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Romsey Antiques, Vintage & Collectibles Fair

16th March 2019

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Mechanics Institute

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Welcome to the March Edition

Well this month should see the completion of the road works on Melbourne-Lancefield Road. However there has been much talk about items being stolen from the contractors, equipment being damaged, cones being moved and people driving on and ripping up new areas of road waiting to be sealed. This may mean although frustrating, the workers are being hampered and works could take that bit longer to complete.

That aside this month see's the Relay For Life and it would be great to see as many people as possible getting involved and raising money for such a great cause. In this day and age too many people either have a family member or close friend affected by cancer. As a community let's do our bit to try and help raise valuable funds.

The committee would like to thank all those contributors that were able to submit their contributions by the early deadline. Next month is back to normal - 15th March.

Finally, please remember the previous email addressed was decommissioned in September 2018. Please ensure all correspondence is sent to the email address below:

email@theromseyrag.com.au

WHAT'S ON in & around Romsey

1st March - World Day of Prayer Celebration 2019, St. Mary's Catholic Church, 11:00am. Prepared for support of Slovan Women and their needs. Enquiries call Eileen 0412 787 213.

2nd March - Relay For Life, Lancefield Park, 3pm.

5th March - The Romsey Rag AGM, RMI 122 Main Street 7pm.

12th March - Romsey Mechanics Institute AGM, RMI 122 Main Street 7:30pm.



Romsey Mechanics Institute Monthly Update

Works to illuminate the facade of the RMI should be completed by the time the March edition of the Romsey Rag is printed. These works will add to the overall appeal of Main Street. Our thanks to Janyce McMurtrie (MRSC) and DeAraugo & Lea electricians.

Our Community Markets, fundraising for the RMI, have paid for new floor heater vent covers. These black, cast iron covers are certainly strong enough to take a person's weight and look pretty good too. Thanks to the CoM members who removed the old covers and put the new ones in place.

In 2018 the RMI was successful in gaining a grant (MRSC - Places for People program) to allow us to have plans, with engineering specification, drawn up for a complete overhaul and expansion of the toilets. Having this project "shovel ready" will assist us to apply for grants to carry out the works.

Our 5th Annual Antiques Fair is coming up, Sat March 16th. The Fair is a joint fundraiser between the RNH and the RMI. Please come along and see what is on offer and/or enjoy a well priced and very appetising morning/afternoon tea as prepared by the Romsey CWA.



Our web site gives a good idea as to what we have to offer. Bookings and all inquiries can be made at; rmibookings@gmail.com, or via the web site. We are more than happy to discuss your function, show you through the hall or supper room and explain the hire process.



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Monthly Bus Trips

Come and join us on our monthly bus trips on the first Wednesday of the month. Our trips are to a variety of places and include morning tea and lunch and only cost \$45 (entry fees included).

Last month's trip to Maldon went well. This month we will be visiting the Mill Markets in Castlemaine. The trip is **Wednesday 6th of March**. We will be stopping at the Malmsbury Botanical Gardens on the way up for morning tea. We will have free time at the Castlemaine Mills Markets to wander around before having lunch at the Cumberland Hotel.

Depart: Romsey Mechanics Institute
9.15am – out the front.
Lancefield Post Office - 9.30am

Future trips will be:

- **3rd April Geelong:** to visit the National Wool Museum

- **1st May Rochester:** to visit the Silo Art
- **5th June Harcourt:** to visit Harcourt Perry & Cider Makers.

For further information please contact Eileen on 0412 787 213 or Rae on 0408 338 759. Hope to see you soon!

Remember we meet every Monday at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute for lunch, some card games and a chat – everyone welcome.



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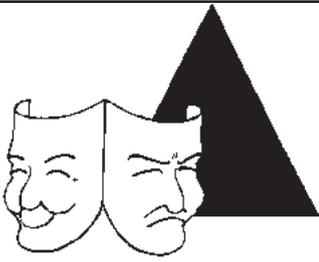
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Rock of Ages, is a big, brash, energetic tribute to classic '80s rock and the gritty glamour and rough energy of Hollywood's Sunset Strip.

Auditions (by appointment only) will be held on – 8th, 9th, 15th, & 16th March. Dance auditions 17th March & Call backs 23rd March.

You must be 18 years old by May 7th (the first rehearsal) to audition and be in the show. Performance dates 9th Aug – 1st Sept. Rehearsals commence 7th May.

Venue: Mountview Theatre, 56 Smith St, Macedon. For more information & to book a time we invite you to contact the show's Producer, Karlana on 0412 131 260.

Tickets are on sale now for Twelve Angry Men, opening 3rd May. A gripping drama of a jury locked up in a New York court of law to consider the verdict of a young coloured boy. A stellar cast has now commenced rehearsal for this powerful and moving play.

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RRBATA Update

Romsey Issues and Opportunities Paper

Following community consultation last year, Macedon Ranges Shire Council completed the Romsey Issues and Opportunities Paper which outlines discussion points to be considered when developing Romsey's development strategy for the future. It is a very important step towards helping Council plan Romsey's long-term growth needs and town character. This paper is the pre-cursor to development of Romsey's new Town Structure Plan which will replace the current strategy document, the Outline Development Plan. Please take the time to view the document in anticipation of the next step of the process. <http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/Build-Plan/Planning-For-Our-Future/Town-based-Projects/Romsey>

Clean Up Romsey Day 2019

Clean Up Romsey Day will be held on Sunday 17th March 2019 between 9am and 11am. If you can spare some time, come along and help fellow community members enhance our town's tidiness. Meet at the Skate Park to be designated an area and enjoy a free sausage sizzle afterwards! Clean Up Romsey day is an initiative of RRBATA's Town Pride working group. Stay tuned to RRBATA Facebook and Romsey Online for

Bendigo Bank Business Breakfast

RRBATA is proudly supporting the Business Breakfast being organized by the Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank branches to be held on Tuesday 26th March 2019 at Cope Williams Winery. This will be a great opportunity to catch up with other community members and business operators so please consider putting this event into your diary! Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BAUCB>

Christmas In Romsey (CIR) 2019

As reported in the February Rag, Bendigo Bank Christmas In Romsey (CIR) 2018 was a great success. Thank you to all who responded to the face to face or online survey. The feedback is incredibly valuable for planning CIR 2019. Arts Culture Events working group (ACE) is already



more information as the date approaches.



Visitor Economy Review Strategy

RRBATA was invited to be involved in the drafting by Council of this important document which provides a 10-year strategy framework for the very important visitor economy in the Macedon Ranges. The visitor economy is significant for every community and business either directly or indirectly. How best to capitalise the current assets to enhance visitation and thereby the visitor economy whilst at the same time not compromising amenity for the local community is key to Strategy's objective. This will be presented to Council for ratification soon.

looking for volunteers to assist with CIR 2019. In particular, a volunteer to assist coordination of the Main Street Christmas Trees element of the festival is urgently required. The range of other tasks is many and varied with some needing just a small commitment of time. If anyone can assist, please contact Sandra Chestnutt (0409 724 189 and schestnutt@rocketmail.com).

RRBATA Membership Package

RRBATA Membership is open to all businesses, organizations and individuals who support Romsey business and tourism. Website listing, discounts to RRBATA events, and reciprocal membership rights with Business Kyneton (formerly Kyneton BATA) are included in the package. RRBATA aims to provide networking opportunities as well as facilitating communication with key stakeholders for all RRBATA members. For further details, contact Jenny Stillman (ph. 0412 349 849, Email jennystillman@optusnet.com.au or go to Romsey Online and RRBATA Facebook.



Romsey Region Business & Tourism Association (RRBATA)

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The benefits of the Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association. Be a part of it!

Romsey Online Remember Don't forget, ANYONE CAN BE A REPORTER! Whether it is sporting results, photos, reports on events etc, the website is waiting for your "news".

Please ensure a note of consent from people featured in any photographs accompanies your submissions. Remember, the website is only as good as the information fed to it at info@romsey.org.au.

Romsey Garden Club

The Romsey Garden Club meets every third Tuesday of the month at 10 am at the Romsey Hub. We are a group of like-minded gardeners, some of us have very small gardens, some have large gardens, some have farm gardens. We share ideas, cuttings, bulbs, plants and seeds and we talk about successes and problems. Our meetings consist of visits to

open gardens, and members gardens in and around Romsey. We also often have a speaker and a chat day! We would like to welcome anyone interested in joining us or anyone new to the area, it is a \$2 charge for each meeting. Our first meeting was held on February the 19th the next meeting will be on March the 20th. We would like any suggestions for gardens our group could visit and any speaker that would interest our group. Please come and join us from the Planning group.



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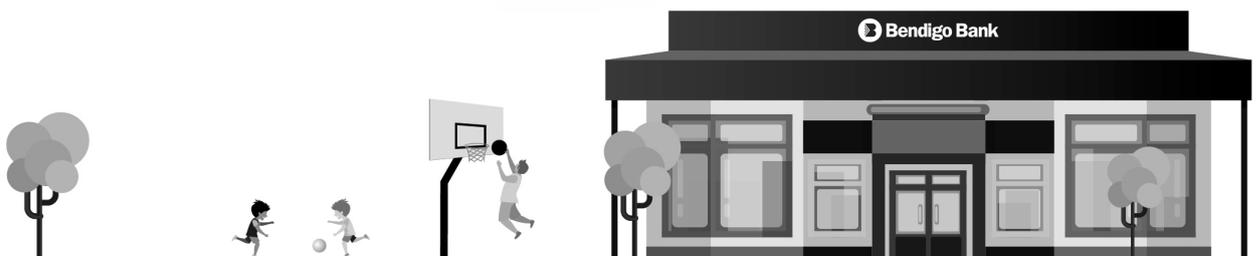
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Welcome to Friendship

Our club provides an opportunity for retirees or semi retired people to relax and enjoy the welcoming company of those at the same stage of life.

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

After the meeting, people so inclined, have lunch at a nearby restaurant.

There are many activities members can be part of (including Trips and Outings); some being regular, and others planned from time to time. Join us for coffee at one of the venues in Romsey or Lancefield every second Friday; or join the ten-pin bowling group for a bit of fun on the alternate Friday. Or form a group with others of similar interests at a time that suits.

We are a friendly welcoming group from diverse backgrounds and with a variety of interests, and we'd love to meet you!

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

Phone: Gerard (President) 5429 5630 or Tony (Vice President) 0410747616

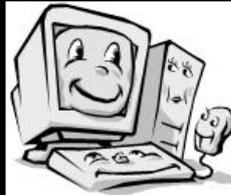
LINE DANCING

Monday morning classes started
4th February in the Romsey Mechanics
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Beginners 9:00am - 9:40am \$6.00

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C.W.A 2019 STATE THEMES:

THEME :	Linking Hands in Friendship
Product/Resource :	Sustainable Seafood
Country of Study :	Iceland
Thanksgiving Fund :	Batten Disease
State Project :	Disaster Assistance
Social Issues Focus :	Social Isolation

CWA is not just for older women; it is for the women of any age wanting to be involved in their local community and be connected to a world-wide organisation of friendship and community care. We have a lot of fun and laughs while being creative and raising funds for community projects. CWA is a volunteer organisation.

Our friendly monthly meeting occurs on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 10.00 am to approx. 12.00 noon.

Our fun craft days occur on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 10.00 am to approx. 2.00 pm; both meetings are held in the supper room (side entrance) of the Romsey Mechanics Institute, Main Rd, Romsey. Examples of crafts we do are knitting, sewing, crochet, cooking, beading, paper-craft.

2019 is looking like a very busy year for the CWA.

At State level, we will be hosting the ACWW world conference in Melbourne on the 4 – 10 April, with many countries attending. State conference will again be held at Williamstown on the 30 May – 1st June.

At Group (Central Highlands) level, the Creative Arts Exhibition will be held on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th of March at the Riddells Creek Community Centre, Main Rd Riddells Creek. Admission \$3. Morning and Afternoon Teas available. Many of our members are submitting entries so please call in and see the wonderful craft and cooking items on display.

Group conference was held on Thursday 28th February at the Romsey Mechanics Institute Hall with all branches attending.

At branch level, we visited the Creswick Woollen Mills on Monday 18th February and are currently organising our next trip to Fairfield Finn's on Thursday 16th May. Our branch will once again be catering for the Antiques Fair at the Romsey Mechanics Institute Hall on Saturday 16th March. We would love you to call in and have some of our Scones and sandwiches with a cuppa.

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



Romsey Fire Brigade

Brigade Captain
Nic Needham

22-24 Stawell Street
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Phone : 03 5429 3115

Romsey CFA gets a capability boost thanks to the Bendigo Bank

With appreciation to the Lancefield and Romsey Bendigo Bank for a grant received in 2018, the Romsey CFA took possession of a new piece of fire fighting equipment that will greatly enhance our capability.

The ground monitor is a piece of equipment that allows a large volume of water to be quickly delivered to fires, and also helps reduce fire fighter fatigue for events where water is needed over a long period of time.

The ground monitor is ideally suited to structure fires, such as house and shed fires, of which the Romsey Brigade has responded to several over the past few years.



With the ground monitor now purchased, the Romsey CFA members have been busy training with the new equipment over the past month to ensure members can quickly set it up and direct the water where it is needed.

Library News

Updated Library Flyers

We have recently updated all our printed flyers on how to navigate your way around the Goldfields Libraries website. We have information on a range of topics from how to reserve, how to reserve a magazine, accessing our catalogue app, membership information, how to sign up for a Library Elf account.

eLibrary Resources

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you having a library membership which only takes a few minutes to sign up. Full instructions and FAQ sheets to access these apps are available on the eLibrary tab on our website: www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au. Alternatively, pop in to our branch and we'll show you the steps to get you started.



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Friday 9.30- 5pm
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Sunday Closed

Book Reviews by Marni Hickman



Nine Perfect Strangers Liane Moriarty

Frances Welty, an aspiring romance novelist, wants to change her life and she believes that Tranquillum House might just be the answer to all her problems. She has

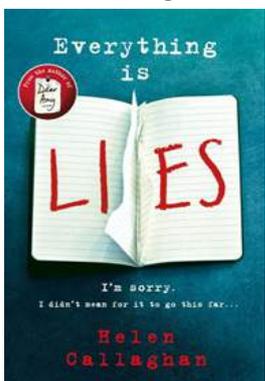
insistence of her sister. Frances embarks on this journey along with eight other strangers who all believe that a week of total rest and relaxation is just the pill they need. Little do they know what is in store for them. They are soon to discover the owner of Tranquillum may have other plans in mind!

A terrific book which in some ways I felt was written tongue and cheek about the wellness industry. Liane has nailed the all character's idiosyncrasies to a tee.

Five stars!!

booked a week at the health resort at the

Everything Is Lies Helen Callaghan



Do we ever really know the people closest to us? When Sophia returns to her childhood home to find that both her parents have been attacked by an unknown intruder, she is shocked and deeply disturbed by the sequence of events leading to this tragedy. Sophia's mother is found hanging dead from a tree outside in the yard and her father is found brutally injured inside the house. The police

are convinced that this is the scene of a murder-suicide and not an attack by an intruder and murderer. Sophia is absolutely certain that her parents would not have harmed themselves, but how does she know what really happened? As the story unfolds, Sophia discovers that her mother has kept a journal for years detailing her past. The secrets which lie within these journals reveal a person and a life Sophia is yet to discover.

This is one of the best psychological thrillers I have read in a very long time! It will keep you guessing right up to the final chapter.

Highly recommended!!

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Conductor Required for New Choir

Cobaw Community Health are looking for a conductor to lead a new community choir that they have been given funding to establish. The \$10,000 grant has been awarded to Cobaw by Creativity Australia as part of their With One Voice choir program. The aim of the initiative is to promote social connectedness and inclusion, reduce isolation and improve the health and wellbeing of participants through the benefits of singing.



There are currently 15 With One Voice choirs across Australia with another 7 due to launch in 2019. Neuroscience studies demonstrate that singing makes people happier, healthier, smarter and more creative. With no auditions or singing experience required, Cobaw's With One Voice Central Victoria hopes that it can connect with a broad range of community members and bring them together in song.

With the organisation's strong links to the local community, Carly Visscher, Cobaw's Manager Community Connections, saw the potential opportunities and benefits to local people in the project. Nathan Lange from Creativity Australia said 'We were extremely impressed by the planning and research that went into Cobaw's proposal. They fully understood and aligned with the With One Voice ethos of inclusivity and using singing to bring communities together'.

Applications for the With One Voice Central Victoria Choir Conductor are now being considered and further details can be found on Cobaw's website and on its Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn pages. The Choir Conductor will work with the choir committee to establish, build and lead the choir. Applications are welcome from school music teachers, band leaders, professional or non-professional musicians. A passion for power of singing together as a group and the desire to nurture a diverse range of singing abilities are a must!

Animal Corner - Gum Disease

After a recent trip to the vets with my cat for her annual check up I discovered two teeth looked "rather ordinary"; in other words covered in plaque with red angry gums. After promptly booking in for a dental, the teeth were thoroughly cleaned however as one tooth was found to be fractured it was removed.

While I ensure I have dry biscuits specifically to help maintain clean teeth, clearly that wasn't enough. There was no nasty smelly breath to indicate any problems and my cat was eating as normal. Hence the importance of regular check-ups at your local vets. Adjacent are more facts highlighted by the Australian Veterinary Association.

There are dental kits that can be used to clean your pets teeth and other products to help prevent gum disease. If you are concerned about your pet or want some more advice please be sure to contact your local vet who will be more than happy to help.

Veterinarian's guide to gum disease in dogs and cats

Facts about gum disease:

According to the Australian and American Veterinary Dental Societies, more than 80% of dogs and 70% of cats develop gum disease by the age of three.

Periodontal disease in pets can often go undetected for years, despite the fact it causes pain and discomfort.

Annual dental check-ups and ongoing dental care can prevent some of the serious side effects of gum disease.

Periodontal disease is the most common disease seen in dogs and cats. It's more common than any other disease including those of the skin, eyes, ears or heart.

Gum disease can lead to infections in the kidney, heart and liver, and even fractured jaws.

Common signs of gum disease include bad breath, inflamed gums, broken teeth and in some cases a reluctance to eat.

Plaque and tartar contain a multitude of bacteria and toxins that can spread to other parts of the body.



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The Contingent Horse

By M. Burkinshaw

They took me from the watercourse,
That goes through Simpson's run;
They stabled me and rubbed me down
As they had never done.
They took me from the quiet bush,
The paddocks where I fed;
And over dusty bridle-tracks,
Unwilling, I was led.

They brought me to the iron rails,
And put me on the train,
And trucked me in a wooden cage,
Across the saltbush plain.
They tied my heel and tied my head,
Whatever was the need?
They fired a rifle at my ear,
When they fetched up the feed.

They rode me down a hard-wide road,
That people call a street,
Ah! How I longed for Simpson's run,
And grass about my feet.
They walked me where the flags flew
high,
From off a thousand roofs
Where people haven't any sense
Concerning horses' hoofs.

My master - someone new and strange-
Would smile and smile again,
When ladies said, "Give me a piece
Of that sweet horse's mane".
But all the while I yearned to see,
The swamp below the rise,
Where the rock lilies bud and bloom,
To gladden horses' eyes.

The wattle up on Simpson's run,
Was finer than their flags,
The grasses more pleasing to the taste,
Of true Australian nags.
They took me off to Pinkenba,
And shoved me down a lane,
On to a thing they called a ship,
That groaned and rolled again.

And now I spend such dreary days,
Afloat on a lagoon;
By morning, and by eventide,
And in the drowsy noon,
On every side the water lies,
My master comes to me,
And reads a letter many times,
His head upon my knee.

Sometimes I think that he too feels,
That this is scarcely fun,
And would be glad to go with me
Far back to Simpson's run.

Although the author is listed as M. Burkinshaw, this was one of many nom de plumes or literary pseudonyms used by Mabel Forrest (1872-1935). Its actually her former married name. She was known as "the most industrious versifier in the Commonwealth".

Thanks to Tom O'Brien for sending in this months poem.

Join us for a Business Breakfast.

Economic Outlook 2019: Implications for you and your business.

Hear from one of Australia's leading and most entertaining financial market commentators, Mr David Robertson, Head of Economic and Market Research, Bendigo and Adelaide Bank.

David is coming to Cope Williams Winery in Romsey on Tuesday 26 March from 7am - 8.45am to give us the low down on the current and future state of our economy.

David speaks in real terms and will leave you with invaluable insights for you and your business.

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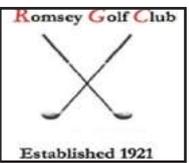
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Fitting and connecting our 2nd pump was a tricky business with very little room for errors of just a few mm but all went well, and both pumps are now working. Our thanks to Les Gaunt and Ron Walker for all their planning and attention to detail. A full report on our irrigation project can be found on the RGC website at: <http://www.romseygolfclub.net/recycled-water-works/>. In coming years, now that we are able to get more water out onto the course, we should have a greener and cooler golf course and Romsey Park.

Over the last few years our membership has steadily increased to the point where we are now able to put forward two pennant teams, one will be a Division 3 Handicap team while the other will be a Division 2 Stroke team. Good luck to all who represent the club during the 2019 Pennant Golf season.

Well, the Long-Billed Corellas have been at the park during this summer and have done some damage to a few of the greens but nowhere as bad as over the past 5-6 years. No-one can pinpoint exactly why this is so but over time we have learnt not to fill in the holes as the birds just dig them out again. We have also hung a number of reflective items above and around greens. Also, the birds eat the Onion Grass bulbs, it may be that after 5-6 years of harvesting these bulbs there is now not enough food to support the once large (800+) flock of birds we have had in past. Probably a bit of all three.

Our "11th Relay For Life" Charity Golf Day was held on Sunday Feb 10th. 18 teams took to the course raising just over \$2,300 for cancer research. The day's winners were Ebony's Boys 2nd JB's Bandits and Best Team Uniform The Ninjas.

RGC Weekly Competition Results:

Jan 12th Stroke	C vanDerVliet – 95/25/70 c/b L Gaunt – 78/8/70, M Nicholls Snr – 95/23/72 & H Drummond – 93/21/72
Jan 19th Texas Ambrose	R Walker (24)/J Freestone (21)/M Nicholls Snr (22) – 100 pts P Chisholm (12)/J Patton (19)/M Squire (7)/C Lingard (3) – 95 pts, R Rea (17)/R Hobbs (21)/B Dwyer (36) – 92.
Jan 23rd Play-9	J Hartley – 21 pts, W Gosden – 19 pts c/b P Drummond – 19 pts
Jan 26th Monthly Medal	S Williams – 87/18/69 from M Nicholls Jnr – 91/17/74, S Wright – 87/12/75, H Drummond – 91/21/75, B Dwyer – 112/36/76
Jan 28th Stableford	S Williams (17) – 47 pts, M Nicholls Snr (23) – 40 pts
Jan 30th Monthly Medal	J Hartley – 95/23/72, E Scanlon – 106/30/76, D Baker – 95/18/77
Feb 2nd Flatstick Roofing Summer Cup Rd 1A - Par	A Lakey (23) +3, M Nicholls Jnr (17) +1, S Wright (11) – Square
Feb 6th Flatstick Roofing Summer Cup Rd 1B - Par	D Baker (18) -1 c/b J Harver (45) -1, Wendy Gosden (31) -2
Feb 9th Flatstick Roofing Summer Cup Rd 2A - Stroke	S Wright 81/11/70, B Robb 104/31/71, W Robb 86/13/73

For more detailed reports please go to: <http://www.romseygolfclub.net/results/2018/>

Origins of Romsey District Names

By Peter Mitchell

It may be of interest to some to learn the source of some of the names of the Romsey District.

Clarkefield, Monegetta and Bolinda were all part of the Clarke family run of 137,370 acres, which extended from Fenton Hill to Romsey. The land was purchased by "Big Clarke" and run by his son Sir William Clarke and the property was named Bolinda Vale. Sir Rupert, of the next

generation, subdivided and sold off much of Bolinda Vale between 1905 and 1909 and leased the remaining 5,000 acres

Bolinda Vale – Bullanda was an aboriginal name for "old man" which was later anglicised to Bolinda by the early settlers.

Monegetta – the name Monegetta was derived from the Moonee Jetty run. This 12,800 acre run was owned by Melbourne founding father John Pascoe Fawkner.

Romsey – This name is derived from a town in Somerset in England.

Springfield – The Springfield district was named by the original James Tom, after their farming property near Orange in NSW where the Tom family were early settlers.

Rochford – The Rochford district takes its name from the locality near the mouth of the Thames River in Essex, England although it is uncertain who gave the district its name.

We also don't know the origin of the mysterious convict leg irons found buried in the Rochford soil in the early days of settlement.

Lancefield – The first settlers in Lancefield were Fulton and Jardine who arrived in 1838 and were later joined by their manager Patrick Main. All came from Glasgow, Scotland, the home of the Lancefield shipyards.





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Pastor's Parables

Don't allow the truth to be brought into disrepute



A tourist heard of a special place known as, 'Heavenly-Salvation' where everlasting accommodation was said to be free. She eagerly grabbed her pack and headed off to see if the claims were true. As she approached, a wild looking man who lived on the outskirts ran up to her laughing madly and speaking gibberish. He welcomed her to Heavenly-Salvation and told her that if she wished to enter she would have to be his servant and give him all her money. In disgust, the tourist thought, 'These Christians are insane - I want nothing to do with them or their so-called free village.' She quickly turned around and decided never to return.

Meanwhile, the citizens of Heavenly-Salvation scratched their heads in

frustration. They could not understand why so few tourists visited their lovely village - they were completely unaware that the village idiot was scaring them all away. Salvation is a free gift - there is no cost. God paid the account on the cross through Jesus Christ. However, it can be very hard for the 'Unbelieving-World' to see the truth of Christianity through the forest of village idiots. The world is filled with cults and crazy religions all claiming to be doing God's will, but their obvious greed and weird practices are bringing the Truth into disrepute. Sadly, these way-out teachings are the most vocal and the 'Unbelieving-World' judges all Christianity by the village idiots.

Any person wishing for eternal salvation should ignore the village idiots and freely enter. The bible says, 'For grace you have been saved through faith (believing in Christ) that not of yourselves; it is a gift of God not of works lest anyone should boast, (Ephesians 2:8-9).'

Pastor Marilyn Hunter

MASS TIMES

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month:
8:00am Lancefield and 10:00 am Romsey

2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday of the month:
8:00am Romsey and 10:00am Lancefield

1st Saturday of the month:
10:00am Romsey – Healing Mass

Reconciliation available from 9:30am

COMMUNION SERVICES

Tuesday 9:00am Romsey Church
Saturday 10:00am Romsey Church

ROSARY

Saturdays 9:45am Romsey

RECONCILIATION

By arrangement.

BAPTISMS

2019 – Romsey Church – April 7th, June 2nd, August 4th, October 6th & December 1st.

2019 – Lancefield Church – March 10th, May 12th, July 14th, September 8th & November 10th.

For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

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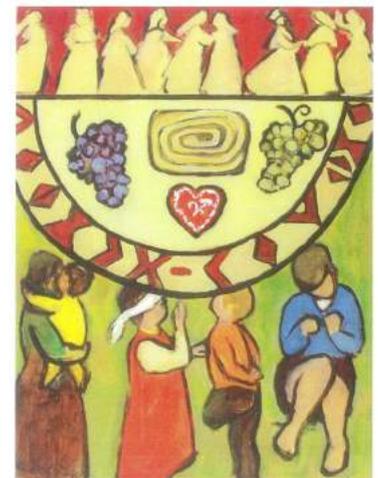
Registrations are now open for all Sacraments to be received in 2019. Please send your details to the secretary at lancefield@cam.org.au to register your child.



World Day of Prayer—March 2019

SLOVENIA

'Come—Everything Is Ready'



Date FRIDAY 1st of MARCH 2019
Time 11:00 AM
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The Romsey Uniting Church members invite friends to join with them for the 5th annual social pancake tea from **6pm on Tuesday, 5th March**. Bring a small amount of savoury or sweet pancake topping to share. Batter supplied (gluten free too). Donation to Uniting.

What is Pancake Day?

In the Christian tradition, Pancake Day, also called Pancake Tuesday, Shrove Tuesday, is the last day of feasting before Lent begins on the following day, Ash Wednesday. It is called so due to the custom of eating pancakes on this day, a tradition that comes from a time when any remaining rich foods were eaten on the day before Lent to use them up and fasting begins. It is observed mainly in English-speaking countries, especially Ireland, the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States, but also in the Philippines and Germany. Pancake Day is a moveable feast whose date is determined by Easter, and it's celebrated exactly 47 days before Easter Sunday. The date can vary from as early as February 3rd to as late as March 9th.

Romsey Church Services & Activities during February 2019

Sunday 3rd 9am. Worship Service

Sunday 10th 9am. Worship Service and Holy Communion

Tuesday 5th 6 pm. Pancake Tea

Wednesday 6th 6pm. Ash Wednesday Church Council meet at Stracks.

Wednesday 13th 1.30pm. UCAF meeting

Sunday 17th, 24th, 31st 9am. Worship Service

Sunday 24th 9am. Worship Service

Sunday 31st 9am. Worship Service

FORTY DAYS

Lent is approaching and we think of JESUS and His forty days of fasting in the desert wilderness, alone, except for the company of wild animals and birds and SATAN. For centuries the Church has encouraged Christians to follow HIS example of fasting, prayer and self-discipline in the forty days leading to Good Friday. Sundays are excepted because they are feast days celebrating His Resurrection. There is so much to ponder and learn from this desert experience of our Lord's so we are limited to a few thoughts. It is important for us to think about it, as it was for us He was obedient to be "led by the Spirit into the wilderness". (Matthew 4:1-11). There Jesus was confronted by Satan to deviate from the path of suffering God had planned for mankind's deliverance from sin. The first man - Adam - was tempted in the garden and failed; the Second Man - Jesus - was tempted in the wilderness

and overcame. Jesus prevailed through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit and so can we from the temptations that come our way - "The world, the flesh and the Devil". It is up to each of us to decide how we spend our forty days - whether by fasting, giving up a pastime or treat, to spend more time in prayer, earnest study of His Word (The Bible) or devotional reading. The need is to follow the example of Jesus in spending time alone with God, getting to know Him more intimately and His plan for our lives.

"Forty days and forty nights, You fasted in the wild;

Forty days and forty nights, Tempted, and yet undefiled.

Shall not we your sorrows share, And from earthly joys abstain,

Fasting with unceasing prayer, Glad with You to suffer pain."

G H Smyttan & F Pott



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Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. God comes to us, each and every one.

God bless you every day.



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MARCH 2019 DIARY

Mon 1st : WORLD DAY OF PRAYER CELEBRATION at St Mary's Catholic Church Romsey 11am. Service prepared by Slovenian women (Slovenia). ALL WELCOME. Enq: Eileen 0412 787 213

Wed 6th : ASH WEDNESDAY - HOLY COMMUNION 9am: St Paul's Romsey; 7pm: Christ Church Lancefield

Tues 12th : 10am at Christ Church Lancefield: commencing

LENTEN DAYS OF REFLECTION, Studies led by the Rev Judi Pollard. All welcome to join us!

Sun 17th : HARVEST THANKSGIVING. All manner of goods, non-perishable and fresh most acceptable for sending to Anglicare, our Agency for assisting those in need. We have so much to be thankful for!

Sun 31st : FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT: MOTHERING SUNDAY The Church's Mother's Day - with distribution of Simnel Cake.

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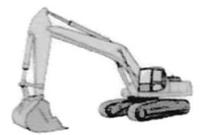
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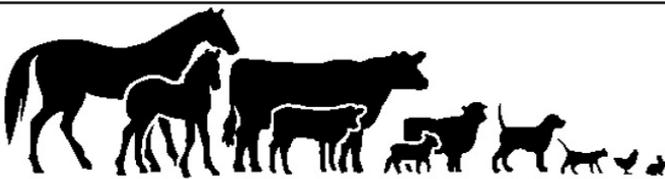
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Romsey Men's Shed

The committee of The Romsey Men's Shed has been busy, negotiating with Macedon Ranges Shire Council and other bodies to secure a site where a shed can be built. This is one of the most beneficial aspects of Men's Shed membership.

This may take some time according to the committee president, Steve Goodman. "In the interim", he says, "we need somewhere to meet". A men's Shed is somewhere where men of all ages can gather to talk. What activities are undertaken in the shed will be determined by the interests, skills and need of its members. Men's Sheds in neighbouring towns provide a supportive environment for their members.

The committee believes there must be a vacant building or a shed in the Romsey area that could provide temporary accommodation for its members one day a week.

Anyone with information or a suitable building is asked to call the Secretary, Pat Holt: by email Romseymys@gmail.com or phone 0407 209 899.

Lancefield Macedon Ranges: Join in, Celebrate & Remember Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd of March 2019



This weekend is our 17th Relay for Life, to be held at Lancefield Park. Survivors and Carers are invited to join us for the Opening Lap on Saturday, 2nd March at 3pm and share an afternoon tea afterwards in the Laurie Green Pavilion.

For those who would still like to take part in Relay, it's not too late.

Registrations can be made on the day at Lancefield Park. Donations to the event or to Teams can be made online at Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=5120

Everyone is welcome at Relay, no matter your age or ability. You can take part however you like by walking, jogging, running, wheeling or even dancing – it's your Relay For Life!

A celebration of hope, the Relay For Life provides community members the chance to join together and acknowledge local cancer survivors, patients and carers, while honouring those who are no longer with us.

Throughout the Relay, participants are also treated to entertainment and activities, including games and competitions for all ages. The tug-of-war rope challenge is definitely not one to be missed!

In the past Relay For Life events in the Macedon Ranges Shire have raised over \$1,450,000 to help the 269 people diagnosed with cancer in the Macedon Ranges Shire every year.

The Relay For Life team would also like to say a big thank you to Lancefield and Romsey townships for participating in this year's Paint The Town Purple. It was great to see so many taking part and decorating their window fronts and businesses purple for a great cause.



For more information about joining a team or volunteering please email lancefieldrfl@cancervic.org.au, call 1300 656 585 or visit the Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life Facebook page or http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR/RelayforLife/CCVIC?pg=entry&fr_id=5699



Raring to Go for 2019!

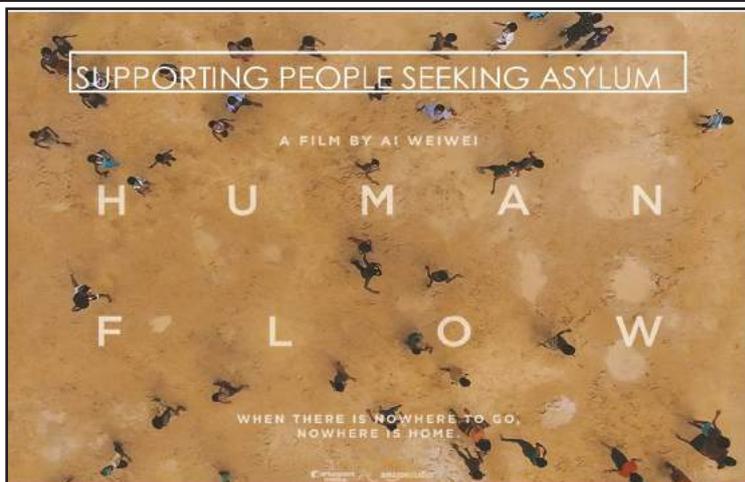
Welcome back for 2019! After house volunteers and I had a well-deserved break, we are now raring to go with some great new courses on offer, there really is something for everyone! Hope by now you've grabbed a copy of our Romsey Community Calendar. It has a range of helpful information and contacts available. Also if you haven't already got a copy of this terms brochure, grab one – it is jammed pack! If you haven't, there are always copies available at Romsey IGA as well as at the Hub. All our regular activities are up and running for the year, including our 6 days of fitness activities. If you want to achieve your New Year's resolution of getting fit, then we can help you! There are fitness activities on offer both day and evenings 6 days a week. Already the term looks actioned pack with many upcoming events for the community. We also have many community initiatives on the go, all of which are aimed at supporting and enhancing our local community – there are so many ways to be involved! As we are not for profit, we are constantly in need of volunteers to help make things happen...

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- Boomerang Bag Initiative
- Romsey Annual Antiques & Collectables Fair
- Melbourne Shopping Tour
- Welding Courses

We are also always interested to hear what you'd like to see on offer so make sure to let us know!

Michelle Balthazar - Coordinator



HUMAN FLOW

This **brehtaking epic journey** with artist and activist Ah Wei Wei captures the scale and personal **impact** of the global refugee crisis. The film follows families in over 20 countries.

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ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH



Sunday February 10th – 4 player Ambrose – Relay For Life Charity Golf Day

Sixteen teams teed up at Romsey Golf Course to help raise money for Puddles' Team and the 2019 Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life. More than a few teams dressed up hoping to win the "Best Team Uniform" award while others were just out for an enjoyable morning's golf and a great meal back in the clubrooms. There was some serious competition between a few teams, especially JB' Bandits who had come a very close 2nd in 2018. The wind began from the NW then moved to the SW and proceeded to swing back and forth for the whole morning. Just about everyone could hear the theme from "Gilligan's Island" courtesy of the team "3Hr Tour" while every now and then wild shouts of elation erupted as a birdie or eagle putt dropped. All teams were back in the rooms just before 1.00 pm and enjoying the wonderful lunch prepared by the members of a "Puddles' Team".

An auction of tools was held just before presentations then the major sponsors, "Romsey hardware" were thanked along with Blackwoods, The Romsey Bottle-O, Pantry on Main, Burnbrook Fields and BSC Industrial who had all supported the event. The day saw ~\$2,300.00 raised for Cancer Research.

NTPs; 1st Daniel Wright, 8th – Darren Newnham & 10th David Richardson & Wendy Gosden

**2019 RFL Charity Golf Day winners- Ebony's Boys – 39/6.5/32/5.
Presented by Nick Waldhauser from Rosemey Hardware.**



**2019 RFL Charity Golf Day Runners-up JB's Bandits – 39/5.0/34.
Presented by Nick Waldhauser from Rosemey Hardware.**



Auction success Cameron Newnham with auctioneer Shane McGee from Blackwoods.



2019 RFL Charity Golf day Best Team Uniform – The Ninjas

