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## Welcome to the July Edition

We are now official half way through the year, where has the time gone??? I could say Christmas is on its way, but wait it is "Christmas in July", not to mention school holidays - exciting times for all!

For those interested the tax year has just ended, so now you can get all those receipts together and think about doing you tax return. Hopefully, you will be lucky and receive a nice little return and cheque in the mail for all your hard work!

Just a reminder to ensure you are using the new email address for all correspondence:

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## WHAT'S ON in & around Romsey

**3rd July** - Senior Citizens trip to Watergardens for Christmas in July Lunch.

**4th July** - Make, Take, Bake at Romsey Library 10:30am – 11:30am. Bookings essential.

**8-9th July** - Drop in Craft at Romsey Library 10:00am – 12:00pm. Bookings not needed.

**20th July** - "Children's Christmas in July", Romsey Mechanics Institute, 3pm. Tickets are \$12

**24th July** - Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association Incorporated Special General Meeting, 7.30pm at CFA Headquarters, 14 Stawell Street, Romsey.

## Meet the Romsey Rag Committee of Management - Roy Goodall

Roy moved to Romsey in 2015 after retiring from teaching after 40 years at secondary colleges and Tafe institutes.

He has been married to Dianne for 48 years, resulting in four children and six grandchildren.

Dianne and Roy lived on the Mornington Peninsula for 37 years, where they built and ran a bed and breakfast (The Bittern Rest) for some years. Roy also had a stint as a blacksmith in a tourist village whilst Dianne ran a kiosk in the same village (Tyabb Craft Village). Both Dianne and Roy enjoy travelling and have been fortunate to have visited different parts of the world. They also have a small caravan and enjoy getting away on occasions.

They both love living in Romsey, and are becoming acclimatised to the cold weather.

Roy has been a volunteer committee member and distributor for the Romsey Rag since 2018.



## Romsey Mechanics Institute

Minor repairs to, and repainting of, the cupboard doors at the front of the stage have just been done. With the walls repaired and repainted these damaged doors were one of the first things people noticed when entering the hall. New latches and handles were also installed to keep the doors closed so, no more need for bits of folded up paper to jam them shut. A few spots of damage to the walls and skirts were also repainted. Our thanks to the two RMI committee members who carried out these works.



Doors off and sanding back

As mentioned in the June report the CoM applied for funds under the "Public Safety Grant" program. We were successful with both applications and we have been allocated funds that will allow us to rebuild the entry landing to the kitchen. The roof



Job done

vents will be capped to stop storm water getting into the

hall during windy and rainy periods. Our thanks to Julie Wynd (DELWP) for all her assistance with these grants.

Over the past few months CoM members have been working to strip out carpet and underlay from the upstairs South Room, many sweepings to move about 100 years of dust. The boards will need a great deal of work and we have spoken with DELWP to see if there are any funds remaining in the "Public Safety Grant" that would help us repair damaged boards. We hope to sand back and polish the floorboards. Once the room is refurbished it will be available as a base for the CoM as well as for hire by the community.



Please keep an eye out for "Children's Christmas In July" activities at the RMI. The RMI now has eight, eight-seat tables that we no longer use. These are quite solid articles with fold-up legs and would be ideal for undercover use. The tables are 240cm by 75cm. If you would like one of these tables, please contact us on 0458 726 106.



## C.W.A 2019 STATE THEMES:

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

### Romsey Branch of C.W.A. Inc

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CWA is not just for older women; it is for women of any age wanting to be involved in their local community and also 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.

Thank you to all who visited our stall outside IGA early May. Although the day was quite cold we were very pleased with the results. Congratulations to our raffle winners. I am sure they were happy with their prizes.

Several of our members attended the State Conference late May, which was held at the Williamstown town hall. Once again this was a successful event. It is always a great way to catch up with friends from other branches and to keep in touch with what CWA is all about.

Our shopping tour this year is to be held on Saturday 14th September. This is open to members and non members. Anyone interested can contact Wendy on 0409 175 667.

Also just a reminder one of our members Robyn is working on the history of our branch which has been around for over 80 years. If you have or know of anyone that may have any information that can be included eg newspaper cuttings, awards etc Robyn would love to hear from you.

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

## Romsey Garden Club A Brief Profile

The Romsey Garden Club was the initiative of a local resident and was consequentially formed about six years ago. From the initial fifteen interested persons the membership has grown considerably with approximately twenty-five to thirty members attending each meeting. The meetings are held at 10 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month except in the winter months. The club is under the auspices of the Romsey Neighbourhood House and members gather at The Hub in Main Street, Romsey. There is no joining fee but each week members are asked for a donation of \$2.00 for ongoing costs. Meetings are informal and consist of a short information session. This is usually followed by a pre-arranged visit to a local district garden. In the colder months speakers of interest are presented to the group. There is a planning group who are responsible for organising the activities, communicating to members –

usually by email, and financial responsibilities.

The main objectives of the club are to enjoy visiting gardens, establishing friendships and emotional support for each other.

Other items of purpose may include sharing knowledge, news items, ideas, tips, discussing problems and successes in our gardens, safety for the gardener and other educational aspects of a horticultural nature are exchanged.

The club welcomes new members to join in the organised activities contact the Romsey Neighbourhood House: phone 54596724.





## Romsey - Lancefield Probus

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.

Meetings are held at St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey.  
The July meeting will be on Thursday 25th July, 2019 at 10am

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.

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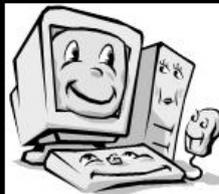
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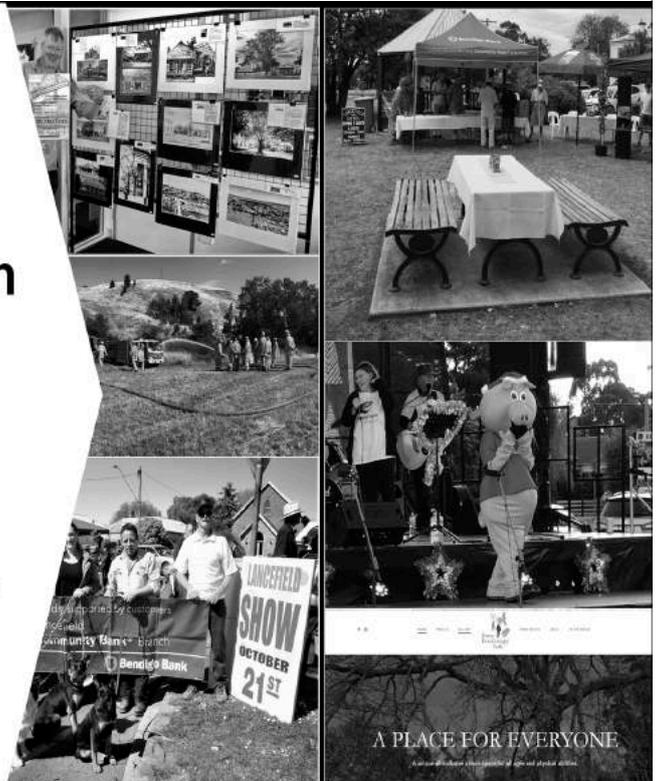


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## Interest Sought for Activities that Encourage Older People to Keep Moving



The project is funded by the Federal Government [Move It AUS Better Ageing Grant](#).

The Expressions of Interest process will run from 1 July to 26 July. Those interested in applying for funding are encouraged to visit Macedon Ranges Shire Council's website to determine eligibility and to register to attend an information session about the project.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Mildura Rural City Council are leading regional implementation of the Loddon Mallee Region Move It project. Participating councils include Macedon Ranges Shire Council, City of Greater Bendigo, Loddon Shire Council, Mount Alexander Shire Council, Central Goldfields Shire Council, Campaspe Shire Council, Mildura Rural City Council, Swan Hill Rural City Council, Gannawarra Shire Council and Buloke Shire Council.

For more information visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/moveit](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/moveit) or email [moveit@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:moveit@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

Expressions of Interest open on 1 July for funding to help get older residents in the Loddon Mallee Region up and moving. A total of \$1.2 million is up for grabs across 10 participating local government areas.

Sporting groups and recreation providers are among other organisations encouraged to apply for funding to support inactive people aged 65 and over to be more active.

The Loddon Mallee Move It project aims to reach over 70,000 people over the age of 65, offering new and modified sport and recreation activities, strengthening partnerships and workforce capacity, and raising awareness of the benefits of regular physical activity.

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Peta Soorkia is an inspiring speaker invited by Encourage Church to speak to women in our community to reinforce who we are as women of worth.

**Friday 19 July 2019, 7.30-9.30pm**  
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## Romsey Region Business & Tourism Association (RRBATA)

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## RRBATA Update

### Romsey Streetscape Enhancement Project – It's nearly finished!

The recent installation of the heritage lamps in Romsey's Main Street is the last large component of the Streetscape Enhancement Project which began back in April 2015 when the first community forum was convened by RRBATA to discuss ideas.



Garden development, bluestone curbing installation, raised pavement crossings, historic building and tree illumination and the lamps were all conceptualized with community involvement. Funding from Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Regional Development Victoria made it possible. Still to come is some directional signage and new information boards at the Lions' Park and Community Hub.

Although it has been a long process, this project's implementation has demonstrated a productive collaborative relationship between community and Council.

### Romsey Business Marketing Campaign

As previously reported, Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Economic Development and Tourism Unit is supporting RRBATA to devise

a marketing campaign promoting Romsey businesses who are RRBATA members to both local community and potential visitors to the town. Hard copy marketing materials (e.g. flyers, print media) and social media/website involvement will be included in this initiative. The project plan has been completed, with the implementation of this campaign to be evident over the next few months.

### Funding Update – Thank you to the Community Bank

RRBATA expresses its gratitude to the Romsey Community Bank branch of the Bendigo Bank for the recent decision to provide generous sponsorship support to RRBATA's 10th Annual Business Breakfast and Christmas In Romsey 2019. The Bank's role, through its community investment scheme, in "making things happen" cannot be underestimated!

### Christmas In Romsey 2019 – Volunteers URGENTLY Needed

To ensure the success of Christmas In Romsey 2019, volunteers are urgently needed to register for both for general help-out duties (re the Christmas Tree installations, lights and decorations competition etc) and with more specialized roles (e.g. festival marketing manager). If you can help with any of these, please contact Sandra Chestnutt (0409 724189 [schestnutt@rocketmail.com](mailto:schestnutt@rocketmail.com)).



## Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens Bendigo Bank Monthly Bus Trips

HO, HO, HO join us for CHRISTMAS IN JULY via Rochester Silos.



We will be travelling to Watergardens on Wednesday 3rd of July for a lovely buffet lunch to celebrate Christmas in July.

### Depart:

- Lancefield Post Office, 10.15am
- Romsey Mechanics Institute, 10.30am out the front

Future trips will be:

- 7th August Castlemaine – to visit the Mill Markets
- 4th September Mystery Tour
- 6th November Kyabram – to visit a Camel Farm and home



4th December Christmas Breakup – at the Highlands Hotel.

Remember, we meet every Monday at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute for lunch, some card games and a chat, for just \$5 – everyone is more than welcome. On the 2nd Monday of the month we have some professional cooks come in to prepare a 2-course meal, costing only \$10. We would love to see you.

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Hope to see you soon.

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## Library News

### What's On at Romsey Library in July:

#### Make, Take, Bake, Thursday 4 July from 10:30am – 11:30am (School Holidays)

Get crafty with polymer clay! Make jewellery, bag tags and fridge magnets or create your own design. Craft will require baking at home (instructions provided). Ages 8-12. Bookings required.

#### Drop In Craft, Monday 8 July and Tuesday 9 July, 10am – 12pm (School Holidays)

Drop in and design a badge or create a

rainbow sand bracelet. Find a great book to take home too! For school aged children. Bookings NOT required.

#### Old Time Music Hall, Thursday 18 July from 2:30pm

Warm up with an old-time singalong with local artist Gabriel Macgura. Featuring songs from Cole Porter, Frank Sinatra, Vera Lynn and others. Light afternoon tea to follow. Bookings required.

### What's On at Romsey Library in August:

**Then & Now Exhibition, Thursday 1 August – Saturday 31 August, Romsey Library & HUB.** To celebrate National Family History month, visit Romsey Library to enjoy the photographic exhibition compiled by the Romsey Lancefield Historical Society.

#### Crafternoon: Pom-Pom Garland, Thursday 1 August from 4pm

Learn all about finger knitting as you create a pompom garland. Ages 9-13 years. Bookings required.

#### Science Week Storytime, Monday 12 August from 10:30am. Bookings NOT required.

#### Ancestry Online Learning Workshop, Tuesday 13 August from 2pm

Learn what's available on the ancestry.com

database and how to access it free with your library membership. Basic computer skills a prerequisite. Bookings required.

#### Immersive Science III: Astronomy for all Australians Viewing Party, Saturday 17 August from 1:30pm

It's National Science Week and this immersive astronomy experience is one not to be missed. Swinburne University scientists devised this program that uses a virtual reality smartphone app to explore the universe, all without leaving the library! Ages 10 +. Bookings required.

For more information, check out our published programs available now from Romsey Library or online at [www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au](http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au)

### Collection Reviews by Library Staff Member, Marni Hickman



#### Book: *Boy Swallows Universe* by Trent Dalton

Usually I avoid reading books which have received prizes because of the hype that goes along with them. I'm often very disappointed but in this case, Trent Dalton's book is an engaging page turner. Dalton has won the 2019 Australian Book Industry Award and I must say very deservedly. (He has even

made it to Oprah Winfrey's Book Club!). This novel is loosely based on Trent's early life in Queensland. The novel is told through the eyes of twelve-year-old Eli Bell growing up in a working-class suburb of Brisbane in the 1980's. It is a heartfelt story of a young boy trying to find his way in the world against all odds. A novel that will stay with you long after you have finished it!

PS Don't read the back cover! It gives too much away!



#### DVD: *Loving Vincent*

This DVD is quite an artistic achievement. Not only does it have a captivating story line, it contains thousands of paintings produced by 100 artists. The paintings are seamlessly animated together to produce

an awe-inspiring film. The actors in the film are many and include Eleanor Tomlinson who played Demelza in the TV series, Poldark. The film contains 66,000 frames which are represented by individual paintings in the same style as Van Gogh's beautiful artwork. The story follows Van Gogh to his tragic end. A highly entertaining and beautiful film!

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Sunday Closed

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## Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke 'Beer Pot Roast'



I was filming in Tasmania for the ABC. We were doing a program on hops, so it seemed appropriate - indeed necessary - to drink Cascade beer. I not only drank the good drink, I cooked a meal for the crew as well. I don't remember if it was a success. But try it nevertheless.

Originally, I was going to write a recipe on how to cook with Green Tea, but I tossed up between green tea and beer, and the beer won!

1 x 1.5 corner of beef topside;  
1 tablespoon butter;  
125g bacon, chopped;  
1 large onion, chopped;  
2 cloves garlic, chopped;  
2 large carrots, coarsely chopped;  
2 stalks of celery, sliced;  
2 cups beer;  
1 bay leaf;  
1/2 teaspoon turmeric;  
Pinch of dried thyme leaves;  
Freshly ground black pepper.

Trim the fat from the topside. Melt the butter in a flameproof casserole, drop in the bacon and saute till crisp. Take out the bacon and put in the meat. Brown it on all sides then take that out too. Drop in the vegetables and garlic and saute for a couple of minutes, pour in the beer, scraping the bottom of the casserole to take up any pieces of the meat that may be stuck there.

Put the meat back in the casserole, toss in the bay leaf and

the bacon, sprinkle with thyme and freshly ground black pepper then pop on a lid.

Turn down the heat and simmer very gently until the meat's tender (about 2 to 2 1/2 hours). Take the meat out of the casserole, keep hot, turn the heat up under the casserole and let the sauce boil until it's reduced.

Cut the meat into thick slices and serve with a little of the sauce and vegetables spooned over with whole, buttered new potatoes beside it.



## Kangaroo by D.H Lawrence

Delicate mother Kangaroo  
Sitting up there rabbit-wise, but huge, plump-weighted,  
And lifting her beautiful slender face, Oh! So much more  
gently and finely lined than a rabbit's, or than a hare's,  
Lifting her face to nibble at a round white peppermint drop  
Which she loves, sensitive mother kangaroo.

Her sensitive, long, pure-bred face.  
Her full antipodal eyes, so dark,  
So big and quiet and remote, having watched so many  
Empty dawns in silent Australia.

Her little loose hands, and drooping Victorian shoulders,  
And then her great weight below the waist, her vast pale  
belly,  
With a thin young yellow little paw hanging out, and  
Straggle of a long thin ear, like ribbon,  
Like a funny trimming to the middle of her belly, thin  
Little dangle of an immature paw, and one thin ear.

Her belly, her big haunches  
And, in addition, the great muscular python-stretch of her  
tail.

There, she shan't have any more peppermint drops.  
So she wistfully, sensitively sniffs the air, and then turns,  
goes off in a slow, sad leaps. On the long flat skis of her  
legs,  
Steered and propelled by the steel-strong snake of a tail.  
Stops again, half turns, inquisitive to look back.  
While something stirs quickly in her belly, and a lean little  
face comes out, as from a window,  
Peaked and a bit dismayed,

Only to disappear again quickly away from the sight of the  
world, to snuggle down in the warmth,  
Leaving the trail of a different paw hanging out.

Still she watches with eternal, cocked wistfulness!  
How full her eyes are, like the full, fathomless, shining  
eyes of an Australian blackboy  
Who has been lost so many centuries on the margins of  
existence  
She watches with insatiable wistfulness.  
Untold centuries of watching for something to come  
For a new signal from life, in that silent lost land of the  
South.

Where nothing bites but insects and snakes and the sun,  
small life.  
Where no bull roared, no cow lowed, no stag cried  
No leopard screeched, no lion coughed, no dog barked,  
But all was silent save for  
parrots occasionally, in the  
haunted blue bush.

Wistfully watching, with  
wonderful liquid eyes.  
And all her weight, all her  
blood, dropping sack-wise  
down  
towards the earth's centre  
And the live little-one taking  
in its paw at the door of her  
belly.



Artwork by Trish Vowles

## Historic Seymour Cottage (c1856) – Romsey

Status report from the Historical Society's Coordinator - Jon Spring

Progress has slowed down with the Seymour Cottage storage shed and the extensive termite investigation required for determining the extent of damage to internal structural and related cosmetic components. The commencement of the storage shed is hopefully to be undertaken shortly so the historic goods and chattels can be moved from Seymour Cottage for safety and preservation during investigation and rectification works.

The Macedon Council has provided further financial assistance to your Romsey & Lancefield Historical Society of \$2,500 for the termite investigator report stage. This has also required an extension to the grant acquittal date to 30 June 2020. These two initial aspects of the project are fundamental before any rectification estimates, provision of more finance, actual works and heritage approvals plus building permit works can be considered for implementation. As you may suspect there are a remarkable number of statutory authorities involved before works can be defined and undertaken to a heritage registered building like Seymour Cottage which is on the State Governments Register of Historic Building.

See URL <https://vhd.heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/places/4334>

The broader strategic issue currently being discussed as

part of an overall Master Plan strategy is how do we (or if we) make Seymour Cottage thermally efficient for effective summer and winter



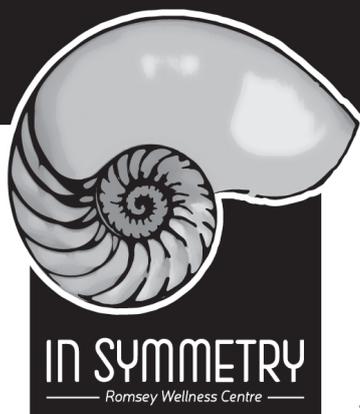
use? The external walls being constructed of single thickness 1850s Singapore-manufactured meranti panel doors are ineffective for keeping out the heat in summer and freezing cold drafts and breezes in the winter. If effective use of Seymour Cottage is proposed when (if) the structural & historic rectification works are successful then 'usability' of this drafty old cottage is one of the main matters that will have to be addressed.

Your local Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society would like to have access to abundant financial resources likely to be needed in the hundreds of thousands of dollars to immediately undertake the heritage investigation, restoration with old trades expertise but sadly our Society is very dependent on external authorities and their financial grants. It is a policy direction of the Society's Executive to make haste slowly and not start anything we cannot afford to finish without final Heritage Approvals and Permits plus the funds to cover these very expensive processes and works.

The Society will keep you informed.

See the Society's Web Pages at:

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## Romsey-Lancefield & District Ambulance Auxiliary



Thank you to everyone that staff have been busy who supported our as usual, especially with the Mother's Day raffle in May. cold weather approaching. Congratulations to our In a recent call out, one winners and a big thank must of the splints which was go to Craig at IGA for kindly purchased by the auxiliary, inviting us into the store to was used to assist a patient. escape the cold weather. Yet This is a great example of again the community has community fundraising been very generous. Monies benefiting local people. Not raised have contributed to all equipment is supplied by the purchase of another AV, so the auxiliary assists AED (Automatic external in purchasing medical and defibrillator) which will be technical equipment the installed in a community paramedics may need. space in Romsey (details to follow).

**If anyone is interested in joining our auxiliary please contact Helen Richardson 0448208655**

Exciting news for the local paramedics is that Romsey station will be amongst the first to receive new Mercedes Sprinter ambulances. Acting Station officer Horace Vella reports that this will be a welcome upgrade to existing models. He says

Our **AGM will be held on Friday July 5th at 11am.** For further enquiries please contact Helen.

## A Lament – By Romsey’s Dashing Barber

*Supplied by Peter Mitchell*

A Lament – By Romsey’s Dashing Barber  
It was somewhere up the country, in the land of rock and scrub,  
That they formed the institution of the Lancefield Football Club.  
They were young and active fellows from the rugged mountain side,  
And were fast and furious demons when they got into their stride.  
Their style of playing football was irregular and rash,  
For they hadn’t any science but a mighty lot of dash.  
We are out to win the premiership, Jack Campbell said in tears,  
And it will be out first success for just fourteen years.  
So go right in together, don’t let Romsey get away,  
We’ll see what they are made of before the final ball today.  
Now in the little town of Romsey, shrouded in smoke and steam,  
A struggling club existed call the Romsey Football Team.  
As a social institution they were a marvellous success,  
For their players were distinguished by exclusiveness and dress.  
They had natty little uniforms that were read and black,  
But instead of real good training, they left the form upon the track.  
So they set sail for Riddell in pursuit of pennant and fame  
For they meant to show Lancefield how they ought to play the game.  
And they took Keith and Allan with them to give their ribs a rub,  
Ere they started operations on the Lancefield Football Club.

Now my readers can imagine how the contest ebbed and flowed,  
When the Lancefield boys got going it was time to clear the road.  
And the game was so terrific that ere half time was gone,  
A spectator’s neck was broken just from merely looking on.  
And they tussled one another till half both teams were dead,  
And as the game grew sterner, Lancefield forged ahead.  
Now those Lancefield boys were fastest when the pace was really on,  
Nick Johnston got a bit rattled and saw red when bumped upon.  
Lancefield were ambitious with their high marks flying round,  
They floored the dashing Tully and had Campbell (Romsey) off the ground.  
By the old Riddell football ground where breezes shake the grass,  
There’s a row of little gravestones footballers never pass.  
And they bear the crude inscription “Stranger drop a tear”,  
For the Lancefield Footballers and Romsey boys lay here.  
And on misty moonlight evening, while the dingoes howl around,  
You can see their shadows flitting on that phantom football ground.  
You can hear the loud collisions as the flying players meet,  
And the rattle of the gravel and the rush of human feet.  
Till the terrified spectator runs like mad for Mangans pub,  
He’s been haunted by the spectres of the Romsey Football Club.

*(J. L. Thompson)*

## Horse Care in the Winter Time

It is officially winter season meaning it can become excruciatingly cold for us humans! This is the same for most animals during winter and horses are no exception. Here are three tips on how to keep your horse healthy and happy during the winter months.

### Nutrition

The biggest responsibility during the colder months is making sure that your horse is eating enough feed and receiving the nutrients needed to keep them in shape and maintaining the much needed weight. As horses burn calories to stay warm, their feed may need to be increased as the weather drops. Increasing the amount of hay fed is the best way to keep weight on horses during the winter, as the fermentation process generates internal heat. Even though it may be cold, horses still need to consume water to stay hydrated. Research has proven that by only providing warm water to horses, they will drink a lot more than they would if they only had icy water available. By having a tank or bucket heater, you can encourage your horse to drink more and therefore stay healthy and warm during the cold weather.

### Rugging

When it comes to whether or not your horse should be wearing a rug depends on a couple of factors. In general most horses should be wearing rugs during extremely cold temperatures, however if a horse has a thick coat, adequate shape and enough shelter from the weather, a rug may not be necessary. If you do feel the need to rug your horse, a waterproof/winter rug is the best way to go. This will need to be checked regularly though to see if it is rubbing on the horse as well as to check the horse’s body condition and

whether or not it is at a healthy weight.

### Exercise

Just like humans, horses still need some exercise even when it’s chilly outside. If conditions are still not terrible, keep riding your horse during the winter months, however if the weather is severe allow your horse to roam in a paddock daily if it safe to do so. An indoor arena is your best option for daily exercise, although they can become quite dusty in winter – seek out a binding agent that will hold water and try to water as frequently as possible to hold the base down and reduce the dust. Try to spend more time than normal warming up your horse and cooling down as the cold weather tends to seize up their limbs.

Continue to keep a close eye on all your horses as the weather drops, check their body weight, whether or not they are eating properly and continue to give them options for shelter from the weather. If you take all the precautions over these colder months, you and your horses will be safe and healthy this winter.

Sourced from :  
<https://www.petplan.com.au/blog/horse/horse-care-in-the-winter-time/>



# Romsey Golf Club, Men's & Women's Reports



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After a drought lasting 23 years the RGC women have now won two successive pennants. They played Trentham in the final at Euroa G. C. bringing home an emphatic 4.5/5 win. A great effort by the six players, Beryl Cole (Capt), Kath Jekabsons, Lorraine Robb, Elaine Scanlon, Darlene Baker & Jenny Hartley who represented the club during the pennant season.

Our efforts to remove patches of old, rangy and very prickly Hawthorn Hedge continue. Until recently these hedges were one of the few refuges for the little birds but with our plantings of smaller flowering native bushes there are now more options for food and habitat for the birds, insects and the smaller mammals.

The club held its presentation night on the evening of the election, the final round of the 2019 club championship. There was a good turn-out however attention was divided between the presentations and the election results as they came through on the TV. RGC VP, Kev Dunn, did a great job

as MC and Andrew Laing/Steve Wilkins were spot-on with the food for the evening. The 2019 RGC Club Champions are Mick Squire & Darlene Baker. Other award winners may be seen on the club's website at the 2019 Results page



2019 RGC Champions Darlene Baker & Mick Squire

## RGC Weekly Competition Results:

<b>Jun 15 Stroke</b>	Andrew Laing – 93/19/74 C/B Mitchell Atlas – 86/12/74 & Anthony Lakey – 96/21/75
<b>Jun 8 Stableford (G4aC)</b>	Andrew Laing (20) – 38 pts from Chris Lingard (1) – 37 pts, Les Gaunt (8) – 37 pts & Mal Mottram (10) – 35 pts
<b>Jun 3 Pennant Final Vs Trentham at Euroa G. C.</b>	Darlene Baker -Sq, Jenny Hartley – W4/3, Beryl Cole – W7/5, Kath Jekabsons – W4/2 & Elaine Scanlon – W3/1
<b>Jun 1 4BBB Par</b>	Scott Williams (13)/Chris vanDerVliet (26); +8 from Ron Walker (24)/John Freestone (20); +7
<b>May 29 May Medal</b>	Jenny Hartley from Darlene Baker & Kath Jekabsons
<b>May 25 MoM &amp; May Medal</b>	MoM - Rob Rea – 92/17/75. May Medal - Andrew Laing – 92/21/71 from Anthony Lakey – 94/20/74
<b>May 22 Stableford</b>	Darlene Baker from Jenny Hartley & Kath Jekabsons
<b>May 18 Rd 3 Club Champs</b>	A- Mick Squire, B – John Freestone & C – Dave Richardson
<b>May 15 Rd 3 Club Champs</b>	Club Champ – Darlene Baker, Nett Champ – Jenny Hartley

For more detailed reports please go to; <http://www.romseygolfclub.net/results/2019/>

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### Sewer blockages are costly and can cause spills that harm our environment





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**PASTOR'S PARABLES**

**There is suffering: because warnings are ignored**



Early in the morning of April 15, 1912, the SS Titanic struck an iceberg and sank, taking with her 1513 passengers. It was a tragedy that should never have occurred. The Titanic had received many warnings but failed to heed them all.

As with the Titanic, we are on our maiden voyage (life) and tragedies are often the result of not heeding warning signs. When we get into bad habits of over or under eating, too much or too little exercise or too little sleep, our body gives signals of pain and discomfort, warning us to change our direction. Likewise, the soul also sends out warning signs of depression, despondency, bitterness, fear, jealousy, pride - all signals that something is not right in our spiritual life and we need to change course. Unfortunately, we often ignore these signs of impending danger, thinking we are unsinkable. Individually and nationally we set a course

that will either sink us or steer us to our destination. Being a perfect gentleman, God lets us choose our own course in life. God, also being all-knowing, sees the icebergs that lie ahead of our choices and sends many signals so we can adjust our course. If we choose to ignore His warnings, we must also take responsibility for the outcome. God is not to blame for life's tragedies, but if we call, He is always there with a lifeboat ready to rescue us. (See Proverbs 3:5-6)

At Encourage Church we love the Word of God because it is our relevant "Directory" to Life.

Why not join us on Sundays @10:00am for relatable & applicable messages or attend one of our fortnightly Life Groups where your questions, difficulties and issues about life matter to us.

*Pastor Marilyn Hunter*

Kingdom Kitchen will be hosting our 1st Pancake breakfast @ Encourage Church on Sunday July 7th. Open to our whole Community.

Menu A la Carte, with pancakes starting @ \$4. Barista coffees and juices also available.

Sittings @ 7am - 9am.

Bookings are essential. 0422 337 044



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**JULY 2019 DIARY**

As mid-winter is upon us there are no special functions planned for July.

**THE GREAT : "I AM"**

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When Moses met with God at the Burning Bush and was told he was to lead the Israelites out of their slavery in Egypt he was overwhelmed. One vital question he asked was "But who shall I say has sent me, what is your Name?" God replied "I AM WHO I AM. Say to the Israelites I AM has sent me to you."

(Exodus 3:14). HE is the Eternal Being... GOD... I AM- YWH - Yahweh (Hebrew) (English. Jehovah) the Jews never speak it, it is too holy. I read recently where one of our women ministers was troubled that God was always portrayed as a Man. Jesus described God to the Samaritan woman He met at a well "God is spirit and His worshippers must worship Him in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24). When we think what is God like, we think of Jesus, Who claimed that He and the Father are One, together with the Holy Spirit. These three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit form The Holy Trinity yet ONE GOD. Their function is summed up in the Catechism of the Anglican Church.

- “(I believe)
- In God the Father Who made me and all the world,
- In God the SON - Who has redeemed me and all mankind.
- In God the Holy Spirit: Who sanctifies me and

all the elect people of God.

What does all this mean to us? It means that we, poor mortals may know and have friendship with this Supreme Being! Jesus, by His sacrificial death on the Cross and rising from the dead opened the way of reconciliation between us and God the Father. When we believe this great truth and recognize our sinful state, seeking forgiveness and putting our faith and trust in the atoning death of Jesus, then by His grace, we become His children, beloved, and in fellowship with Him.

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We continue to pray for a number of our members who are undergoing operations and have many forms of the winter ills. For this reason, our Street Stall had to be cancelled last month. On a happier note, we celebrated the Festival of St. Paul and enjoyed a pleasant lunch together after our special services. Stocks of goods are accumulating for the next delivery to Anglicare. The knitted items we received recently were much appreciated.

Thank you, one and all.

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### Monday @ 2pm. Coffee Get-together at the Romsey Uniting Church

The Coffee get-together at the Romsey Uniting Church is for all church members and members of the community and friends.

We are a very friendly group at the Uniting Church and very much enjoy each other's company.

Everyone enjoys a chat, putting the world to rights and catching up with what is happening in the community.

We would welcome any one from the community who would wish to join us on a Monday afternoon. The dates for July are listed below.

***Please come and join us.***

**LOVE** can make us gentle, patient, caring, humble, appreciative, considerate, understanding, generous and kind. Love is what keeps us from being hateful, unkind, envious, boastful, proud, vain and rude. It helps us not to insist on having our own way all the time, and it helps us not to be irritable, resentful or malicious. Words to consider today and every day. *The Friendship Book, 2006*

### Romsey Church Services & Activities during July 2019

**Monday 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. 2pm** Coffee Get-together Romsey Uniting Church

**Wednesday 3rd. 6pm** Church Council meeting at Stracks.

**Sunday 7th 9am** Worship Service

**Sunday 14th 10.45am** Worship Service & Holy Communion at Lancefield Uniting Church

**Sunday 21st 9am** Worship Service

**Sunday 28th 9am** Worship Service

### MASS TIMES

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

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8:00am Romsey and 10:00am Lancefield

**1st Saturday of the month:**  
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### COMMUNION SERVICES

Tuesday 9:00am Romsey Church

Saturday 10:00am Romsey Church

### ROSARY

Saturdays 9:45am Romsey

### RECONCILIATION

By arrangement.

### BAPTISMS

2019 – *Romsey Church* – August 4th, October 6th & December 1st.

2019 – *Lancefield Church* – July 14th, September 8th & November 10th.

For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

### SACRAMENTS

Registrations are now open for all Sacraments to be received in 2019.

Please send your details to the secretary at [lancefield@cam.org.au](mailto:lancefield@cam.org.au) to register your child.

### ST. MARY'S DROP-IN:

First Thursday of each month,  
10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey.

All welcome to come for a game of cards/ chat and free lunch.



## The Uniting Church in Australia

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# ROMSEY

## Neighbourhood House

### I am Woman...Hear Me Roar!

Recently, Macedon Ranges Shire Council partnered with Romsey Neighbourhood House to run an intensive Women's Chainsaw Course over the month of May. Funded through 'Safer Together' this course ran for 7 days over 3 consecutive weekends, enabling 20 successful candidates from across the Shire to participate for free. Out of 120 applicants these women were chosen from high fire prone areas across the Shire. The course enabled women to undertake an accredited chainsaw course in chainsaw cross-cut and trim, a weekend on emergency fire prevention, safety and property management and finally a weekend workshop where students got to consolidate their skills in chainsawing by undertaking a chainsaw sculpting component. Women produced some incredible results! Some of the feedback from the program were as follows:

*"Before starting the course, I was feeling very reliant on my ageing parents to both supply my firewood but also to guide me on fire planning. I now feel much more confident in so many areas, not just in chainsawing which has been so empowering. I now feel confident enough in my abilities to venture out, learn new skills and to give things a go. I no longer feel reliant on others to do what needs to be done on my own property. The knowledge gained has enabled me to know what to do in case of a fire."*

*"Last weekend I was chosen to participate in Women's Chainsaw Group, how lucky we all are. The weekend started*

*at the Kerrie CFA. The first weekend was the introduction to using a chainsaw. It has been such a fabulous experience to spend time with a divine group of women and watch us all succeed with our newfound confidence and skills in handling a chainsaw. I feel so much more equipped to create a set of fire plans that will keep my family and I safe and help to connect me with my community."*

*"Receiving the phone call was very exciting, normally I find excuses to not participate but I felt honoured to be chosen. I have found this course to be very empowering for me as a woman. It has opened many more doors and challenges that I have now faced head on with my property. A most enlightening experience. Thank you"*

*"I now know that I cannot be treated as an ignorant woman who knows nothing, even with tradies and staff."*

Romsey Neighbourhood House aims to meet the continuing needs of the community by offering further hands-on courses aimed at equipping both men and women with the skills needed on their properties. If you have newly moved from the city to our beautiful semi-rural community and are needing some upskilling to better manage your property contact RNH on 5429 6724 as we offer a range of courses from chainsawing to welding, landscaping, using power tools and car maintenance.



## Talented Local Dentist is Bringing Christmas to Town!

Local Romsey dentist and Australian children's entertainer, Bethany Fisher, has taken out two of the industry's most prestigious titles at the 2019 What's On 4 Kids Awards. Bethany was announced as the winner of the 'Best Kids Live Show' and the People's Choice for 'Kids Activity Industry Leader of the Year'. Performed across the country, Bethany is one of Australia's most popular children's entertainers and to celebrate, she is bringing her show to Romsey this month.



"Christmas in July" will appear at the Romsey Mechanics Institute on Saturday July 20th at 3pm for one show only. Tickets are \$12 and include the 50 minute show, a free poster for all kids and a chance to meet Bethany and her dancers in the post-show meet and greet. There may even be a special visit from Santa!

For tickets and more information, head to [www.bethanyfisher.com/showdates](http://www.bethanyfisher.com/showdates)

Celebrating her favourite time of year, Bethany's "Christmas in July" show will have both the young and young at heart up singing and dancing along. With prizes to be won and opportunities to join Bethany and her talented dancers up on the stage throughout the show, it is guaranteed to have your toes tapping, hands clapping and leave a smile on your face long after the show has finished. There will be Christmas favourites the whole family will love, including Hi-5's "Santa Claus is Coming" as well as a medley of songs from the movie "Frozen".



## CHILDREN'S COMPETITION WINNERS

Thank you to all that took the time to enter our competition. The judges really enjoyed reading everyone's entries and found it very difficult to decide the winners. Winners there must be and they are as follows:

### Grades Prep - 2

1st Leo - Romsey P.S  
2nd Emily - Hesket P.S  
3rd Emelia - Romsey P.S

### Grades 3 - 4

1st Wynter - Bolinda P.S  
2nd Tarryn - Hesket P.S  
3rd Emmie - Bolinda P.S

### Grades 5 - 6

1st Matisse - St. Mary's P.S  
2nd Lillian - Bolinda P.S  
3rd Jayden - Hesket P.S

All winners will have been notified and received their prize before the release of this publication. Congratulations to all!

Watch out in the next few months as we are holding another competition in time for Christmas - the prize will be our biggest yet!



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