

### Romsey Golf Club Ladies Report

WANTED: female golfers to play Saturday or Wednesday or both if you wish. Saturday is a 12MD assembly for a 12.30 hit off. Come along and join in. Wednesday is 9AM for a 9.30 hit off and we generally bring our lunch to have after the game. Tea and coffee supplied as is the laughter and good company.

Welcome home to Wendy who has been tripping around in warmer climates with Wayne and Angus. It is good to have you back. (She makes a great sponge).

Our second garage sale was another success. We almost cleared out and people got some good bargains so everyone was happy.

On a lovely warm, sunny day, Kath and Lorraine represented the club at the Women's Golf Victoria Stableford Series for higher handicappers held at Kialla Golf Club on September 19<sup>th</sup>. The course was magnificent, allowing lots of run and not many water hazards although it did have a tricky right-hand bend in one fairway. Although Kath tried to put her ball into the local creek a couple of times, she usually managed to recover well, playing to her handicap.

Meanwhile on the same day I went to the Dalhousie District 27 hole championships. The day at Strathgogie was warm and sunny with strong winds. Despite the wind there were some good scores and I won the C grade 27 hole scratch event with 148 strokes.

Wednesday 21 September we played Stroke at home and Leila won with a great round of 108-39-69.

Lorraine, Kath and Denise attended the Euroa Bowl on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was a sunny day and the fairways were soft underfoot with some run but the greens were fast. The creek proved hazardous to Kath who usually manages to avoid it, but the others fared better. Some trees and bush-

es proved an accuracy challenge, having to hit over and between them to save adding strokes to your score.

28 September saw the weather change to winter conditions again with cold and more strong winds. The second group out heard one clap of thunder and retreated to the clubrooms. The first group were looking for the lightning so we could leave the course but didn't see any so continued to play. Then the rain started. Who was the lady with the scrambled brains that put her umbrella up only to have it turn inside out? We made an executive decision to finish after 9 holes especially as we couldn't see the group behind.

Thursday 28 September was the Yea tournament and there was discussion of whether they may call it off due to the wet weather but as we hadn't been notified Lorraine and Denise headed off for the day. Prior to their arrival it started to pour making the wet course unplayable so it was a drive home again.

October 5 was our Monthly Medal and Medal of Medallist playoff which Lorraine won. Congratulations.

On the road again this time Kath Jan and I travelled to Eildon to play in their bowl on Thursday 6. The course had wet patches and there was very little run especially going uphill. We all enjoyed the course and met Carol Graco who is a past Romsey player, now playing Eildon and Royal Park. From the 9<sup>th</sup> hole we could see the wall of Lake Eildon and had been asked by a husband to check the level of the water. Wives always do as told so we had the scenic drive to the dam and down to the boat ramp and right across the wall into town for a quick tour and were blown away by the level of water almost to the top of the spillway. We continued to be tourists driving home the scenic route through Strath Creek stopping to admire the view at Murchison's lookout

October 12, after the greens had been cored, we played 9 holes with Lorraine winning +1. The day continued in the clubrooms with the finalisation of competitions for the season. Leila was the runaway winner of the Rose Scanlon Shield, which is a competition over the whole year. Beryl won the eclectic, putting, and singles knockout. Congratulations to all winners. And Good Hitting to Leila who won the Silver Spoon and goes to playoff in the state final at Waverly later this month.

The Romsey Birdies are helping with Leonie's Open Garden on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Leonie has an interesting garden with no lawn. Leonie and Laurie have worked hard to set this garden up from scratch after moving in 2003. In March 2004 the driveway was put in and the yard levelled then the digging and planting started. Much of the garden is from cuttings, or plants given to them by friends. There is a Mediterranean garden with olives and the Chinese/Japanese garden with the Moon gate as well as other areas that complement each other. Come along and visit the garden and be surprised at what can be achieved in a garden. \$5.00 entry which includes afternoon tea. Enquires to Leonie 54296414.

#### Recipe for this month

##### Two step Sponge

4 eggs  
½ cup custard powder  
1 teaspoon cream of tartar.  
¾ cup caster sugar  
½ cup corn flour  
½ teaspoon bi-carb soda.

*Beat eggs and sugar for 12 mins.  
Sift dry ingredients three times and fold in  
Grease 2, 8 inch tins (high sides)  
Bake at 180 C for 15 -20 mins.*

Beryl Cole 54295411

### Romsey Golf Club – Men's Report

<http://romseygolfclub.net>

#### Saturday September 24th - Monthly Medal - Stroke & Putts

The course had dried out considerably over the past two weeks so there was plenty of run on the fairways and the greens were quite quick. However, winds, gusting from the north and east made for a challenging day on the course. The day was made all the more enjoyable by a visit from ex-member John Grady, who was very impressed by the work the Golf Club had done in the four years since his family had moved from the area, to both improve the golf course and Romsey Park in general.

Anthony Lakey continued his recent good form to record a solid win 91/24/67 from Mat Thornton 80/6/74.

Least putts went to Bob Dwyer - 26 while Bob McLennan picked up the NTPs on 15 and 16

#### Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Final Stableford

Unfortunately heavy rain during the previous week made the course unplayable so competition was cancelled.

#### Saturday October 8th

Heavy rain over the previous ten days and the coring of the greens on Friday October 7th forced the cancellation of club com-

petition for Saturday Oct 9th.

Many players took the opportunity to support Dalhousie Clubs Woodend and Eildon as they held their annual open competitions.

During the week the Dalhousie District team were in the Plate competition of GolfVic's 2011 Country Week competition. The team finished a creditable 3rd with 15 wins. Romsey players Daniel Wright and Mat Thornton had an up and down week. Our congratulations go to Woodend's Brad Kimivets who performed extremely well all week and to Yea's James Wendell who went through the week undefeated.

#### Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> - Stroke

After a few days of warm, sunny weather the course was drying out with casual water on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> fairways only. The greens were settling down after their recent coring but they still a few surprises in store for every player; especially those who were not prepared to attack the hole.

The day's winner was evergreen veteran Les Gaunt who again showed the way under tough conditions with an excellent 79/8/71 from Daniel Wright 76/3/73 and Graeme Clement 94/18/76.

Daniel Wright took out the only NTP on the 1<sup>st</sup>.

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**Cultural Diversity Week** is a state-wide celebration aimed at promoting harmony, understanding and acceptance of the many cultures in our community.

The Cultural Development Unit of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council supports the Cultural Diversity Week (CDW) celebrations. In 2011 we celebrated CDW with a visit by Tenzin Choegy and the Monks of Tibet. More than 2000 people experienced the richness of the Tibetan Culture through ceremonies, performances, sand mandala creation and various workshops.

### **In 2012 our celebrations will showcase the Indian Culture.**

The program will consist of a host of vibrant public events including *cultural performances, arts and crafts, exhibitions, educational seminars, traditional cuisine* and many other Indian cultural delights.

We encourage participation from the whole community in celebrating the many layers and intricacies the Indian Culture has to offer.

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**When: 19 to 25 March 2012**

**Where: Woodend Community Centre**

If you are a community, cultural or ethnic group that has skills or expertise in the **Indian performing or creative arts area**, or if you are interested in **becoming a sponsor of Cultural Diversity Week** we would like to hear from you!

If you have any queries, or would like to discuss how your organisation could support *Cultural Diversity Week*, please contact Andrea MacDonald, Cultural Development Unit, on (03) 5422 0394 or email: amacdonald@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Thank you to this year's supports and sponsors of *Cultural Diversity Week*.



## REMEMBER WITH A POPPY

The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month marks the signing of the Armistice, on 11th November 1918, to signal the end of World War One.

At 11 am on 11 November 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years continuous warfare.

November is the month we wear a red poppy in memory of those who sacrificed their lives for us during the Great War.

The Flanders poppy has long been a part of Remembrance Day. Red poppies were among the first plants to spring up in the devastated battlefields of northern France and Belgium. In soldiers' folklore, the vivid red of the poppy came from the blood of their comrades soaking the ground. The poppy soon became widely accepted as the flower of remembrance to be worn on Armistice Day, renamed Remembrance Day in 1945.

November 11<sup>th</sup> is the day we remember with gratitude the men and women who have given their lives for us in the many conflicts that have afflicted us in the past century, and we remember in particular the thinning ranks of those that fought and suffered in the First World War

Three hundred and thirty two thousand Australians fought in World War I, and of these 60,000 died with 156,000 wounded or taken prisoner. This commitment out of a population of only four million clearly shows the importance of ensuring that our World War I servicemen must never ever be forgotten.

But numbers alone cannot adequately chronicle this nation's sacrifice. For each of those that gave their lives had a family and friends whose lives were diminished by their loss.

I urge you to continue to observe Remembrance Day, to wear a red poppy and make a special effort to pause for one minute's silence at 11am in memory of our service men and women who lost their lives fighting for our freedom and peace.

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Joanne



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### Romsey bore to ensure town's water supply

Romsey will soon have a more secure local drinking water supply, after Western Water began work on the town's borefield project.

Western Water is building an \$820,000 bore and pipeline that will transfer extra water to the town's drinking water supply in times of low rainfall. The project is expected to be complete by late 2012.

"During the recent drought we were forced to pump water from the Melbourne supply to Romsey, to make sure the town had enough drinking water," said Western Water's Managing Director, John Wilkinson.

"Pumping water from Melbourne is very expensive and results in high carbon emissions. This project will ensure that, if drought conditions return, we will have an alternative local water supply if Kerrie Reservoir gets too low."

Work began in September on a pipeline to carry water from the new bore site, in Romsey's north-west, to Romsey's water filtration plant on Glenfern Rd. When needed, bore water will be blended with water from Kerrie Reservoir at the plant, filtered and treated, before it is supplied to homes and businesses in the town.

"Over the next few months, we will start work on the bore itself, and on upgrading the water filtration plant to ensure the highest quality drinking water possible," Mr Wilkinson said. "With Romsey's population growing over the next 20 years, we need to make sure there is enough water available to meet demand."

Western Water has already received approval from Southern Rural Water and the Department of Sustainability and Environment to install the bore and pump water from it.

"Before applying for a bore licence from Southern Rural Water we carried out extensive monitoring of groundwater in the area," said Mr Wilkinson. "This monitoring showed the bore water is suitable for drinking, and the bore will not have an adverse effect on groundwater in the region," he says.

"Throughout the process, we have consulted with local residents who may be affected, especially those who have bores on their properties, and with stakeholders such as Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Melbourne Water. We have also investigated the potential effects on flora and fauna, cultural heritage and waterways in the area, and found no significant issues."

Under the licence, Western Water will be required to carry out detailed monitoring of the bore's operation and report regularly to Southern Rural Water on groundwater levels.

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### News from Bolinda & Monegeetta

#### **HALL and COMMUNITY NEWS:**

Hope you are enjoying the green paddocks and the fresh warm spring. We had 218pts of rain (54mm approx) so a good start to the farming year – and the flower and vegie garden season too!

At our super Bolinda-Monegeetta CFA 'Christmas in July' this year, we re-introduced Gail Stevens' book, "The History of Bolinda and District". (Luckily, Margaret McIntyre had a copy, which we've had photocopied.) It was completed in 1988 and a lot of work has gone into compiling the information and the photos (B&W photocopies) so it is a great memento if you have ties with the Bolinda-Monegeetta district. Copies available for \$10. It would make a memorable Christmas gift. And don't forget – our Hall is available for hire for your function or family get-together, at very reasonable rates. (Please note - No 18<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> birthdays)

#### **BOLINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS:**

The school has its end-of-term news for you to read...enjoy the jottings from our great little school!

#### **BOL-DARRA (Bolinda Darraweit) GARDEN CLUB:**

Our Garden/Social Club meets monthly, visiting local gardens, or going further afield. It's a good way to pick up garden hints and advice and to collect some plants. Our day is always followed by a good afternoon tea! (Some of our members don't even garden - but like the chit-chat and afternoon tea part!)

Next get together is on **October 29<sup>th</sup>** - we're going to a garden in Darraweit Road- all are very welcome. Meet at Bolinda Hall (Melways 609 J10) at 1:30 to head off at 2:00pm.

Our **Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>** get-together is at Denise & Bert's 'Oatlands', in Corrigan's Lane, Darraweit. This is a large garden, tucked into a hill, with features such as wonderful stone walls, hedges and great color schemes – a white memorial garden and maroon Cotinus featured with lime Gleditsia. Again, meet at Bolinda Hall (Melways 609 J10) at 1:30 to head off at 2:00pm.

#### **OPEN DAY at FUTURE FARMS:**

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Donna Petrovich has announced that community groups and organisations, including schools, in the Macedon Ranges can now apply for grants under the Victorian Coalition Government's \$20 million Communities for Nature (C4N) program. The grants will enable local communities to conduct work that will protect and enhance their local environment.

"Local community groups and schools contribute many valuable hours of labour each year to enhance and protect the Macedon Ranges environment," said Mrs. Petrovich. "These grants will provide better support to community groups, particularly those that may not have been involved or eligible for previous grant funding, to enable them to participate more effectively in environmental programs."

Minister for Environment and Climate Change Ryan Smith highlighted the important role of Victorian communities in protecting our

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**Aerobics Success**

We are all very proud of our aerobics teams, with their success at the National Championships at the State Netball and Hockey Centre during the last school holidays. In a field of very strong competition from all over Australia, the girls achieved the following results:

- Level 1 - Sub Junior trio - Brandi B., Elizabeth J. and Mackenzie H. - 1st place ( Australian Champions)
- Level 2 - Junior Group - Emily S., Annalea P., Karlie H. and Samantha R. - 1st place (Australian Champions)
- Level 1 - Sub Junior Group - Bella C., Chloe P., Kyahne B., and Tahlia D - 2nd place
- Level 2 - Junior Pair - Annalea P. and Samantha R. - 2nd place
- Level 2 Junior pair - Emily S. and Karlie H. - 2nd place
- Level 1 Junior Pair - Chloe C. and Jemma H. - 8th place



**Maths and English Stars**

Congratulations to our Maths and English stars who were recently presented with their credit, distinction and high distinction certificates from the recent Maths and English Competition. To achieve a distinction students rank in the top 10% of the many thousands of students Australia



-wide and into the Pacific region who participate, and to achieve a high distinction the student needs to rank in the top 1% of those participating. Special congratulations to Zach S. who received a High Distinction in Mathematics.

**Special Guests For Lunch**

The Romsey branch of the CWA recently made new aprons and chef hats for the students who participate in our Cooking Program at Romsey Primary School. To say thank you for their support, the students invited representatives from the CWA to a special lunch held last Tuesday. Along with staff, the students prepared sandwiches, scones and other treats for this special occasion. A lot of effort went into presenting this luncheon, with students paying particular attention to setting the table in a most attractive manner. These activities all form part of our social skills education for this group of students.



**Sports Report Zone Athletics**

Congratulations to our 6 students who competed at the Zone Athletics Championships recently. Dylan O threw some great discus throws, whilst our under 10 girls relay team qualified for the final after running a fast 3<sup>rd</sup> in their heat. They ran very well in the final but didn't finish in the placings. The champion for the day was Gabby

S who jumped a fantastic 1m 21cm to finish 1<sup>st</sup> and qualify for the State

**Young Artists in the Making**

This year's 7th Annual Art Show was another celebration of the outstanding Visual Arts program run by Ms Annie Betts and Mrs Sharon Hocter-Turner. The theme was animals and a diversity of pieces was exhibited including 'Cows in Space', sheep, cars, clever masks, printing, sewing, collage, magi clay, mosaic and clay works. Students also had the opportunity to exhibit pieces they had completed at home. Thank you to the Parent Club for their help setting up for the exhibition, manning the door and running the raffle. Overall the Parent Club made approximately \$1,000. Thank you also to the staff and students who helped with setting up the exhibition. The painting donated by Debbie Daks was won by Lisa-Marie M. and Jodee White won the basket of goodies. I would like to thank IGA for donating the Derwent pencils for all the 1<sup>st</sup> prize winners, Debbie Daks for the painting and Craig for making the vehicle. Congratulations to our talented art teachers Miss Betts and Mrs Hocter-Turner.



**Enrolments for 2011**

Planning for the 2012 school year is well under way, with class structures and staffing under discussion. With this in mind, we need to know what our enrolment for 2012 will be as soon as possible. If you are intending to enroll your child at Romsey Primary School for prep or any other year level, please contact the school, for an enrolment package and return it as soon as possible. If you have any queries or would like a tour of the school please don't hesitate to contact us on 5429 5099.

Joan Gibbs  
Principal

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**Blessing of Emergency Services.**

**Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at the Romsey Uniting Church there will be a special service to bless the Emergency Services before the bush fire season.**

**The Service will commence with a tea at 5pm followed by the Blessing Service which will be conducted by Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones. Everyone is welcome especially members of the CFA, Police, Ambulance etc.**

**The Ecumenical Service for all churches**

**In Romsey and Lancefield will be conducted at 10.30am on 27<sup>th</sup> November at the Lancefield Anglican Church.**

**Saying "Thankyou"**

*"As Jesus was entering a village he was met by ten men with leprosy. They stood some way off and called out to him, 'Jesus Master, take pity on us,' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests'; and while they were on their way, they were made clean. One of them, finding himself cured, turned back praising God aloud. He threw himself down at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. At this Jesus said: 'Were not all ten cleansed? The other nine, where are they? Could none be found to come back and give praise to God except this foreigner?'"*  
Luke 17: 12-18

*"I tell you this: anything you did for one of my brothers here, however humble, you did for me."*  
Matthew 25: 40

They didn't even say "Thankyou," Lord. Ten men you freed from the grip of leprosy, and only one came to say "Thankyou." What sort of men were those others, to be so ungrateful? Were they so pleased with themselves that they didn't think? Or did they assume that they had a right to good health and now that this right was restored, no more need be said? But should I condemn them?

How thankful am I for all the good things I enjoy? When grace is said my mind is more likely on whether the dinner is hot.

I enjoy my food. And to have enough to eat is a human right – but not one that all men share.

So when I ignore the cries of a hungry world my mumbled "Thank you" has a follow ring.

I've not even had to protest to get my rights, and so I take them pretty much for granted.

I want to say "Thank you", Lord.

But words are not enough. Is there some other way?

There is a way. You have given us a clue:

"For I was hungry, and you gave me food,

I was a stranger, and you welcomed me."

I need to open my eyes to the needs of men,

I need to open my ears to their cries of despair

And I wish to say "Thank you" for rights I enjoy, and then I need to help see that others enjoy them too.

It may seem a thankless task, but now I see that when it is done, the "Thank you" comes from you.

I have not earned your "Thank you" Lord. Not yet.

*Conversations with God by Joy Merritt*

*(Published in 1971)*

**Church Services during November 2011**

- 6<sup>th</sup> 9am. Rev. Dr. Morag Logan
- 13<sup>th</sup> 9am. Worship Service and Eucharist conducted by Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones
- 5pm **Service for the Blessing of the Emergency Services.**
- 20<sup>th</sup> 9am. Worship Service conducted by the Worship Team.
- 27<sup>th</sup> 10.30am **Ecumenical Service at the Lancefield Anglican Church.**

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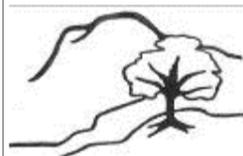
**PRE LANCEFIELD SHOW CLEAN-UP**

The Deep Creek Landcarers from Lancefield/Romsey recently spent a morning cleaning up the roadside at the 2000 Olympic Tree Project site near Musty's Bridge, Lancefield. "We wanted to spruce up the entry to the town before Show Day," said Landcare President John Anderson.

"It was a lovely sunny morning and we only needed a couple of hours work to do the cleanup, and let's face it, we wouldn't be true landcarers if we didn't also take the opportunity to plant a few trees," added Group Secretary Hayley Goodman.

All members are welcome to the regular Landcare Group meeting held at 8pm on the second Monday of the month in the Lancefield Mechanics Institute, unless that day is a public holiday. John says that he likes to keep the formalities down to under an hour so that the members can finish up with a pleasant chat over coffee. "You can just show up on the night, join and enjoy the conviviality that landcare can provide."

Just come along, or to join and order some "well priced" indigenous trees give, John a call on 5429 1170, or call Hayley on 0409 936814. Also, have a look at the Group's website at [www.deepcreeklandcare.org.au](http://www.deepcreeklandcare.org.au)



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All welcome

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John 5429 1170

Hayley 0409 936814

[www.deepcreeklandcare.org.au](http://www.deepcreeklandcare.org.au)

**Macedon Ranges Christmas Toy Shop**

Prior to 2010, Cobaw Community Health Service held a Christmas "Toy Shop" for families living in the Macedon Ranges who were struggling to afford Christmas gifts for their children. In 2010 Cobaw lost their main provider of gifts and was threatened with permanent closure, so they called upon the combined churches of the Macedon Ranges to lend a hand. The churches took up the challenge and now co-ordinate the toy shop, still with the support of Cobaw. The toy shop provides gifts to approximately 100 families, or 250 children across the shire. The churches see this as an invaluable outlet for so many families.



While the toy shop is supported by groups such as the Uniting Church, Woodend Target tree appeal, churches from across the shire, Probos, service clubs and members of the community, we still require more help. We are calling on the local community to reach out, in the spirit of generosity and love, to help us care for some of the most vulnerable people in our community. We require the donation of approximately 250-300 toys, each at around \$20 in value. The gifts are for boys and girls, ages 0-16.

**How to donate;**

The Uniting Church and Target are again running "Operation Santa" and have kindly agreed to donate all toys from the

Woodend Target Tree. Anyone can donate by taking a gift tag from the tree and leaving their gift under the tree. Gifts don't necessarily have to be purchased from Target, you may bring your own. Alternatively, gift cards can be purchased from the Target checkouts.



The combined Churches of Kyneton are hosting a special Christmas service on Sunday the 4th of December, 5pm, at the Kyneton Anglican Church. There will be an opportunity for people to place gifts under the Christmas tree, during this special service.

There is also a carol service being held at Gardeners Reserve in Gisborne. It will be during the evening of the 11th of December. There will be opportunity on the evening to donate.

Donations will also be received at Cobaw Community Health in Kyneton and Woodend, during business hours.

Donations, of both gifts and money (to purchase gifts), will be gratefully received. All donations go directly to the toy shop. Donations need to be received by the 12th of December to allow time for sorting and setting up of the toy shop.



**BOOK FAIR**

**Romsey Community House Inc.**  
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**NORTH WEST METRO GRASS FIRES A TASTE OF FIRE SEASON AHEAD**

The recent warm weather, combined with high winds, has been a taste of the fire season to come, and CFA is warning North West Metro residents to start preparing now. During September, temperatures hit close to 30 degrees around Melbourne, and combined with winds of up to 110km/h, CFA brigades responded to more than 50 grass and scrub fires across the state. This included an incident in Tarneit, which has prompted CFA to remind residents to always take care when burning off.

"People should never leave a burn off unattended and they need to check weather conditions before burning off. You should never burn off in hot, dry, windy conditions," CFA North West Metro Community Education Coordinator Mike Shaw said.

"To avoid brigades being called out unnecessarily by a neighbour or passer by, tell your neighbours when you plan to burn-off and register the burn with the CFA on 1800 668 511."

On September 15, brigades attended to another out of control burn-off at Downing Street, Mount Cottrell. Truganina Fire Brigade Captain Colin Squires said crews were called to the incident just after 1.15pm where the fire had quickly spread to neighbouring properties, and burnt through about 20 hectares.

"This is an example of how quickly a change in wind can cause a fire to spread quickly through grass," Mr Squires said. "And across the North West Metro Region there is a lot of grassland, right from Rockbank and through to the Diggers Rest and Toolern Vale areas."

North West Metro residents should also be aware of an increased potential for fast moving grass fires this summer. The Bushfire Cooperative Research Centre has released their report into *Southern Australia Seasonal Bushfire Outlook* and has found there is an increased potential for above-normal bushfire

activity this fire season because of very large areas of drying grass across the continent.

"Grassfires should not be underestimated; they can be extremely dangerous and cause death, trauma or serious injury," Mr Shaw said. "It is suggested that people start preparing their properties sooner rather than later. As the days get warmer and the fire restrictions come into force, the task of clearing and removing debris from around the property becomes harder to achieve. There is also the risk of fire occurring early in the warmer months, and without adequate preparation, properties could be lost."

Mr Shaw said there were many things people could do to prepare, including cleaning up around the yard to remove any dead branches, long grass, and leaf litter and remove flammable items from deck or verandas. "Throughout the fire season, CFA will also be running public information sessions called Fire Ready Victoria meetings (FRV) to help residents further prepare," he said.

"These FRV meetings are held in locations that the CFA feel are at risk of being impacted by either bushfire or grassfires."

At these meetings the public will receive information on the local risk for their area, an explanation on Fire Danger Ratings and Total Fire Bans, as well as the importance of having a well planned and rehearsed Bushfire Survival Plan. Mr Shaw added that one of the most beneficial ways for people to access information on preparing their properties was to organise for a Home Bushfire Assessment. The free one hour assessment is conducted by trained CFA staff and as part of the service; the resident is given a written report on their property and improvements that can be made in terms of bushfire safety.

For more information on this service or any other fire safety program, contact CFA District 14 Headquarters on (03) 8746 1400 or via the website [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)



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## COMMUNITY GROUP SUPPORT

On the opposite page is the flyer for the **Romsey Street Festival** to be held on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2011** from 4-8pm, followed by the **CFA Torchlight Parade**.

In recognition of our 150 year celebrations we are holding a Vintage Festival encouraging **Vintage, Classic & Unique vehicles** to attend and showcase their vehicles in a **Show & Shine**. This year's event will provide a look at Romsey's 150 years with **Arts, Crafts, Products and Services** that span the years. Community groups again have the opportunity to participate and **fundraising or simply showcase** their group. Local businesses are encouraged to participate with stalls and our talented population are encouraged to participate and showcase their abilities in a **Talent Show, as buskers or street performances** throughout the event. An **Art Exhibition** will be on show inside the Mechanics Hall and **local wineries and food producers** are encouraged to have tasting available. This year the CFA have also agreed to run a **CFA Torchlight parade** at the conclusion of the event. If you recall from our first event this was spectacular.

The Romsey Street Festival for 2011 is fast approaching & I am seeking your support for the event through Community Group participation. An outline of some of the ways you can participate are detailed below.

Let's celebrate what Romsey and the surrounding region have to offer at this year's Romsey Vintage Street Festival. Ways you can participate include:

- Run a fundraising stall
- Put up a display and showcase your group
- Host an activity
- Host/man a children's activity
- Volunteer on the day to set up / operate activities or pack up

- Do a performance or display
- Be a guest speaker/ talk about your group
- Promote an upcoming event or function

This year we invite all motor enthusiasts within the region to join us in the Show & Shine and showcase their vehicle. Vehicles can be Vintage, Classic or Unique from any era. Vehicle Registrations are \$10 per vehicle and all registrations are eligible to participate in our Show & Shine.

Perhaps you wish to participate with a stall. Stallholder Fees are: \$15 for Community groups, \$30 for Retail and \$50 for Food Stalls. Please note that Food stall holders must have a food permit for the event issued by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council

There are so many ways that you can be a part of this annual community event.

Your contribution to our festival is imperative for the event to continue annually. Thank you in anticipation of your support. Please reply email or call to discuss the support you can provide at this event. I can be contacted via M: 0429 313 977, at my office, 106A Main St, Romsey ph: 03 5429 6532, reply email or through the romseyfestival@gmail.com email address.

Look forward to speaking with you soon

Yours sincerely

**Vanessa Meredith**  
Event Manager  
**Romsey Street Festival**  
PO Box 371, Romsey 3434  
ph: 5429 6532  
m: 0429 313 977



### Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club

**President:** Mrs. Jean Buist 5429 1116  
**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.

Our next outing will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November - a bus trip to the Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance and the Jewish Museum.

Our November meeting will be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2011.

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### Macedon Ranges Book Club Inviting New Members

Macedon Ranges Readers have been meeting for 8 years. It is a casual friendly group that meet once a month to discuss a book of the month over light refreshments. Book titles are chosen by the members. The group is kindly supported by the Red Door Book Shop in Lancefield. We would like to invite new members to join our group. So if you love reading and enjoy meeting friendly locals from all over the Macedon Ranges, please come along.

**Date and Times -  
Second Tuesday of the month.  
7pm at Red Door Book Shop in Lancefield.**

If interested please contact;  
Donna (meeting coordinator) 0427 135 271  
Lila 0402 096 878

## SHOULD SMOKING BE BANNED IN PUBLIC PLACES?



**Do you have a view on whether smoking should be permitted in public outdoor areas? Perhaps you are a resident concerned about the health or environmental impacts of smoking, or a trader concerned about how a smoke-free policy may affect patronage to your business.**

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has the opportunity to improve the public health of residents by implementing additional smoking bans in public places not yet covered by state legislation. You are invited to share your views on a draft **Smoke-free Outdoor Areas Policy** developed by Council with assistance from Quit Victoria and the Heart Foundation.

The draft policy proposes the introduction of outdoor smoke-free zones in or around the following:

- Playgrounds and kindergartens
- Council sporting grounds, playing fields, courts, pavilions and clubrooms
- Bushlands parks and reserves
- Events organised by Council
- Alfresco dining areas on public land
- Council buildings and car parks
- Shopping malls and pedestrian areas in central activity districts
- Bus stops and taxi ranks.

**You can help shape the policy and determine areas where smoking could be banned by completing a survey online at [www.mrsc.vic.gov.au](http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au), or at a Council Service Centre. You will also go in the running to win a \$100 Coles Myer voucher!**

Throughout November and December Council will also be conducting visits to affected businesses and community groups, holding community forums and approaching residents in the streets within each of the shire's townships.

The draft policy is available online at [www.mrsc.vic.gov.au](http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au) and at Council libraries and service centres in Kyneton, Gisborne, Romsey and Woodend. For further information contact Michael Dyt, Team Leader Environmental Health on 5421 9609.



### Meet the Artist and Fun Sundays at Dromkeen National Centre for Picture Book Art 12 noon – 4pm

**November 20**  
Jacqui Grantford Author/Illustrator  
**November 27**  
Annie White - Illustrator

Free Entry  
1012 Kilmore Rd, Riddells Creek

## Live4Life Youth Celebration!

Macedon Ranges Shire Council and partner organisations in the 'Live4Life' youth mental health initiative would like to thank Year 8 students from Romsey, along with the parents and teachers who supported them, for their amazing entries in this year's Live4Life competition. Prizes were awarded at a special event at Braemar College on Wednesday 19 October. Ranging from mosaics and fashion/textiles, to paintings and sculptures, entries explored the theme 'Connect', encouraging young people to think about and creatively express how they connect to each other and their community.

Over 50% of Year 8 students across the five Live4Life schools in the Macedon Ranges voluntarily participated in the competition – up from 20% in 2010. There were 146 entries received, compared to 95 entries in 2010. Several of the group entries from students around Romsey were shortlisted. Winners received prizes such as an electronic tablet, video cameras, 4GB memory sticks and gift vouchers, as donated by Optus and a range of local businesses in the Macedon Ranges.

The 2011 Live4Life Celebration at Braemar College also marked the end of a second successful year for Live4Life.

To find out who the winning entrants were, and for more information about Live4Life and how you can get involved, visit [www.live4life.org.au](http://www.live4life.org.au) or contact Sarah Hardy, Live4Life Coordinator at Macedon Ranges Shire Council on 5422 0242.



*Two Live4Life judges display the winning entry by Michaela from Macedon Grammar, titled 'The Power of Words'.*



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### Life is Like An Echo

A little boy came running excitedly to his mother saying: "Mum, there is a boy out there in the woods who is mocking me. Everything I say he says after me. If I say: "Hello," he says: "Hello." When I say "Who are you?" he says: "Who are you?" "So I got mad and jumped over the fence and went into the woods to find him. But he wasn't anywhere. So I yelled, "I'll punch you in the nose." And he said the very same thing, exactly as I had said it." The boy's mother told him, "That is only an echo answering you Billy. If you had said: 'I love you,' it would have said the same to you." There is a similar story about a dog who went into a room full of mirrors. He eventually died of exhaustion trying to fight his mirrored 'enemies.' If he had only wagged his tail once, he would have had all of them wagging their tails in friendship.

Life is like an echo or a mirror: we get out of it what we put in.

**God's Word - The Bible says in Luke 6:38 - (NLT):**

"Give and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back."

Let us be initiators of GOOD. . . and "Pay it forward" – just like the movie. Not being reactive and always operating on "pay back". When we know Jesus He gives us the power & ability to do this by His Spirit.

If you would like to learn more about God and His unconditional love for us feel free to join us at either of our Sunday services, Mid week Life groups, or contact us at our Church office on (03) 5429 6327

We would be happy to be of assistance to you. – Senior Pastor Marilyn Hunter

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## Evening Festival set to Shine!

### Romsey Vintage Street Festival

Sat 26th November 2011

4pm—8.15pm

### Main Street Romsey

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*CFA Torchlight Parade*

From 8.15~9pm

This year Romsey Street Festival Organisers have a fantastic line up of Entertainment, stalls, arts, craft and activities to tempt the whole family.

**Beginning with a Show N Shine of Vintage Classic & Unique Vehicles** that span our 150 years, the vehicles will parade into town from different towns around the region, then line the service lanes of Romsey Main street for all to see. The **Opening Ceremony** and declaration of the Street "Open to the People" will then launch the myriad of activities and showcase the talent within our community. Performers of all kinds can enter the **Talent Show** or simply perform on the Main entertainment Stage or on one of the display stages dotted around the festival zone.

Tempt your taste buds with some fare from local community groups, producers, wine makers and retailers or perhaps get in some early Christmas shopping in a relaxing atmosphere while the kids enjoy themselves on rides and activities.

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### Update: Some Positive News!

At the recent Annual General Meeting for GRAAP Inc., some encouraging news regarding the Old Romsey Primary School site was presented.

Karen Stevens, Director of Community Well Being, Macedon Ranges Shire Council (MRSC) attended the meeting to personally deliver a letter from herself to the GRAAP committee, indicating that Council had

recently received the following advice from the State Government's Department of Sustainability and Energy (DSE):

- The Department Of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) declared the land surplus to educational requirements and requested DSE to undertake a Government Land/Public Land assessment and Native Title assessment of the land.
- This assessment considered evidence – provided by MRSC through the GRAAP Council Report (June 2010) and more recently letters to The Hon Martin Dixon MP, Minister for Education and Ms Donna Petrovich MLC, Member for Northern Victoria – of community interest in the site being retained for public use.
- As a result of the assessment, DSE has recommended that the land 'be considered surplus to DSE Core Public Land Portfolio but has other identified significant public land values including Community Interest and Use and Heritage, and is accordingly **assessed as Public Land** at this point in time, subject to other recommendations.'

Karen indicated that Council will commence discussions with DEECD and DSE in the near future to consider the available options for Council and the community.

GRAAP is very encouraged by this information which suggests this significant site is one step closer to becoming available for public use and we extend our thanks to the MRSC for its continuing support on this important issue. GRAAP is committed to its aim of providing a community open space for all ages and all abilities to Romsey region residents and visitors.

For further information regarding GRAAP, please contact -

**Raelene Mottram** (President) Phone: 0428 928908 Email: mmo67451@bigpond.net.au P.O. Box 53, Romsey, 3434



### The FACTS

#### about your new Bank

The Bendigo Community Banks at Lancefield and Romsey were established by local subscription to ensure our communities retained responsive, personal access to the full range of competitive banking services. The Directors representing the hundreds of members of our community, who are shareholders, are volunteers, and all profits are returned to the community. We are proud to have contributed \$320,000 to the community since start-up and are budgeting for a further \$100,000 in 2012.

Romsey is one of the key townships in the Macedon Ranges and is now at a critical stage. Our facilities have not kept pace with recent growth and people now travel to nearby towns for public, commercial and retail services. While they are there, they do their shopping. Regrettably, approx. \$53 million in "escape spending" occurs every year, and this trend is growing. There are direct impacts from this on our social amenity and employment prospects for years to come. Further, the provision of essential community services of education, health and transport are retarded. It is to break this cycle into the future and to maintain an advanced banking service that the Board is embarking on an "icon" project – a *Community Bank of the Future*, with urgently needed retail outlets to support the business viability of the venture. We are also keeping open the option of a "*Business Incubator*" which will be funded through government rural development grants.

The old Romsey Produce site, [105 Main Street] in the centre of the Business 1 zoned land, which forms the Romsey Central Business District, has been purchased. This site holds the key to the future character of the Romsey Shopping Precinct.

The Directors are also acutely aware that our forefathers have bequeathed a rich heritage in the earlier buildings and trees which create the Romsey we all love, and have determined to respect all planning and building regulatory requirements. In this respect, the Macedon Ranges Shire Council has been closely involved in all elements of the complex. All requests for information have been responded to. Our application for Planning Permit, was requested to cover 103 Main Street as well as 105, and is currently following due process and has just completed the required advertising period.

In the development of the design, we have obtained the services of experienced consultants for analysis and advice on all aspects of the venture. Architectural engineering responsibility rests with Jacobs P/L, and specialist site and features surveying, heritage environment, arboriculture and shading impacts, parking and traffic impact, and marketing analyses have guided our thinking from the outset.

A detailed Romsey heritage building analysis, from the Cenotaph to Five Mile Creek has been carried out and the design of the complex has been developed on the guidelines which emerged. While maintaining the integrity of modern building techniques, the materials chosen, the key lines and proportions and characteristics such as roof profiles, parapet and



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column spacing, all reflect those of the significant historic buildings of the town.

Aware also, of the implications of the project for abutting owners, and other key stakeholders, and the benefits of treating the properties from the Medical Centre through to the Supermarket as a precinct, the Board began its consultation at the start of the design process with a meeting with abutting owners.

Mindful also of the MRSC Tree Control Overlay on 103, a noted Arborist Graham Hunt has prepared a report on all of the trees on this property and this report has been shared with the owners of that site. To protect the magnificent 150 year old heritage listed Magnolia and other trees near the northern boundary of 103, a radar scan has identified all roots and this data has also been shared.

The design of the Bendigo Community Bank Centre, in Romsey, enables piers on the boundary to be placed to miss tree roots and has ensured no soil disturbance within the root zone, or upper level disturbance to the canopy of this tree. Shading cast by the building for the summer and winter equinoxes, as required by regulation, has been assessed by the Arborist to create a micro-climate which benefit this wonderful tree. This data forms part of the Planning Permit Application. Two trees on 103 grow through the boundary fence, on to the bank site a little above ground level and the bank seeks council permission to lop these trees within the constraint of the Tree Control Overlay.

As the design neared its final stages, personal briefings were provided by Directors to all abutting owners.

The primary focus of the Board is to maximise the benefits which accrue to a community when it is prepared to bank on itself.



## Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA) UPDATE

### Bank of the Future Briefing

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2011 at the Romsey Community Hub, RRBATA members and guests were given a briefing from the Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank in relation to its "Bank of the Future" project at 105 Main Street. The meeting was well attended. The Bank had requested this briefing opportunity which was accepted by RRBATA as part of its obligation to members to facilitate information transfer on relevant issues and give an opportunity for evaluation of such information.

An application for planning permit is currently before MRSC for this bank and retail development. The proposed plans and schematic drawings were explained and available for perusal after the presentation. Attendees were invited to field questions to the presenter, Russell Pattinson (Community Bank Board Director). Other Board members were in attendance.



### The presentation, plans and drawings can be viewed at Romsey Online ([www.romsey.org.au](http://www.romsey.org.au)).

Further enquiries should be directed to Neville Barwick 0412 574835 hambar2@bigpond.com.

### Annual General Meeting Report

Another RRBATA Annual General Meeting has come and gone. Held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at the Romsey Community Hub, MRSC Mayor Henry McLaughlin was in attendance. The audited Financial Report was presented by the Treasurer. The President's Report will form the basis of next month's RRBATA article in the Rag.

A sumptuous supper was jointly held with Greater Romsey All Abilities Park (GRAAP) Inc members who were having their AGM in the adjoining room! RRBATA is grateful to Mr. Greg Powell who kindly conducted the election for committee members with a Committee of Management for 2012 elected as follows:

President-	Jenny Stillman
Vice President	Vacant
Secretary	Joanne Hagan
Treasurer	Wendie McLaughlin
General Committee	Benny Dyer
General Committee	Ged McLaughlin

Vacancies exist on Committee so please do not hesitate to contact the Secretary (Joanne Hagan, phone: 0432 320553 email: [hages10@optusnet.com.au](mailto:hages10@optusnet.com.au)) if you are a RRBATA member (or would like to become one) and are interested in becoming involved in supporting Romsey business and tourism.

### Romsey Online Update

The Romsey Online website is an important resource for both local residents and potential visitors to our town so it is important that a fresh appearance regarding news and events is maintained. Feedback regarding the website is welcome so please email your comments to [info@romsey.org.au](mailto:info@romsey.org.au).

**ANYONE CAN BE A REPORTER!** Whether it is sporting results, photos, reports on events etc, the website is waiting for your "news". Please ensure a note of consent from people featured in any photographs accompanies your submissions. Remember, the website is only as good as the information fed to it at [info@romsey.org.au](mailto:info@romsey.org.au).

Remember - For RRBATA members, website advertising to the value of a General Listing (\$20) is now included in their membership subscription. Listing for other businesses is very affordable, and community groups can list their contact details or events and news at no cost.

### 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](mailto:hages10@optusnet.com.au)

## Lancefield & Romsey Community Banks

### A POS-itive move to help our community

Our Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank branches have introduced a portable EFTPOS machine to make it easier for local community groups to collect and raise money at events. Bank senior manager Rod Browning said Bendigo Bank's CommunityPOS system enabled community groups to borrow the wireless terminal to have it on hand at their event, enabling customers or members the convenience of paying on the spot with their credit or debit card. The normal fees and charges for using a terminal will be waived for our local groups who are customers of our Romsey or Lancefield branches.

"This will be a major benefit for our local community group customers as it gives them the convenience and efficiency of collecting payments on the spot without having to handle large amounts of cash or cheques," Rod said. "The money goes direct into the Bank, and we then total the value of the card transactions and transfer them directly to the nominated Bendigo Bank account."

"This initiative will be of great convenience for groups such as sporting groups which collect registration fees or sell uniforms on their player registration day, for groups which sell goods at stalls or markets, or for those that run a charity night or fundraiser and want to give members and guests the opportunity of paying by card," Rod said. "Our CommunityPOS is yet another way that our Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank branches take that extra step in helping our local groups."

"It's another way that groups which support their Community Bank branches are also supporting their local community."

Groups wishing to borrow a CommunityPOS terminal should contact Lancefield Community Bank branch manager James Smithwick or Romsey branch manager Leanne Showler.

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## A new era for the Romsey Veterinary Surgery



After more than 25 years, the Romsey Veterinary Surgery is now under new ownership, with Dr Joshua Ellis the new owner and manager.

As Dr Steve Krstic steps down from clinic management, he will continue to provide consulting and surgical services. Dr Joshua Ellis, having built a strong rapport with the community over the last three years, looks forward to moving the Surgery forward and providing continued service to the community.

The friendly faces who have cared for your animals will remain the same including Dr. Rebecca Gang and nurses Neralie, Karen, Pauline and Michelle. The clinic will continue to provide friendly client service and the highest quality of veterinary care to all animals including companion, equine, livestock and wildlife species. We are open 7 days a week, and provide a 24hr emergency after hours service.



## The Gisborne Singers

The Gisborne Singers are hard at work rehearsing for their next major concert of the classic oratorio, 'Handel's Messiah' As in the past the choir will present this work with professional soloists and orchestra.

Performances will be on Sunday 20 November at the Chapel, Rupertswood, Sunbury and on Sunday 27 November at St Paul's Anglican Church, Yaldwin St, Kyneton, both from 3 p.m. This will be our first time singing in Sunbury, which should suit Gisborne and Macedon patrons well.

Unfortunately, we have found no suitable place to present these performances in the Gisborne area.

For concert bookings phone Elizabeth on 5426 2467 or email [gisbornesingers@primus.com.au](mailto:gisbornesingers@primus.com.au)

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### Sustainability

Analysing your competitors, suppliers, profit margins and opportunities for growth provides necessary information to assess whether you can sustain your current business model.

### Profit Forecasting

Essentially an informed estimation of your future profit results, profit forecasting highlights profitability strengths and weaknesses in a timely manner and any opportunities to alter your business plan where required in advance.

### Debt v Equity

There are a number of factors to consider when financing future business investments through either debt or equity arrangements.

### Asset Review

Conducting an asset review will allow you to make informed decisions about current asset efficiency and future capital investment needs.

### Staff Structure Review

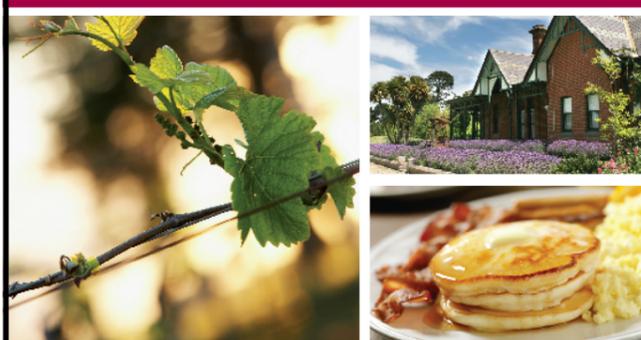
Reviewing your current employment structure may identify inefficiencies and allow you to set key performance indicators in areas which will maximise productivity.

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

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## From the Romsey CWA

Robin Hood was hunting in the forest when he came across a tree with a targets drawn on its trunk. Smack in the middle of the centre circle was an arrow. "Who is this fine archer?" he asked. "I must find him".

A young lad carrying his bow and arrows admitted it was he who had shot the arrows. Robin Hood asked, "You didn't just push the arrows in the middle of each target, did you?" "No Sir. I aimed them from one hundred paces," replied the young boy.

"That is astonishing," cried Robin, "I hereby ask that you join me and my merry men to hunt in the forest". The boy thanked him profusely.

"Tell me" continued Robin, "How did you become such an excellent shot?"

"Easy, sir," said the boy. "First I fire the arrows at the tree from one hundred paces, then I paint a ring around them".

Christmas time is coming so very fast. It will be Easter again, before we know it.

We had a very important milestone to celebrate in early October. Our esteemed member, Mrs Jean Tom celebrated 65 years membership with the Country Women's Association. This day was recognised by holding a surprise luncheon for Jean with her daughters Marion, Phyllis and Helen present, as well as our State President, Group President and two dear friends, Sandra from Taradale and Norma from Romsey. Members provided a magnificent luncheon with casseroles, salads, desserts and slices. Our second longest term member, Mrs Wendy Laing, gave Jean a rousing address, and this was followed by the presentation of flowers and a scroll of Jean's history and lifetime

achievements. Jean was also presented with a Certificate of Membership by State President, Carol Clay.

Our neighbouring C.W.A. Branch, Kyneton, celebrated their 80<sup>th</sup> birthday during October. Several ladies attended and enjoyed a sumptuous luncheon and fun entertainment during the afternoon. Congratulations, Kyneton, on being a loyal Branch for 80 years.

I had a visit from our MICA paramedics Acting Manager David, during the month (delivering a receipt for donation from CWA) and on asking him how our Branch could assist in some small way, he wondered if we could help with knitted teddies and other toys to give to small children



who need their services. So our ladies will be busy with their knitting needles again. Projects for the local kindergarten, Bolinda school and Kilmore Nursing Home have been completed for the year and we look forward to being of assistance in 2012.

Our Street Stall will be held on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> outside the IGA Supermarket. We are hoping for better weather than in May this year, when the icy wind blew at 100 k.p.h. and temperature seemed to be below freezing point!!! We

will be well stocked with cakes, slices and other home cooking, as well as some beautiful babies' knitting and crochet, shopping bags, aprons, sewing, toys, etc. We hope you will support us by buying a ticket in our Christmas Hamper raffle, some of the items purchased with a donation from our Supermarket, as well as maybe picking up some ideal gifts for Christmas.

Romsey's Festival will again see our presence at a stall, with promotional material from CWA, as well as crafty items for purchase.

Our CWA year is coming to a close, with our Annual General Meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 1.00 pm. Craft Day on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> will see us getting ready for our stalls, then no sooner is that day over, and we will all be out celebrating with a Christmas lunch at Seasons in Riddells Creek on December 8, 2011.

Two further functions coming up are Riddells Creek's Association Day with guest speaker, Carol Reffold, the Patchwork Poette in attendance, and an Oak's Day function at Macedon Hall.

Two ladies entered items in the Handicraft Section at the Sunbury Show, held October 8<sup>th</sup> and both received many awards. One of our ladies does a wonderful job in organising this section of the show. Another lady worked with the judge in the Cake Decorating section, and what an eye-opener this was. The quality of the cakes was superb and showed the cleverness and creativity of many local ladies.

Once again, for ladies who have time on their hands, come along and join us at 10.00 am on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month at the Mechanics Institute Supper Room, and you too may be able to help our small community in some small way.

For more information, please contact Val on 5429 2311.

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**DETAILS OF THE FREE PRESENTATION**

- Where:** Mt William Room  
Romsey Community Hub, Main Street Romsey
- When:** Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011
- Time:** 6.50pm registration for 7.00pm start
- Cost:** FREE

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### **Bolinda Primary School News**

#### **School Camp**

Year 4 – 6 students attended our school camp at the 'Pioneer Settlement' at Swan Hill as part of our theme on 'Olden Days'. We were joined by students from Clarkefield Primary School. The students were engaged in a number of activities from another era including butter churning, bush cooking, aboriginal culture, sound and light show, treasure hunt. Another highlight was travelling by train.



4 teams participating in tabloid sports with skipping, quoits, elastics and ball/running relays.

#### **Making movies**

Prep to 2 parents were invited to school for the afternoon to view their children's work. Groups worked very hard writing a script and directing a short movie about our theme Healthy, Wealthy and Wise. They each focused on a different aspect and made props and costumes for use in the movies. All the parents thoroughly enjoyed sharing in their children's successes in the movies, computer skills and bookwork in English, Maths, French and General Studies. It was a wonderful afternoon.

#### **Bolinda Fair**

The school participated in the Bolinda Community Fair with several of our families and individuals involved in organising/participating many of the activities. The school held a cake stall which raised just over \$200.

#### **Regional Office visit**

The school recently had a visit by Regional Director Ron Lake and Assistant Regional Director Julie Baker. They were extremely impressed by the improvements made to the school, in particular our new classrooms. We had discussions of the school's achievements and our plans for the future. We gained very positive feedback on our school's performance for which we should be proud.

#### **Prep – 2 group Day at Darraweit Primary School and Movies**

Prep to 2 children from Bolinda PS and Clarkefield PS went to Darraweit Guim PS to have a fun day. After splitting into 2 multi-age groups the children enjoyed literacy activities revolving around two books "Where's Stripey?" and "Two Peas in a Pod". Following this was a Maths activity measuring the lengths of arms, legs, heads, waists and so on with a partner and some musical activities including action songs and dances like the Mexican Hat Dance and the Birdie Dance. The day finished with

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WHAT CAN YOU DO? Write to your local Councillors, the CEO of Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Local Members of Parliament, the Board of Lancefield & Romsey Community Bank; contact newspapers, sign up on the web below.

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

Parish Priest:	Fr. George O'Connor	Presbytery:	5429 2130
Pastoral Worker:	Mrs. Joanne Reuther	Presbytery:	5429 2130
School Principal:	Mr. Anthony Falls	St. Mary's Primary:	5429 1359

**MASS TIMES**

**Saturday:**  
6.00 p.m. Lancefield  
**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month:**  
8.00 a.m. Lancefield and 10.00 a.m. Romsey  
**2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month:**  
8.00 a.m. Romsey and 10.00 a.m. Lancefield

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**Spiritual Guidance:** Last Tuesday/Wednesday of each month at the Presbytery, 27 Chauncey Street, Lancefield. John Stuart, Counsellor and Guide. Appointment necessary. Tel: 5429 2130 for more information.

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER MASSES**

**\*\* Anointing of the sick-Karinya (inc. Christmas Mass)**  
Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 11.00am

*The first Sunday of Advent starts on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov which starts the new Liturgical year.*

**\*\*Annual Ecumenical Service:**  
Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Nov: 10.30am Anglican church Lancefield

**\*\*Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas:**  
Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm Lancefield

**\*\*End of year school Mass**  
Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 10.00am Lancefield

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

Christmas Eve Family Mass:  
Sat 6.00pm Romsey  
11.30pm Carols Lancefield  
Midnight Mass Lancefield

Christmas Day: The Nativity of the Lord  
25<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.00am Lancefield

Prayer isn't bending God's arm in order to get things, or talking God into things. God is already totally given. Prayer is us learning how to receive, learning how to wait, listen, possess something. It's not that we pray and God answers; our praying is already God answering. Your desire to pray is God in your heart. Your reaching out to enter into dialogue with the Lord is already the answer of God. It is grace that makes s desire.

*Richard Rohr*

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A significant number of people access no interest loans to procure essential household items, including fridges, washing machines, and clothes dryers. However, the scheme is committed to being responsive to a wider variety of needs.

This program was started by the Good Shepherd Youth and Family Services in

the early 1990's; this is now a national service across Australia and New Zealand. The National Australia Bank provides the capital for this program as well as other incentives for people once they have paid off their loan.

Macedon Ranges NILS has been operating since 2008, with the Kyneton Community and Learning Centre as the Auspice body. The NILS program has its own committee and until September 2010 was run entirely by volunteers. This program can lend up to \$1200 for essential items, medical or personal items, a valid quote is required. We do not provide loans to pay debts, rent or bond and no cash advances. Macedon Ranges NILS has provided loans for 150 people plus.

In 2010 funding was secured to employ a worker for one day a week, which has made a huge difference to the committee's workload. We recently appointed a new NILS worker, Tina Fratta. Tina's role is to interview potential applicants and present a recommendation to a "Loans Assessment Panel" comprising committee

members and community members. (This is all confidential). Tina also does all the administration for the program.

Macedon Ranges NILS are looking for more members for the committee from the broader community; we are looking for professional people as well as the members of the community who always give their time tirelessly. NILS would like to have people willing to be on the "Loans Assessment Panel" or to interview potential applicants. This is vital to expand the program as we are based in Kyneton and would like members from the other towns in the Shire to assist residents of the Macedon Ranges Shire to access NILS. This would be for a few hours a month, experience is not necessary as training will be provided.

If you want to know more about NILS please call Sandra McGregor 5423 5226 or if you are interested in applying for a loan please call 5422 3433.

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"CFA offers many avenues to assist people with forming a Bushfire Survival Plan - it may be as easy as picking up a Fire Ready Kit and completing the enclosed Bushfire Survival Plan," North West Metro Region Community Education Coordinator Mike Shaw said. "For those who may require a little more assistance, a great way to gain more information is to attend a local Fire Ready Victoria meeting and sign up for the Bushfire Planning Workshop."

Mr Shaw added another way to keep informed was to join a Community Fireguard group.

"These are local bushfire planning groups that can help you and your neighbours prepare for bushfire. CFA can either put you in touch with a local group or help you establish one for your street," he said. "CFA also offers the free Home Bushfire Advice Service which provides specialised advice to residents to assist in understanding their bushfire risk and enable developing their bushfire survival plan."

Mr Shaw said a Bushfire Survival Plan is a document that can assist people living in high-risk bushfire areas, such as around Whittlesea and Nillumbik, to plan for the event of a bushfire in their area. "This also applies to those holidaying in high-risk bushfire areas," he said. "Not everyone thinks clearly in an emergency and a written, well practiced plan will help you remember what needs to be done in a crisis."

Mr Shaw said the plan should consider preparation prior to the fire season, including cleaning up around your property and clearing gutters. "It is also vital that your plan considers the needs of children, the elderly, people with special needs or disability, pets and livestock," he said. "Remember, bushfires don't arrive at convenient times – think about what you will do if fire threatens on a work day, during school holidays or when you are away from home."

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### Health, Fitness & Wellbeing

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#### Walk Together Program

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

#### Yoga

If you are interested in joining our new Yoga Group please call Romsey Community House to register your interest.

#### 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)*

### Social & Creative Activities

#### Line Dancing

Mondays 9.30am - 10.30am 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 1, 2012 we will run an 8 week course for children commencing on Thursday 9th February finishing on Thursday 29th March. And a 9 week course for adults commencing on Thursday 9th February finishing on Thursday April 5.

#### Adult (Daytime)

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

#### Children 6 - 8yrs

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

#### Children 9 - 15yrs

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

#### Adult (Evening)

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

For all bookings call the Romsey Community House.

#### Art Classes Adults and Kids

For more information contact Tanya on 0400 053 829.

#### 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

#### Games/Social Group

We are looking to start up an all ages social group that meet once a week to play a range of card games, chess,

Scrabble, drafts and any other games you enjoy! If you are interested in either joining or running this group call Romsey Community House on 5429 6724.

#### 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.

#### Hey De Ho Classes for Kids

Come and join Erin for lots of fun. Ages 6mths - 5yrs.

Phone: Erin 0417 137 003 or email:

erin.kalinski@heydeeho.com

### Pre-Accredited Courses

#### Computer Basics 1

Learn the basics of Microsoft Office Word 2010. This is an 8 week course that will commence in Term 1, 2012 on Tuesday 7th February 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 commence in Term 1 on Thursday 9th February from 12.30pm - 3pm

Cost \$165.00 / Conc \$60.00.

Minimum Numbers Apply

#### Introduction to Microsoft Excel

This 5 week course will be held on Tuesday evenings 6.00 - 8.30pm in Term 1, 2012.

Cost \$150. Concessions not available.

Minimum numbers apply.

### Upcoming Classes

#### Children's Christmas Cooking Workshops

*Making and Assembling Gingerbread Houses*

For more information contact us at Romsey Community House

#### Workshops for Children (with Stavroula)

**Workshop 1** *Expressive movement through dance and sound. Includes meditation*

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#### Children's Card-Making Workshops

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### For All Bookings & Enquiries

**Phone: 5429 6724**

**Office Hours: 10am - 1pm**

**Monday - Friday**

### From the Romsey Community House Inc. AGM President's Report

I am pleased to present the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Report for the Romsey Community House Incorporated.

This year we have continued with the consolidation of House operations to streamline our procedures, better organise our programs and better engage our volunteers to establish a strong base for the future.

This has resulted in a shortfall of \$2,287.28 which is due to the one off costs of computer software purchases including applications, antivirus protection and accounting software. Although the expense was offset by significant not for profit discounts, the number of computers upgraded (which included the Public Internet computers) was substantial.

The Program Co-ordinator funding provided by the Department of Planning and Community Development, the Macedon Ranges Shire Council Neighbourhood Contribution to House operation expense and the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services & Indigenous Affairs Volunteers Grant to assist in the cost of training and development of volunteers are greatly appreciated.

Nonetheless it is up to the House to generate new ways to raise funds and offer programs and activities that are well patronised by the community.

Last year, we took positive steps to achieve these outcomes.

#### Fundraising

The House embarked on two specific fundraising activities which both benefited the community and generated funds for the House. The first was the Whole of Town Garage Sale held in November 2010 and the second was having a series of Book Fairs coinciding with Christmas and Mother's Day. Both events were well patronised with positive feedback from participants and importantly nearly \$3,000 of funds were raised for the House. Again we held the Whole of Town Garage Sale in September 2011 and it was even more successful than last year.

If you have any suggestions please contact the House, we would love to hear about them.

#### Change to Activities and Programs

Over the past year, we have had increased competition from commercial Registered Training Organisations (RTO) and this has affected the number of participants prepared to enrol in accredited programs run by the House.

To reduce the costs to the House, we decided to streamline the number of our programs and change focus to "lifestyle" and skills building pre-accreditation programs. We also encourage the community to set the theme of our activities and we have already received suggestions to form a Games Group.

Again please contact the House with your suggestions.

#### Challenges Ahead

##### The Hub

As the House is a facility within the Hub, there is competition for the hire of meeting rooms and restrictions imposed on the House for their use. This reduces our capacity to hire these rooms and encourages users who used to book through the House to book direct through Council.

Also the House kitchen facilities cannot be used to provide cooking classes due to OH&S regulations.

Comments from participants, tutors and users of the House identify that the office space appearance, with no reception area, limited space and a shared entrance with the library are limiting the amenity that the House can offer.

We cannot change these circumstances, so we must work with them and work realistically to a more conservative future for the House in terms of community appeal and participation.

#### Activities Stats

The House has continued to work hard to provide courses, programs and activities for the people of Romsey.

Over the past year we have run 853 hours of courses and have spent 640 hours on the planning and development of activities and programs. This has resulted in 593 hours of room hire of the

House's facilities with 2,158 people attending courses, programs and activities at the House.

These are encouraging results which on average represent an increase of 17% over the previous year.

#### The Future

The Committee of Management will continue to look for new ways to promote House programs and activities to the community. We will continue our shift in direction to lifestyle activities and skills based programs throughout the coming year and we have every confidence that it has the support of the community.

To our volunteers thank you for your participation, help and assistance. To the people of Romsey who have attended our courses and programs – thank you for your support. To the funders, donors and contributors thank you for your financial assistance.

On behalf of the Committee of Management, I would like to thank all our volunteers who have contributed their time, energy and commitment to the House last year, all those individuals and organisations that have provided financial assistance and support for the House and finally thank you to those who chose to use the House facilities.

Simon Pinnock

President

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