw Community Health will also receive \$195,000 to support WayOut with aims to deliver youth suicide prevention programs targeting LGBTI young people in Macedon and surrounds. This grant is part of the Andrews Labor Government \$1.2 million in 2015-2016, to fund programs that promote the rights, health and wellbeing of young LGBTI Victorians. Ms Thomas said, "Equal rights for LGBTI Victorians are not negotiable. Our Government is committed to removing discrimination against LGBTI people from Victorian laws, and this funding will support work to educate and raise awareness about gender and sexual diversity in our community".

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As part of the display for the Lancefield Show Landcare will be focusing on threatened species. The marquee for Landcare will be next to that of Museum of Victoria.

There are planned activities at the show and the following week as part of the fossil roadshow. Discussion boards looking at causes of why species are threatened, example habitat loss, introduction of exotic species, global warming and over exploitation of natural resources are examples.

A working bee was held at Lancefield Primary School on 20th Sept in the wetland. The myna bird numbers trapped for those that are interested were 38 July and 71 August. There are still myna bird traps available if interested

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Anyone wishing to contact the group can do so thru Secretary Ken 0404 886 580

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Romsey Golf Club – Men's Report

<http://romseygolfclub.net>

Saturday September 5th - Round 1 - 2015 Club Championships

The course was in great condition, fairways lush, greens fast but consistent and a spot of sun here and there, the only real concern was the inconsistent southerly/SW wind that cropped up now and then, often when a ball was already in the air. The 1st round of the 2015 Club Championships drew a good field however a few late scratchings reduced the size of the A Grade competition. With generally good conditions it was reasonable to expect some top scoring but this was not the case as "Royal Romsey" again bared her teeth. Only excellent golf was rewarded, those who strayed from the fairways or overshot the greens found it extremely difficult to get "up and down in regulation". In the long run the round was dominated by the "old Hands" who have played numerous club championships and who understood that the three-week event is rarely won on the 1st Saturday. The day's results were

A Grade Scratch; Les Gaunt - 83 from Bob McLennan - 87

B Grade Scratch; Rob Rea - 91 from Shannon Wright - 93

Daily Winner; Rob Rea - 91/18/73 from Kevin Dunn - 99/25/74

NTPs; 1st Kevin Dunn, 15th - Mal Mottram, 16th - Michael McCarten.

Saturday August 29th - Monthly Medal & Medal of Medalists - Stroke & Putts

A cold, gusting, southerly wind and steady drizzle met the field as they hit off in the August Medal and 2014/15 Medal of Medalists. All of the 2014/15 monthly medals winners were in the field and hit off from the 1st, the remainder of the strong field hit off from other tees. The drizzle and gusting wind kept up for much of the afternoon however the sun did poke through

for about 20 minutes in the middle of the round. The rain of Friday afternoon/evening and the day's drizzle saw the course quite soft so there was little run on the fairways and the cold air again reduced distance off the tee. Putting on wet greens was also a challenge with players often over hitting and running well past the cup. During the round a number of players looked good for either of the day's awards however only one player was able to play out the round and card a score under his handicap. On a cold, wet afternoon it was up to one of the club's juniors to show the way;

Winner, August Medalist & 2014/15 Medal of Medalist; Michael McCarten - 90/19/71 from Andrew Laing - 92/17/75

NTPs; 1st - Les Gaunt & 15th - Dave Muller. **Least Putts;** Andrew Laing - 24

Next week, September 5th, sees round one of the 2015 Romsey Golf Club Men's Championships.



RGC 2014/15 Medal of Medalists winners Pam Drummond & Michael McCarten

Saturday August 22nd - Stableford - Drummond Golf Charity Golf Weekend

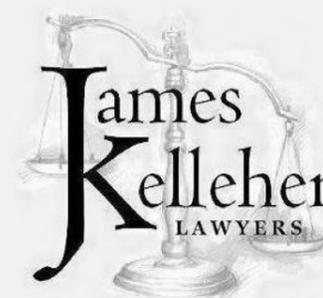
After a reasonably fine week with plenty of sun the course was in top nick, the fairways thickening up and the greens fast but true. Before the round got underway all players donated for Breast & Prostate Cancer programs (activity co-ordinated by Drummond Golf), raising \$130.00 for these very worthy causes. The sky was blue, the sun was shining and the wind was barely a gentle breeze so it looked

like a great afternoon to be out on the park. Carding a good score, however, again proved to be difficult. The warmer air caused some players to overhit and the speed of the greens continued to catch many players out leaving them with longish return putts. Despite the conditions only two players were able to play to their handicaps. On a beautiful day to be wandering around a wonderful environment the results were.

Winner; Scott Williams (18) - 36 pt C/B from Pat Chisholm (12) - 36 pts, Les Gaunt (5) - 34pts, Rob Rea (18) - 34 pts
Womens Winner; Lyn Robison (28) - 34 pts
NTPs; 1st - Scott Williams, 15th - Mal Mottram, 16th - Michael McCarten

Over the past few year the Golf Club has worked very hard to clear away and burn numerous fallen branches, we have also trimmed all trees so that there is about a metre of clear space before allowing for mowing and keeping linger grass down. Currently we are working our way through the NE corner of the park clearing many noxious weeds and damaged and low branches. These works along with the recently installed re-cycled water system will make Romsey Park a much greener and safer place for the whole community. Trimmed rough and green fairways will make it almost impossible for a fire to move across the park and the removal of large logs also means there is little high density fuel for any fire.

RGC will hold its annual Working Bee on Friday October 2nd. This day will see all greens cored, sanded, seeded and fertilised. We also hope to carry out a number of improvement works across the park making cross-overs clearer and filling in holes in both fairways and the rough. Members will spray around newly planted trees and distance markers.



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Romsey Community Picnic



WHEN:
Sunday
25th October 2015
11am to 3pm

WHERE:
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Food stalls
Activities
Entertainment

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Macedon Montessori Pre-School Turns 30

This year the Macedon Ranges Montessori Pre-School is celebrating 30 years of educating Pre-School children following the Montessori method. From its humble beginnings as the disused Riddell Primary school building to the charming environment it is today, there are many stories that can be told about the School's rich history. The most common thread on all stories is that the Pre-School would not be where it is today without the amazing dedication of many parents and teachers. This dedication has built the Pre-School into a fantastic facility and helped provide a wonderful introduction to learning for many children.

The Committee of 2015 would like to invite past, present and future students along with their families as well as friends of the Pre-school to our 30th Anniversary Celebratory Spring Fete. Please come along to the centre on the 17th of October to help us celebrate this wonderful milestone. Everyone is welcome.

Take a trip down memory lane and catch up with some old friends. Special events on the day include the official opening of our new playground and the drawing of our major fundraising raffle. Why not make a day of it and visit the Riddells Creek farmers market as it will also be held on the same day.

Fun activities for the children include animal farm and pony rides, jumping castle, fairy floss, lucky dip and face painting for the young at heart. There will be a bake sale, sausage sizzle, pop corn and some up-cycled goods.

The fete will be held from 10am - 2pm on the 17th of Oct at the Pre-School. We hope to see you there. For more information please visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MacedonRangesMontessori>

Spring Fete

Saturday 17th October

10am - 2pm

Celebrating 30 years of Montessori in Riddell

Official opening of our new playground
 Drawing of our major raffle at 1.30pm

Memorabilia Display	Sausage Sizzle
Bake Sale	Petting Zoo
Pony Rides	Face Painting
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	Kid's Lucky Dip
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Jumping Castle	Craft activities
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ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Term 3 has been a very busy one for staff and students at Romsey Primary School. Students in Years 5 and 6 presented four very enjoyable performances of Alice In Wonderland early in the term. It was very fitting that "Alice" was this year's musical—not only does the school celebrate 150 years this year, but Lewis Carol's "Alice's Adventures In Wonderland" was also published in 1865 and is 150 years old.



Year 5 students enjoyed 3 days exploring Melbourne's iconic buildings and learning some of its history when they embarked on their annual urban camp. Despite the challenges presented by the tram strike and the very wet weather that coincided with their camp, the students all reported having a great time, with many seeing Melbourne in a completely new light.

Students in Year 3 will end the term with their sleepover at school on the second last day of term, and everyone is eagerly anticipating the last day of term with a special Footy Day.

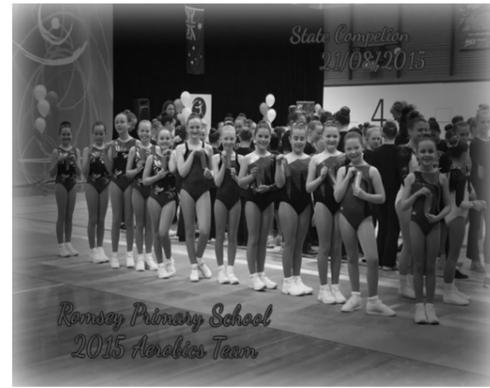
Years one and two invited their families to share in the Great Paper Plane Challenge—the culmination of their studies in procedural writing, where they wrote the instructions for designing and creating a paper plane, and then carried out that task. Many of their creations were very innovative, and stood up to the challenge of flight very well. An most enjoyable afternoon was had by everyone.



The Prep classes invited their dads and other special people to Father's Day Breakfast, and we had a huge turnout of guests who not only shared a hearty breakfast, but also enjoyed sharing some of the classroom activities that their children work on each day.

The Parents & Friends of Romsey Primary School held a number of fund-raising events, the most recent being the Trivia Night at Cope Williams Winery. This was well attended and also well supported by local businesses and families with generous donations of raffle prizes and sponsorship. Over \$3200 was raised on the night. Parents & Friends have also been very busy putting together a 150th Anniversary Cookery Book to be launched at the school's celebration in October. Look out for a copy!

Our students have enjoyed a degree of success in their sporting endeavours with some of our teams and individual athletes progressing beyond the local competition level to compete at zone and district level. The aerobics teams have also enjoyed great success, with all teams qualifying for the nationals championships in Bendigo. At the time of this being printed we are anxiously awaiting news of their results at this event.



The aerobics team members held a very successful fund-raising pie drive to help offset the costs of their various competition expenses. Thank you to all the families who supported this fund-raiser, and congratulations to the girls and staff who did a magnificent job of raising in excess of \$800.

Foremost in everyone's minds when we return in Term 4 will be the school's 150th anniversary celebrations. Students from all classes have been researching and creating displays based on a decade of the last 150 years. These will be finalised next term and will form just a part of the wonderful Open Day we have planned for Saturday October 24th. Families, staff and student from times gone by, and current families and staff will come together and mark an amazing milestone in the school's history. We have heard from former students from as far away as Queensland who will be coming to Romsey especially for this event.

We are grateful to the Mechanics Institute Committee who are supporting the open day with an evening screening of "Dusty", which some of the older families in town will remember being filmed in and around Romsey in the 1980s. Some of the local hospitality establishments will be offering special deals to the guests from our open day over the weekend, and on Sunday October 25th the GRAAP committee will hold a family picnic day to celebrate the planned development of the old school site into a park. The Romsey Lancefield Historical Society is holding a World Children's Day afternoon of activities at Seymour Cottage. All in all it will be a great weekend in Romsey.

Enrolments for 2016
 If you are planning to enrol your child / children at Romsey Primary School for the 2016 school year please contact our office for an enrolment and information pack. Enrolments are needed as soon as possible for planning for the new school year to be carried out accurately. Further information about the school can be obtained by ringing 5429 5099, or come along to one of our school tour days in October as advertised in this edition of the Romsey Rag.

Loren Peavy
 Principal

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Give your child the opportunity to learn the skills they need to progress into our extremely popular under-12 competitions by joining a development program for boys and girls aged 5 to 10 years. New players wanted, no experience needed. Each program is held during school terms, with Shooting Hoops held on Tuesdays, 4pm–4.45pm and Goal Kick held on Fridays, 4pm–4.45pm.

Staying strong

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In2 Strength & Fitness

Five group fitness classes are held each week in the upstairs studio at the Romsey Recreation Centre. Evening classes are also held Monday to Thursday and on Saturday mornings. Group circuits are for all abilities, beginners through to advanced, aged 14 and over. Contact Debbie Beltrame on 0412 051 002 for further information.

Birthday party venue

Did you know that you can hire the stadium or our party room for your child's next birthday? The party room has tables and chairs, plus access to a covered outdoor play area and the stadium is also available for bookings.

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Mia Mia Daylight Opera hitting a high note for locals

On Sunday 8 November, the perfect acoustics of the timber lined Mia Mia Hall will play host to international and rising stars from The Opera Studio Melbourne, providing the local region with the opportunity to experience the drama and fun of opera in an idyllic country setting.

The [Mia Mia Daylight Opera](#) is an extremely popular annual event that draws people from around the region for an afternoon of culture and fun. Locals Lynne and David McDonald sponsor the event through the Alice Amy McDonald Scholarship Trust, set up by David's family. The aims of the Trust are to make performance opportunities for emerging young opera stars and to bring quality and affordable opera to rural areas.

"David and I are absolutely thrilled with the quality and professionalism of the performances. The joy on the faces of the audience is so pleasing, not just for us, but also for the performers," says Lynne. "It is truly special for Mia Mia and proves once again that you can find high-quality arts and culture right here in the region."

A cast of talented singers perform a wonderful program of operatic arias and ensembles. Matthew Nash, the manager of the Opera Studio, relishes the time his performers can spend in Mia Mia. "The energy in the Hall drives the performers to push themselves to a level of performance where they are truly communicating their stories, and in so doing, bringing Opera to life in the heart of the country."

The Mia Mia Daylight Opera is only \$25 per person or \$20 per person for groups of 10 or more. This includes a country-style afternoon tea at the end of the performance.

Mia Mia (pronounced My-ah My-ah) is just out of Heathcote, on the way to Redesdale.



Details:

Mia Mia Daylight Opera

When: 1:30pm - 4:30pm November 8, 2015

Location: Mia Mia Hall, Valley Road, Mia Mia Victoria 3444

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/LGIC

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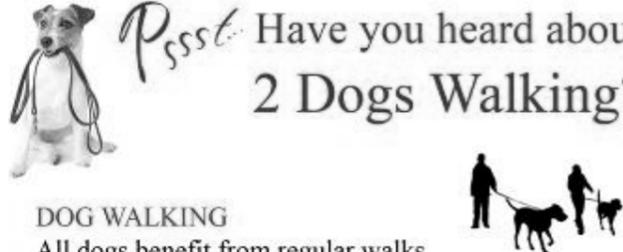


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Stephen Ryan to present at Western Water gardening event

Celebrity gardener and local resident Stephen Ryan will present "Sensible Ideas for Sustainable Gardening" at an event in New Gisborne next month. Western Water is sponsoring the event, which will be held at the New Gisborne Community Garden at the Gisborne Church of Christ at 10am on Saturday, 24 October.

Stephen is a gardening expert, author, former Gardening Australia television program presenter and owner of the Dicksonia Rare Plants Nursery in Mt Macedon. He has been awarded a John Pascoe Fawcner Gold Medal for distinguished service to horticulture by the Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria.

The event will include a presentation and Q&A session with Stephen, followed by sessions in the community garden with sustainability expert Mariette Tuohey.

Western Water and Macedon Ranges Shire Council will have information stalls on site, and the New Gisborne Scouts Group will hold a fundraising lunch.

The event is free, but bookings are essential. They can be made at the Western Water website, WesternWater.com.au.

Survey shows high satisfaction with Western Water

A survey of Western Water customers has shown satisfaction with the water corporation's services overall remains high, with Romsey customers giving a rating of 8.6 out of 10. The annual survey questioned 800 customers across the region - 600 residential customers and 200 business owners - on all aspects of Western Water's service. It found that 89% of customers are satisfied with the services Western Water provides, which is on a par with good results from previous years. Romsey residents surveyed rated the water supply service overall at 8.8 out of 10, and the quality of the water at 8.3 out of 10. The sewerage service was rated at a very high 8.9 out of 10.

Other results from across the region included:
Around 20% of customers surveyed had contacted Western Water in the past year
Of those, 86% were satisfied with the customer service overall
80% of customers said they were using the same amount or less water compared with a year ago
87% of customers were satisfied with how Western Water looks after the environment.

"These results are really good overall, however we'll be working hard over the next year to ensure our water quality and customer service delivery improves even further," Western Water's General Manager, Customer and Community Relations, Graham Holt, said.

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Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA)

UPDATE

"Project Romsey" Update

The working parties have met and are formulating project plans to follow in order to ultimately have input to the Romsey Streetscape Master Plan. This will involve the special interest groups (*Trees and Main Street Gardens, Five Mile Creek Precinct, Lighting and Roads, Arts Culture and Events, Town Pride*) identifying and reviewing comments and ideas raised from community dialogue. Information gathering, brainstorming and analysis of ideas will result in a short list of options for each component. These will be presented for community comment and possible inclusion into the Master Plan document. Representatives from RRBATA's committee are meeting regularly with MRSC officers to progress Project Romsey, with the next meeting scheduled for 19th October.

The focus for each working party was determined from feedback from the first Forum and subsequent meetings with key Macedon Ranges Shire Council (MRSC) officers. Each of these working parties will liaise closely with the Romsey Lancefield Historical Society in the formulation of their project plans.

Volunteers are still needed for the
Town Pride working party.

PROJECT ROMSEY NEEDS COMMUNITY INPUT.

So, if you feel connected to your town and its future, please consider joining this group
(Phone Jenny Stillman 0412 349849,
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RRBATA Annual Business Breakfast

The Annual RRBATA Business Breakfast was held on **Friday 28th August 2015** at Cope Williams Winery, Romsey. Lisa Stribley, a partner at Deloitte Private, engaged and informed the audience on the concept of cloud accounting. Technophiles and luddites alike came away with a fresh understanding of how cloud technology can enhance business. After much appreciated coffee and tea was provided by Cassie Borthwick and her Cope Williams team on arrival, a lovely hot breakfast was enjoyed by all.

RRBATA is already thinking about next year's Business Breakfast and will be seeking sponsorships to ensure the event continues to be successful. However, feedback on this event and ideas re speakers for next year's (i.e. pure business focus vs inspirational vs celebrity) are welcomed by RRBATA.



RRBATA wishes to again proudly acknowledge the support of Romsey Community Bank and Macedon Ranges Shire Council for this year's RRBATA Annual Business Breakfast.



Romsey Online

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.

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"JERUSALEM, the golden, - I know not, oh, I know not, What joys await us there.
What radiancy of glory, What bliss beyond compare."
J. M. NEALE.

SEPTEMBER IN RETROSPECT

The AMS Group (Anglican Men's Society) had another enjoyable Snooker night together even though there are no Walter Lindrum's among them. Some Church members attended the Bush Church Aid Luncheon at Brimbank Anglican Church to hear the message of Bishop Greg. Anderson, Bp. of the Northern Territory, an area supported by BCA. Bishop Philip Huggins, our Regional Bishop, was warmly welcomed at the special thanksgiving service for the restoration of the interior of Christ Church. Our prayers have been with several of our very ill members.

OCTOBER 2015 DIARY.

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FOREVER WITH THE LORD

Macedon Ranges Wine and Food Festival on 14 + 15 November – Budburst has a new name.

The Macedon Ranges winegrowers are celebrating 25 years of the Budburst Festival on 14 and 15 November with a new name and a new look. Everyone is invited to the Macedon Ranges Wine and Food Festival.

"The region is Australia's coolest cool climate region, producing outstanding cool climate wines, so Macedon Ranges deserves to be in the headline," says Marilyn Frederickson from the Macedon Ranges Vignerons Association and owner at Rowanston on the Track. "We have loved welcoming visitors to our cellar doors over the last 25 years and we are looking forward to celebrating this milestone with everyone in November."

This year 16 venues will host 30 wineries. There will be more than 100 exceptional wines for tasting, some that can only be sourced at the cellar door. Delicious food will be paired with the wines on offer. Expect to see special guests and, as always, local chefs in some of the region's best restaurants will be holding celebration dinners. The Macedon Ranges Wine and Food Festival offers wine enthusiasts a personalised experience at the region's cellar doors, tasting new and exclusive wines and learning first hand each wine and winemaker's story. It is the perfect opportunity to take a break from the hectic pace of spring, take a deep breath and enjoy the gentle art of winemaking.

Book your Weekend Wineries Pass for just \$15, which includes a commemorative tasting glass.

This festival is supported by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council. For full program and bookings visit www.budburst.com

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Lisa Dooley



Gisborne Singers' Production of 'The Armed Man'

The Gisborne Singers are collaborating with the Ballarat Choral Society for their next production-'The Armed Man—A Mass for Peace' to form an 80 person choir, accompanied by 20 professional musicians. This is to be performed at Ballarat on Sunday November 15 and at Woodend on Sunday November 22 (St Ambrose Church Hall). Both performances commence at 3 p.m. This is a stunning work by Welsh composer Karl Jenkins. He charts the growing menace of a descent into war and ends with a hope for peace. All the innocent victims of war are commemorated in its text regardless of race or creed. It is an exciting work both to sing and hear in concert. The work is presented in recognition of the Gallipoli landings in 1915.

The Armed Man was commissioned by the Royal Armouries in Great Britain to mark the transition from one millennium to another. It reflects the passing of "The most war-torn and destructive century in human history" and looks forward in hope to a more peaceful future. It was first performed in the year 2000.

It is essentially an anti-war composition based on the Catholic Mass combined with other texts including the fifteenth century French folk song 'L'Homme arme', the Islamic Call to Prayers (Adhaan), excerpts from the Mahabharata, as well as from the writings of Rudyard Kipling, Alfred Lord Tennyson and Sankichi Toge. During the singing, we are considering projecting images of war photographs onto a screen behind the choir. We are also considering reading messages from soldiers in the various war zones to their families at home in Australia. We hope to use local material for both ideas.

Stephen Brockman (Musical Director of the Gisborne Singers) has said he would be very grateful if your readers could help us to assemble photos, letters and memorabilia for this presentation.

Contact can be made directly with Stephen Brockman on smbrockman444@bigpond.com or per telephone on 03 5428 9444 or mobile 0414 289 444



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The CoM is also hard at work sourcing funds to tackle problems with the rendering works on the front of the building. If we are successful here the front of the RMI will get a serious face-lift greatly enhancing both the RMI and the main streetscape of Romsey.

Our 2016 Antiques Fair keeps bubbling along. After speaking with two of our committee members five stall-holders who attended the recent Kyneton Antiques Fair are showing interest in stalls at Romsey. For more information please contact Gail Middleton on 0416 028 219

The improvements to the hall's heaters have been very well received by all users. Good heating that is simple to use both attracts user groups and also helps keep the building dry, reducing maintenance costs.

Works to clear the blackberries and other unwanted vegetation along the southern side of the hall have begun. Once completed this project will see greatly improved air flow assisting the south side of the building to dry more consistently. New spouting and downpipes will also assist us to keep the building in the best possible condition.

Our program to show the Australian film "Dusty" is also progressing well. This event is planned to coincide with the Romsey Primary School's 150th celebrations which conclude late on Saturday afternoon. We have been in contact with one of the people who worked on the film and they are chasing up posters and other "Dusty" related paraphernalia. Information on the film can be found at the International Movie Data Base (IMBD) site where the plot is outlined and cast of the film is listed. The doors will open at 7.00 pm and the film will be shown at 7.30 pm. Seats will be on a "first come best served" basis. Tickets are \$4.00 an adult and \$10.00 a family (Two adults/two children under 16)

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MASS TIMES
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"OWNING OUR FUTURE"
A document titled "Owning Our Future" has been produced by the Parish Pastoral Advisory Council. The purpose of this paper is to inform parishioners of the present status of the parish. They are called upon to own the priorities mentioned therein and give their feedback on what developments and improvements they would like to see. And what would be their role in that? A copy of this document can be emailed to you upon request to lancefield@cam.org.au or pick up a copy at the Parish Office, Tues, Wed or Fri 9am – 2pm.

RECONCILIATION
Saturdays 9:45am Romsey & 5:45pm Lancefield.

BAPTISMS
October, December 2015.
February, April, June, August, October, December 2016.
For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

REGULAR EVENTS
St. Mary's Drop-In: First Thursday of each month, 10:00 a.m. Mass – Romsey Church – all welcome. 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey. All welcome to come for a game of cards/chat and free lunch.

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Monday - 8.00 p.m. – held at private a residence during winter months. Contact Stephen Holgate for further information. 0411 781 695

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
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SPECIAL EVENTS
October
Yr 12 students of our parish are invited to attend a pizza evening with Fr. Arnold at the Presbytery on Friday 9 October at 6:30 pm. Register your participation at lancefield@cam.org.au or by phone 5429 2130.

Sacrament of Confirmation:
17/10/15 – 7pm – St. Mary's School Hall
Confirmation will be conferred by Bishop Terry Curtin to approximately 35 children of our Parish.

World Mission Sunday – 18/10/15
We reach out in prayerful support to all missionaries including our Australian missionaries working abroad and Priest's of other countries working in Australia as missionaries. A special collection is also held to support their endeavours.

All Souls Day – Monday 02/11/15
Special Masses will be held for the departed souls of our parishioner's family members at 9:15 am (Lancefield Church) and 7:30 pm (Romsey Church). Families are encouraged to bring a framed picture of their loved one and a flower to be placed in front of the altar.

September News from St Mary's Lancefield Annual Art Show and School Concert

Congratulations on another hugely popular Art Show and School Concert. The students Art Work is set up Gallery style in the Learning Street for family and friends to come and view. The students have been working on the art work throughout the year. The school concert saw students performing songs by influential artists including The Wiggles (Prep), Queen (3/4s) and Michael Jackson (5/6s) to name a few. Thank you so much to Kerrie Dwyer (Art Teacher) and Rita Vecchio (Music Teacher) for working so hard to ensure both events were successful.



Miranda Creely, Felicity Sutherland, Vincent Fichera, Charlie Beer & Reuben Schembri.



Matilda Cleve, Darcy Giles, Neil Budde, Jack Perry & Charlotte Newbery

First Eucharist

The Year 4 students have prepared and celebrated their First Holy Communion on the 23rd August. The students had a reflection day on the Wednesday prior which included Mass, Reconciliation and a variety of activities to complete their preparation. Thank you to Fr Arnold and Miss Murtagh for guiding the process and staff for supporting the students. The celebration was very respectful and well attended. Congratulations to students from St Mary's and surrounding schools including Lancefield P.S. and Romsey P.S.



Jack Perry & Sebastian Fichera



Book Week – Books light up our World

In the week leading up to Book Week all classes focussed on reading and responding to the nominated book for Children's Book Week. The school was transformed on Friday 28th August into a fictional place filled with characters from an amazing array of books, as our Annual Book Week Parade was held.



The school was truly in the spirit of Book Week with classes working on activities related to books throughout the day.

Sports News

The students have spent much of this term in training for the Cobaw Athletics competition. We sent of squad of approximately 40 students to Bendigo to compete on Wednesday 2nd September. All students are to be commended on their hard-work and persistent. Their training certainly paid off with placing in their events. Great job to all the students!



Jackson Holland-Cornish & Montana Gorichan



Darcy Giles, Will Janky, Blake Rix, Ben Sankey

Father's Day Breakfast



The Dad's came and had breakfast with their children on Friday 4th September in celebration of Father's Day. It was wonderful to see the Dad's with their children enjoying breakfast together before heading off to school and work.

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Once a month we have professional cooks who come in and give us a 2 course lunch. This meal is \$10.

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FROM THE COTTAGE

September/October 2015

Romsey's Historic Sydney Seymour Cottage, Palmer Street – look for the blue Heritage Plaque on the gatepost on the left; open on the last Sunday of the month, from 11-3.

There was certainly a spring-cleaning effort going on at the Cottage last Open Day, with Brenda working on shelves and cupboards being cleared of their build-up of grime and some of the displays being grouped more appropriately. Eliz and George tackled the outside sheds – what a task! – and reorganised and discarded as necessary. Robyn was busy working on thematic displays and John led the garden push, getting rid of the first couple of the (very well-grown) self-sown seedlings which are now trees; they are the 'garden thugs' varieties that take over and smother smaller treasures. I had only mentioned that morning that the lovely Hellebores would be very suitable in the garden, when he turned up with a dozen or so of them – plus other cottage plants! Of course the visitors were quite happy to wander through all this activity and were served soup, etc by Lorien. A great spirit prevailed.

We also had two tubs of Greg Boldiston's rare plants, especially species tulips, polyanthus, arums and crocuses. It is terrific to have his expertise and generosity as one of our major sponsors, there will always be some of his specialities at the Cottage Open days. It is good to be able to acknowledge the excellent commitment from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council who continue to help maintain the garden and grounds of the Cottage, as they have for many years. We are very appreciative indeed.

Our October Open Day on October 25th coincides with both the Romsey Primary School 150th and World Children's Day, so our focus is on children's activities of bygone eras. We'll have Egg 'n Spoon, Sack and Three-legged races and couldn't go without Hopscotch. Collect a card, kids, when you come and mark of your activities when completed. AND – collect a Western Water drink bottle and Activity Booklet when you have completed your card. MANY THANKS TO WESTERN WATER FOR SPONSORING THIS ACTIVITY. We also hope to have an Ice-Cream van in attendance, so parents, also, can reward their children's efforts. There is no entry fee for the kids. AND keep in mind our Photography Exhibition Day in November; a great chance to see some great photos and perhaps purchase one for a Christmas gift.

Warm regards,
Ruth Green 0415 256 911

CALENDAR

OCTOBER 25TH: We'll celebrate World Children's Day with some old-fashioned children's pastimes.

NOVEMBER 29TH: Photography – and this is your chance to see some wonderful photos of the district and purchase copies for a unique Christmas gift.

Macedon Ranges Physiotherapy

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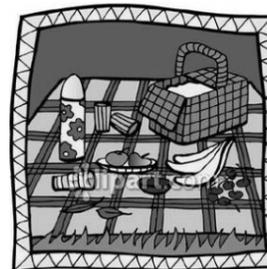
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**GRAAP News****GRAAP Romsey Community Picnic**

With the acquisition of the former Romsey Primary School site now finalized, Greater Romsey All Abilities Park (GRAAP) is now intensely planning the celebratory GRAAP Community Picnic to be held on Sunday 25th October 2015 at the site between 11am and 3pm. This event neatly sits on the weekend of Romsey Primary School's 150th celebrations so SAVE THE DATE! Pack your own picnic or indulge in the food stalls on offer. Bring your picnic rug and chairs and enjoy entertainment in the setting of Romsey's future park for all ages and

all abilities.

PLEASE NOTE: This is an ALCOHOL FREE event.

It is finally time to **"ACKNOWLEDGE THE PAST AND CELEBRATE THE FUTURE"** at the old Primary School site!

This event is proudly supported by the Romsey Community Bank.

GRAAP Goes to the Movies

Another activity complimenting the Romsey Primary School 150th Celebration is the old fashioned Family Movie Night to be held at the Romsey Mechanics Institute on Saturday 24th October 2015. The movie to be shown, "Dusty", was filmed in and around Romsey, featuring local community members. The GRAAP committee will serve an old fashioned supper at intermission along with choc tops, popcorn and the mandatory Jaffa's! Romsey Mechanics Institute is to be congratulated on this initiative. If the event is well supported, there may be an option of future such movie nights.

The Way Forward

GRAAP is now working closely with Macedon Ranges Shire Council to discuss the road map ahead to, ultimately, construct the all ages all abilities park space which will be special for both the regional community and those who visit it. Although many fundraisers lie ahead on what is still a long road, at least now there is now a road to somewhere!

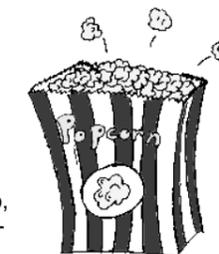
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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE

St. Francis of Assisi

A service for the Blessing of the Animals will be held at the Romsey Uniting Church at 10am on Sunday, October 4th, 2015. This day is the Feast Day of St. Francis: World Animal Day. This will be a combined service with Lancefield Uniting Church and all members of the community are invited to attend with their animals.

You may bring any living creature, whether they be animals, such as cats and dogs, or birds, reptiles and fish, domesticated or wild. If you are not able to bring an animal you may wish to bring a picture of an animal or an endangered species in the wild. There will be a time during the service when the animals will be blessed.

The service will be held in the Gazebo at the back of the church grounds, if the weather is cold/wet it will be held in the church hall.

There will be a Sausage Sizzle after the service. Please come with your animals and make this day a blessing service to remember.

Saint Francis of Assisi 1172-1226)

Francis was a universal person whose love extended across boundaries of class, religion and race. His reverence for everything led him to call animals, plants, and all of creation "brother" and "sister".

Animals responded to his respect and love with an amazing docility. As Francis walked across medieval Europe, people caught glimpses of what Eden must have been like.

St. Francis helped reform the Roman Catholic Church in the thirteenth century through his example of personal poverty.

He simply lived the Gospel as he took monastic life into the streets. Living among the poor, his example was so compelling that soon he had thousands of followers.

Francis' great goal was to follow Jesus as closely as possible. Near the end of his life he spent forty days in solitary prayer on Mt. Alverna.

He had lived as God's troubadour, a bright flame by which others could read the Gospel with fresh insight and vision.

The Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy. O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

Peace begins with you, Lord. With you. It is in you that I can find the answer to my fears, that I can find the love which modifies and kills my selfishness and pride.

It is in you that I can find acceptance as I am, that I can know that I am loved and safe. And that brings peace such as the world cannot give. And in that peace I can move out, taking the risks of love.

Building right relationships. Sharing in the creation of the community which is your church. Working with others to find understanding. Breaking down the walls which separate us. Offering, not glib words, but myself. **Lord, make me an instrument of your peace**

Church Services during October 2015

- 4th 10am. Blessing of the Animals Service.** (Combined with Lancefield Uniting Church and the whole community).
- 11th. 9am.** Worship Service and Holy Communion
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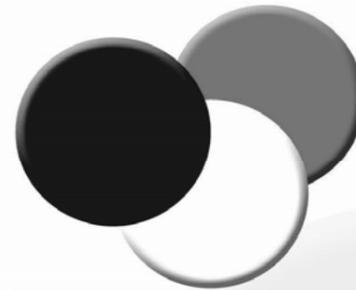
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The recently released European EPIC Heart study suggests that fruit and vegetables are even more powerful than we thought. The study found that those who eat lots of fruit and vegetables are less likely to have a stroke or a heart attack, regardless of their other unhealthy habits.

This does not mean that fruit and vegetables are a cure-all panacea. It does mean they are powerful contributors to health, along with exercise, weight loss, smoking cessation, and managing your blood pressure.

So are you getting your 2 and 5 serves of fruit and vegetables a day? Listen to your Mum. Your life could depend on it.

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The Romsey Toy Library would like to acknowledge the Macedon Ranges Shire Council for its past and ongoing support.

Thanks to a generous grant through the 2015 Community Funding Scheme, we are excited to be in the process of purchasing a fantastic jumping castle and party packs for our members use.

Romsey Toy Library members will be able to hire the Jumping Castle and Kids Party Packs for a small fee, and turn their backyard into a play centre complete with large toys and pint-sized tables and chairs. Great for birthday parties or any large gathering!

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

Next meeting Thursday 22nd October, 2015 at 10am.

Guest Speaker: Tony Farrell - Actor/Singer

Outing: 21st October, Visit to St. Earth's Garden and Lunch at Blackwood Hotel. Meet at Catholic Church 11.15am to car pool.

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

Are you interested in Membership??

We meet once a month and we deal with the normal matters of a club, like correspondence, treasury, and discuss the last outing we had enjoyed, and most important, where we are going to next month, a short tour, a long tour, a lunch somewhere. Our monthly meeting always finishes with morning tea, which is followed by a guest speaker with an interesting topic.

A few of our members enjoy 'Ten Pin Bowling' each fortnight at Watergardens (*definitely non-serious*) followed by lunch at a nearby hotel or club.



We also enjoy a monthly musical/film afternoon at a members home and Friday coffee mornings at a local café.

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SECRETS FOR FILM SOCIETY

Who doesn't love a good twist in a film? Members of the Macedon Ranges Film Society were amply rewarded in this regard with the September screening of *The Secret in Their Eyes*, a 2009 film from Argentinian writer/director Juan Jose Campanella. Woven throughout the plot of drama and intrigue is a tender love story with emotions that took over 20 years to be acknowledged.

In October, a 1944 film based loosely on an Ernest Hemingway novel is the choice of the club. This tribute to Lauren Bacall who died last year was the first film role for the actress, at age 19. Her powerful performance is opposite Harry (Humphrey Bogart), a small-time fisherman, who, in 1940, is tempted to take part in helping the French Resistance smuggle people on to the island. Enter "Slim" (Bacall), who is an equal match for Harry. The Macedon Ranges Film Society meets on the second Wednesday of every month at the Woodend Community Centre. Film notes and an informal supper are part of the evening. MRFS is a membership-based club so initial enquiries must be made by emailing mrfsociety@gmail.com or by phoning Lorraine on 5427 0921 or Christine on 5429 5452.

Kyneton Launch for Solar Bulk-buy in Macedon Ranges

Kyneton residents can now find out about the MASH2 community solar bulk-buy a lot more easily. That's because MASH2 will be starting its roll-out into Macedon Ranges Shire with two info meetings at Kyneton Mechanics Institute on Wednesday 21 October at 5 -6.30pm and 7-8.30pm. MASH2 is organised by the Hub Foundation Castlemaine, a not-for-profit set up in May 2014 to organise projects that help tackle climate change and save money for residents. So far, 300 homes have been installed with solar PV through MASH in Mount Alexander Shire. That's saving residents \$200,000 per year off their electricity bills and cutting CO2 emissions by 1,500 tonnes annually, the equivalent of taking 294 cars off the road. "Now we want to do the same for the Shire of Macedon Ranges Shire", says Jo Kaptein, Project Officer at the Hub Foundation. "Currently 16% of households in Kyneton have solar, the same percentage for the Macedon Ranges Shire as a whole. Mount Alexander Shire has 24% of homes with solar rooftops, largely because there have been five solar bulk-buys in the last 8 years or so." There will also be a community bonus for the people of

Kyneton in the form of a free solar PV system for a community group once 50 MASH2 systems have been installed. "We've got a bulk-buy offer that works on all fronts - prices are competitive, the panels and inverters are high quality, the service is there and the personal touch too, with free home visits and community meetings. It's taken us almost 2 years to get MASH to where it is now. It just makes sense for everybody, we reckon, to make MASH more easily available to people in Macedon Ranges. Nancy and Geoff who live in Kyneton came to the MASH2 info meetings in Castlemaine a couple of months ago. Their MASH2 system was installed at the end of August. Nancy said, "We heard about MASH through the local newspaper. We liked the fact that MASH2 is a community effort; it sounded genuine with good principles and we trusted that the Hub Foundation, the organisation behind the MASH project, had done the homework. "MASH2 is a terrific example of something that's working successfully so we are very happy to be part of it. It is a community effort to change things so instead of feeling helpless we feel we can contribute a bit.

Welcome

The Reverend Deacon Wendy Elson was recently inducted into the Uniting Church, Macedon Ranges Partnership in August. Rev. Elson's induction took place at Kyneton Uniting Church and was led by the Chairperson of the Port Phillip West Presbytery, Rev. Paul Blacker. The Rev. Mark Dunn delivered the sermon and the combined choir led by Rev. Dr. Darcy Wood provided musical performances. Rev. Elson will be living in Woodend and is the first of three new appointments the Uniting Church will be making in the partnership. The ministry appointments will be role based and Rev. Elson's primary role is to help the Church and the community to connect together. "This is an exciting new venture". Rev. Elson said. The partnership is an initiative of the Uniting Church and has seen twelve congregations, Romsey, Lancefield, Kyneton, Mia Mia, Metcalfe, Sutton Grange, Barfold, Tylden, Woodend, Mount Macedon, Riddells Creek and Gisborne, from across the Ranges combining their resources, skills and vision. Working together under one Co-ordinating Council, the Partnership members are excited by the idea of ministering within their communities as a combined effort. Wendy can be contacted on 54272761.



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Yoga: (Mondays 6.30pm-8:00pm) \$15 per class when paid in full at the commencement of the term. \$20 casual rate. Enquires: Leisa Kirk on 0408 934 656.

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Dance & Movement for Children: NEW! (Wednesdays 4pm-4.30pm - Under 5's, (Cost: Casual \$10) 4.30pm - 5.15pm - Over 5's (Cost: \$12 Casual) \$8 for Term payment upfront. Join in this fun, creative dance class where kids learn the joy of expressing themselves through dance. Enquiries: Claire 0434 419 560.

Beginners Pilates: (Wednesdays 7pm-8pm, Fridays 10.30am-11.30am) \$15 per class or 10% discount if Term Fees are paid in full at the commencement of the term. Bookings: Trish (day) class on 0411 447 392, April (night) class on 0427 150 976.

Meditation: NEW! (Thursday fortnightly 9.30am-11am) & Meditation for Mums on the Go! (Thursdays 11.15-11.45am) Learn to relax, de-stress and renew yourself with simple techniques that you can implement at home. \$10 per class.

Yoga: (Thursdays 7pm-8:30pm, Saturdays 8am-9.00am) \$15 per class when term is paid before end of week 1. \$18 casual rate. Enquires: Lisa Moore on 0448 345 338.

Zumba GOLD: NEW! (Fridays 9.30am-10.30am) Come join in the fun dance fitness program suitable for all ages. Low impact, move at your own pace, learn a variety of dance steps, easy to pick up. Bookings: at the House on 5429 6724 Enquiries: Karen on 0432 807 682.

Konga BURN: (last Friday of Month 7.00pm-8.30pm) BURN!® is a combination of Konga and a dumbbell workout which uses 1.5-2.5kg dumbbells & fuses dance inspired movements which will shape, sculpt & improve your muscle tone. Bookings: Lauren on 0431 314 157.

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Art Group: (Mondays 7pm-9pm) \$Gold coin. Do you love Art? Then whatever your medium is bring it along to this social group and create! ... And talk art of course. Enquires: Dot on 0419 547 064.

Art In Company: (Tuesdays 11am-2pm) \$2 Gold coin. Bring your work in progress and join like-minded people for 3 hours of creative stimulation. Enquiries: 5429 6724

Craft Group: (Tuesdays 12pm-3:30pm) \$Gold Coin. Bring along your latest project and craft away in the company of others and maybe pick up a new skill or two! Contact: Leanne Menzies: 0407 053 806

Art Classes for Children: NEW! (Mondays & Tuesdays 3:45pm-4:45pm) \$80 for a 10 week course. Numbers limited. Bring an A3 Visual Arts Diary & basic acrylic paints. Enrolments and payment in advance essential prior to week 1. Contact: House on 5429 6724 to book.

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Reservations are essential for the free lunchtime concerts. For more information & bookings: 03 5426 1490 (Monday – Thursday) or www.duneira.com.au.

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THANK YOU - VICTORIA DIGS DEEP FOR THE 2015 ANZAC APPEAL – SMASHING STATE RECORD

Romsey/Lancefield Sub-Branch has lifted the bar again at this year's ANZAC Appeal – raising 80.95 per cent more than the previous year. It played a significant part in reaching the state's total ANZAC Appeal tally of over \$5,000,000.00.

RSL Victoria sincerely thanks the people of Romsey/Lancefield for the record-breaking result which was a culmination of the extraordinary efforts made by the Romsey/Lancefield RSL Sub-Branch committee members and volunteers, tirelessly manning fundraising locations throughout Romsey/Lancefield.

ANZAC Appeal badges were distributed to the vast network of RSL Sub-Branches in every corner of the State; where they assemble their teams of dedicated local volunteers, often veterans themselves, who spent hours selling within the community.

The vital funds raised throughout the Appeal enables the RSL to fulfil its primary role, of supporting current and former service men and women and their families when they are in need. Asking for help can be difficult, and so often by the time the RSL is called in to assist a veteran, the need is desperate.

From supplying scooters or electric wheelchairs, garden and house maintenance, rental and utility assistance to purchasing an assistance puppy or providing school equipment to former ADF members' children, the ANZAC Appeal helps out thousands of veterans and their families, who live in Victoria. The needs vary but the end result is the same - being there to support current and ex-servicemen and women and their families when they require it the most.

The ANZAC Appeal and the tireless work of the RSL brings together a nation, especially this year, which marked the centenary of the landings at Gallipoli.

According to RSL Victoria President, Major General David McLachlan, "Regional Victoria RSL Sub-Branches played a leading role in raising awareness of the importance of the ANZAC Appeal in their local communities, and for that we thank them sincerely".

"In the lead up to ANZAC Day, Victorian communities, big and small, showed great encouragement and commitment to their local RSL Sub-Branch in supporting the Appeal and veterans," he said.

"The success and perseverance of the ANZAC Appeal was testimonial of the Australian spirit – to help those brave men, women and their families who have served our country in times of conflict."

Reinhard Goschiniak, President, Romsey/Lancefield RSL Sub-Branch acknowledges the stellar effort from all volunteers and for the locals who once again supported the ANZAC Appeal which reflected the generous spirit of the Romsey/Lancefield community.

"Our community has come together to support the ANZAC Appeal and create a real difference to the lives of the people who have served our country. The assistance we provide varies but it could be the smaller things such as arranging transportation to medical appointments, which make a big difference to their daily lives."



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A Local Club Running from Strength to Strength



It's been a busy start to Spring at Macedon Ranges Running Club. At the end of August and start of September MRRC branches in Gisborne, Kyneton, Lancefield & Romsey, Macedon, Riddells Creek and Woodend warmly welcomed plenty of new runners and returning members to begin the club's popular 5km 8 week program.

On completion of the program all participants will come together at Gisborne Dixons field on Sunday October 25, to celebrate their first milestone achievement with a 5km run. Family and friends are also encouraged to support this important occasion. The annual general meeting will also be held, at the end of the run, so any members wishing to help continue the future success of the club please consider joining the committee. While new members were welcomed onto the club's Start Running Program, more seasoned runners were taking part in events at home and abroad. Runners abroad participated in the European Ultra Trail du Mont Blanc 168km and Lydiard Legend Marathon in Auckland. Closer to home events included Solomon Trail series, Coastal High 50km, Surf Coast Hell Run and the Coburg Harriers 21k. Well done to everyone on their excel-

lent achievements.

More club news on upcoming events, these include the Melbourne Marathon festival on 18th of October, where club members will be involved with the Marathon and Half-marathon. The club has also been in discussion with podiatrist Andrew Baddeley to organise an information night which includes Mizuno/New Balance attending.

Further information including contact details about joining the club, running programs and upcoming events can be found on the club's website www.macedonrangesrunningclub.com.

Hesket Primary School performs for State's School Spectacular!

On Saturday the Hesket skipping team participated in the State School Spectacular at the Hisense Arena! Students that participated did a great job with their skipping before the show and during intermission and drew a good crowd. Students that participated should be so proud of themselves with their performance they truly did our school so proud! Well done everyone!



The Anzac Spirit Award 9 September 2015

The award presentation night was held at the Romsey Community Centre. Those present were the Executive members of the Romsey-Lancefield RSL, The Mayor, Councillor Jennifer Anderson and Councillor Henry McLaughlan from the Macedon Ranges Shire council and members and their partners from the Romsey-Lancefield RSL, a broad cross section of the community representing various individuals and organizations, the nominees, their sponsors and their families. In all about sixty people attended the award presentation.

The three nominees for the award were: Mrs Vivien Philpotts of the Lancefield Neighbourhood House for her involvement in a range of community activities. Sponsored by Mr Stephen King.

Mrs Shirley Kishere of the Romsey-Lancefield & District Historical Society for her collection of letters, articles and photographs into a book, from and about local serving members in WW1. Sponsored by Mrs Deidre Knell.

The President Mr Graham Knell and Secretary Mr Mario Drago of the Lancefield Men's Shed for its important contribution to men's health and wellbeing in the community. Sponsored by Mr Max Dansey.

The Mayor Councillor Jennifer Anderson was invited to announce the winner and to present the prize.

The winner of this year's Anzac Spirit Award 2015, was The Lancefield Men's Shed. They were presented with a cheque \$150, a medal and a framed certificate of congratulations. This year's winner will have their names engraved and added to the Anzac Spirit bronze statue, which is retained in perpetuity at the Romsey Community Centre.

The Anzac Spirit Award is sponsored by the RSL's Wayne Smith, former RSL branch secretary and ex member of the 4th/19th Prince of Wales Light Horse. It was established to reward examples of exceptional commitment, unselfishness and enthusiasm by persons or organisations in the area within the last 12 months. While a modest one the award is nonetheless

important in its ability to contribute to the sense of community we should always endeavour to maintain.

Many the young men who became Anzacs in 1915 were drawn from small towns and villages. Reading their diaries tells us how strongly they were linked to home and community and how powerfully those links sustained them. In fact, there is little doubt that the close-knit community spirit they took with them provided the foundation for what eventually became the Anzac spirit of mateship. We hope by the presentation of this award will do something to keep that spirit alive.



'Violence Prevention - It's Everybody's Business Roadshow'

The six Neighbourhood Houses in the Shire are hosting a Violence Prevention Roadshow in Romsey on the evening of Wednesday 25 November.

This aptly happens to be White Ribbon Day - the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

Keep the evening free for this important event, for more information phone 5429 1214.

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We all benefit from the work of these small businesses. They create experiences to suit a vast range of tastes, they employ local people and source goods and services from other businesses. They help to spread the word about how lucky we are to live in the Macedon Ranges. Look out for local businesses in the next month on Postcards and Better Homes and Gardens and featuring in newspapers and magazines. Tourism Macedon Ranges encourages entrepreneurship by small businesses and would like to hear your favourite experiences with local operators in the local area. Let us know about the best thing to do here and the people behind it, because they are the good guys. They are not big business intent on making the Macedon Ranges a theme park. They are your families and friends showcasing what is already 'naturally cool'.

Please go to our Macedon Ranges Naturally Cool Facebook page to give a shout-out and spread the news about your favourite local tourism experiences and people in the business.

