



# The Romsey Rag

Volume: 38 Edition: 4

MAY 2020



When our **COMMUNITY** supports our **LOCAL BUSINESSES**, our **LOCAL BUSINESSES** can support our **COMMUNITY.**



**WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER...  
LET'S KEEP IT LOCAL!**

# EDITORIAL

## Committee

### PRESIDENT

Tony Lakey

### SECRETARY

Jane Nixon

### TREASURER

Karen Read  
Dianne Irvine

### EDITOR

Shauna Martin

### EDITORIAL ASSISTANTS

Sonia Martin  
Jane Nixon  
Tony Lakey

### GENERAL COMMITTEE

Roy Goodall  
Pam Neil  
Allan Irvine

## Welcome to the May Edition

We might be in lockdown but hopefully everyone is doing well. It's really important that we keep in touch with friends and family during this time; a simple call just to say "Hi" could be the highlight of someone's day. While there is the potential for boredom to set in, this could be the time to try something new. There are many resources online to learn new things, maybe now's the time to get to those jobs you always put off or hobbies that you haven't done in a while. I know spending more time at home, in between working of course, means my garden is getting a bit more attention than normal!

This edition is smaller than usual as our normal daily activities are currently under restriction or on hold. However some have found new ways to continue using the advances in technology. Not only that many of our local businesses have found new ways to still serve the community, particularly food operators who are all now offering takeaway options, so check them out.

Finally, thanks to Eileen French who suggested the community still put out flowers and wreaths around the cenotaph for ANZAC day. It was great to see the community coming together ANZAC morning at the bottom of their driveways and paying tribute to ADF members on their front gates and fences.

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

**[email@theromseyrag.com.au](mailto:email@theromseyrag.com.au)**

Please note articles should be restricted to 300-350 words plus/minus a picture. Articles will be edited as required. The editorial committee reserve the right not to print inflammatory or unsuitable materials.

**[www.theromseyrag.com.au](http://www.theromseyrag.com.au)**

## WHAT'S ON in & around Romsey

**1st May onwards** - Perfect time for planting vegetables!

**10th May** - Mother's Day. While you may not be able to visit your Mum this year, make sure to give her a call, Facetime or send her a little something in the mail. Check out our local businesses to see what they are offering!

**11th May** - Update from the State Government regarding the current lockdown strategies.





## Romsey Medical is open for business

It is important to maintain your health by consulting your doctor as usual.

It may be safer to visit the medical centre than to go supermarket.

This is what we are doing to keep you safe:

- Have a consultation with your doctor by telephone or video (telehealth) in your own home. Many health problems and care plans can be managed this way.
- Have your prescriptions repeated by telephone or video consultation and we will send to the pharmacy or to your home.
- Have your flu vaccination at our fluvac clinic which minimise your time in the centre.
- All patients attending the clinic are screened for fever and respiratory infection such as coughs, colds and flu. Patient with these infections are seen in a separate area of the clinic (respiratory clinic) and do not come in contact with our staff or other patients.
- We can test for coronavirus in the respiratory clinic.
- The respiratory clinic is cleaned and disinfected after every patient to protect our patients and staff
- Our waiting room complies with the social distancing recommendations.

**To find out more or book online go to: [www.romseymedical.com.au](http://www.romseymedical.com.au)**

## May In Your Garden - Melanie Kinsey



### **#gardeninghasnotbeencancelled**

Have you seen this hashtag?

Post this every time you go on social media! I suppose I am preaching to the converted, but it's important to get the message out – if you are stuck at home you do not have to resort to binge watching Netflix or cleaning the house again! Spending an hour in the garden is the equivalent of watching 3 hours of TV, baking 3 loaves of bread or walking around the block!! OK I made that up, but you get my drift!

It seems part of the message is getting out there; with the strong demand for vegetable seedlings and seed taking some nurseries by surprise. I have 6 polystyrene boxes filled with lettuce, coriander, parsley and silver beet. My vegetable garden is about to be destroyed so boxes it will have to be!

Plant what you know you will eat – no point planting broccoli if no one likes it! And if you are not sure what you are doing, go online and ask! There are so many Facebook pages offering free advice.

This month I am removing non-performing plants like a juniper that has been silently suffering and beseeching me for 15 years at least! I dug it up today and discovered that it was the victim of a heartwood rot – I wish I had seen that before now! I have also taken out Aloe 'Fairy Pink' which just can't cope with our winter frosts. It's going into a pot and under the verandah out of reach of Jack Frost. All the pots on the verandah and on the steps to the front door have been moved to the back of the verandah. Also, its time to sharpen your secateurs, loppers and saws for the winter pruning!

30+ YEARS

COBAW  
COMMUNITY  
HEALTH

Serving Macedon Ranges

**COBAW  
Community Health**

By telephone:  
1300 0 26229  
(1300 0 COBAW) or  
03 5421 1666

By fax: 03 5422 2161

Email:  
admin@cobaw.org.au

By mail:  
PO Box 146,  
Kyneton  
Vic 3444

Opening Hours:  
Monday-Friday  
9:00am-5:00pm

In person:  
47 High Street,  
Kyneton

## Community Choir Goes Online

The Cobaw *With One Voice Central Victoria* choir has recently celebrated one year since it's official launch on 27 March 2019. Celebrations weren't typical of this socially minded group as with new rules that restrict gatherings, the choir has now moved to the online platform Zoom where the members of the choir can come together at the same weekly time to connect, laugh and, of course sing!

Conducted by internationally acclaimed singer and musician Gabriel Macura, the *With One Voice Central Victoria* Choir was established with funding from Creativity Australia, the not for profit organisation behind the network of 25 *With One Voice* choirs across Australia.

The choir welcomes anyone who wants to sing regardless of their experience and there are no auditions and no requirement to be able to read music. The aim is to promote social connectedness and inclusion and improve the health and wellbeing of participants through the benefits of singing.

The Zoom choir has proved so successful that they have had two new members join who have found driving to Kyneton for practice difficult in the past and now they are able to access the choir.

"This has allowed us to rethink how we may move forward once we are able to reconvene in the future," said Carly Visscher, Cobaw's Community Connections Manager. "We have been most grateful to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council for its support in allowing us to use the Kyneton Mechanic's Institute for rehearsals but once Cobaw's new building at 1 Caroline Chisholm Drive Kyneton opens we will have access to new technology that will enable us to continue to offer online access to the choir."

Singing is said to make people happier, healthier, smarter and more creative and a recent Swinburne University study showed that 98% of *With One Voice* choir participants experienced less stress and 66% felt less depressed.

"Connecting with each other, even if it has to be online for the time being has never been more important," said Carly. "If we can provide a safe space where people can laugh and enjoy the health benefits of singing, then we are doing the best we can in a time where we are more isolated than ever."

If you are interested in giving the choir a go, please email [withonevoice@cobaw.org.au](mailto:withonevoice@cobaw.org.au) for more details.



## 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.

**Due to the Government Restrictions regarding the Corona Virus all activities of the Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club are in recess until further notice.**

**Visit our WEB-Site: [www.rlprobud.org.au](http://www.rlprobud.org.au)**

Contact: President: Tony 0408536290; Vice President: Allan 0408098428 or Secretary: Jeni 5429 5480

## The Field Trip

It's not too late to join our next online course of kindness for kids. Starts Sunday 24 May.

For young people aged 8-15 who want to connect with and contribute to their local and global community and participate in a youth community leadership program ONLINE. Because kindness, leadership and community matter now more than ever.

The Field Trip, based in the Macedon Ranges, sees a world where all young people embrace their unique powers to lead our communities. The Field Trip will achieve this vision by turning learners into leaders, providing young people with extraordinary adventures and empowering them to use their unique extraordinary powers to lead their communities. Because the world will be a better place if they do.

### How do we do this online?

What is your child passionate about? Singing, dancing, writing, cooking, drama, Lego, gardening, sustainability, learning languages, culture, computing or coding? Something else? Let us know. We invite your child to undertake a ten week course of kindness which aligns with their interests or passions, to contribute to, connect with and lead their community in a range of ways. The program is interactive with participants and provokes ideas to be kind to our communities over a ten week period (one school term). We offer weekly 'inspirations', exercises, communication, suggestions and provocations, tips, templates and resources, ideas for partnerships, skill development ideas, introductions to community leaders, as well as government and community organisations which exist to help you with your learning and community connection. It is something parents can have fun doing with their kids.

Some participants may wish to develop a community project as part of this process but either way, the focus is on learning about, connect with and being kind to the community around us.

Register here: [www.thefieldtrip.co/online](http://www.thefieldtrip.co/online)



Romsey  Dental

**03 5429 3322**

Romsey Dental are proud to introduce Dr Bethany, a new addition to our professional and friendly team. Darcy the Dragon is having his teeth checked and cleaned by Dr Bethany.



Veterans Affairs – Children's Dental Benefit Scheme (\$1000 for eligible children)  
Happy Gas for Anxious Patients – All Private Health Insurances Accepted

**41 Murphy St, Romsey**

## New Podiatrist in Romsey!

**Andrew Baddeley**

B.Pod, GradCert.DiabEd

Providing a local, quality and friendly service to help with;

- ✓ Foot Orthotics
- ✓ Diabetes care
- ✓ Sports injuries
- ✓ Children's feet
- ✓ Heel pain
- ✓ Toe pain

Located within Romsey Medical  
99 Main St, Romsey

For appointments please call 5429 5254



**RANGES**  
PODIATRY



## Library News

### Romsey Library The Hub

98 Main Street  
Romsey 3434  
Ph: 54293086

#### Opening hours

Monday 9.30am-5pm  
Tuesday 9.30am-5pm  
Wed 9.30am-5pm  
Thurs 9.30-6pm  
Friday 9.30-5pm  
Sat 9.30am-12.30pm

#### Sunday Closed

#### Library Services

Open up your horizons with Goldfields Libraries eLibrary! Goldfields Libraries eLibrary offers free access to a huge range of online learning and enjoyment opportunities for all

### ROMSEY LIBRARY IS HERE TO HELP!

While Romsey Library is physically closed, our staff are continuing to work from home.

### We are still available to help you with any enquiries you may have, including:

Book and eAudio suggestions  
Our eLibrary (including what it is, how to use it and what's available)  
Using the Internet  
Using a smart device (including iPad, smartphone or computer)

### To contact us, please send us an email with your name and contact number to: [romsey@ncgrl.vic.gov.au](mailto:romsey@ncgrl.vic.gov.au)

and we will contact you. If you do not have access to email, you can ask a friend or family member to email us on your behalf.

### BE CONNECTED: HELPING OLDER AUSTRALIANS THRIVE IN A DIGITAL WORLD

#### About Be Connected

Be Connected is an Australian Government initiative committed to increasing the confidence, skills and online safety of older Australians. Be Connected aims to empower everyone to use the internet and everyday technology to thrive in our digital world.

Through the Be Connected online resources, Australians will be able to learn the basics of using digital devices and engaging with the internet, including:

- Talking to and seeing family and friends
- Keeping up to date with news and what is happening around the world
- Being safer while online
- Finding new friends who share interests and hobbies
- Connecting with old friends
- Shopping and selling online, safely and securely

This fantastic portal provides free interactive learning activities, training courses, web apps and how-to videos. Goldfields Libraries is registered as a Be Connected network partner. <https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/>

#### Who is eligible?

Anyone aged 50 and over.

#### Contact Us

If you have any questions, need help with getting started on Be Connected or wish to register your interest for future courses please contact us via email: [romsey@ncgrl.vic.gov.au](mailto:romsey@ncgrl.vic.gov.au)

### eLIBRARY (ONLINE RESOURCES) AVAILABLE FREE TO LIBRARY MEMBERS

Get free access to 20,000 eResources through our eLibrary, including eBooks, audio books and training videos

### ACCESSING OUR eLIBRARY RESOURCES

Many of our online resources will prompt you to sign in. To do this, you must be a library member.

**Your login** is the barcode number on your library membership card.

**Your password/PIN** is usually your YEAR of birth.

**The library service** is Goldfields Libraries

**YOUR PASSWORD / PIN IS YOUR YEAR OF BIRTH.**  
Example, if you were born in 1958, your **PIN** would be 1958

**THE LIBRARY SERVICE IS**  
GOLDFIELDS LIBRARIES

**YOUR LOGIN IS THE BARCODE NUMBER ON YOUR LIBRARY CARD.**

Type in the whole number without any spaces

[WWW.NCGRL.VIC.GOV.AU](http://WWW.NCGRL.VIC.GOV.AU)

JOHN DOE



2 3550 00393 9771

### CAN'T FIND YOUR LIBRARY CARD?

If you're a member but don't have your library membership card or the barcode number, email us at [romsey@ncgrl.vic.gov.au](mailto:romsey@ncgrl.vic.gov.au) with your name and contact details and we'll get in touch with you to confirm your login number and PIN/password.



### Romsey Library on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com.au/>

### NOT A LIBRARY MEMBER?

Joining the library is easy and only takes a few minutes.

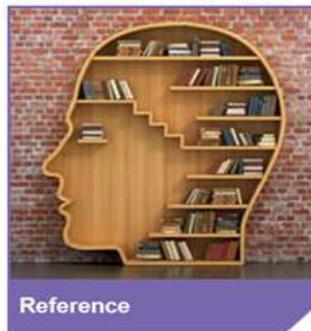
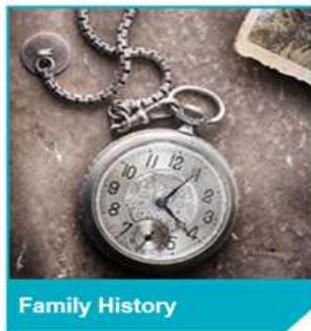
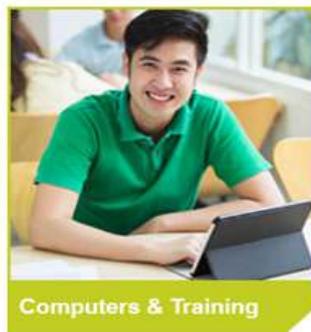
Here's how:

Visit our website: [www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au](http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au) and click on **Join the Library** on the right-hand side of the screen. \*\*Please ensure you include your phone number/s and email address as a way for us to contact you. We will then be in touch to update your membership with a barcode similar to the one shown on the card above.

## eLIBRARY (ONLINE RESOURCES) AVAILABLE FREE TO LIBRARY MEMBERS

Get free access to 20,000 eResources through our eLibrary, including eBooks, audio books and training videos.

### eLibrary Resources by Category



### eLibrary Resources at a Glance

- Books & Audio**
- BorrowBox
  - RBdigital Audiobooks
  - uLibrary

- Newspapers & Magazines**
- Choice Magazine
  - Press Reader
  - RBdigital Magazines
  - The Age
  - The Australian Financial Review
  - The Sydney Morning Herald

- Kids**
- Animalia
  - Busy Things
  - Kanopy Kids
  - Languagenut
  - Story Box Library
  - Sunshine Online
  - Tumble Book Library
  - Typing Tournament Online

- Computers & Training**
- The Computer School
  - Typing Tournament Online

- Languages**
- IELTS Academic
  - IELTS General
  - Languagenut
  - Mango Languages

- Music, Film & Dance**
- Beamafilm
  - Freegal
  - Kanopy

- Family History**
- Ancestry
  - Australian National Archives
  - Find My Past
  - Goldfields Libraries Historic Rates Index
  - Goldfields Libraries History Research Guides
  - Public Records Office of Victoria
  - Trove

- Reference**
- Britannica Library
  - Law Help Guide
  - The Law Handbook
  - What do I call the Judge?

## Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens Bendigo Bank Monthly Bus Trips



Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, the Romsey/Lancefield Seniors Citizens' Club will be closed until further notice. As soon as we are able to reconvene our regular lunches and our monthly bus trips, we will let you know.

We look forward to seeing you all in the future.

Take care of yourselves, stay at home and stay safe.

Remember if you need assistance you can contact Lancefield/Romsey Community Support on 0491 243 996.

For further information please contact Helen on 0409 064 303 or Rae on 0408 338 759.



Proudly supported by  
**Lancefield & Romsey  
 Community Bank** Branches **Bendigo Bank**



# History of the Mountview Theatre, Macedon



As the stage is currently empty and waiting with great anticipation for the next show to start rehearsing, I thought readers would like to know more about the history of The Mountview Theatre in Macedon.

In 1972 local resident, Neville Thurgood gathered together a group of locals to form The Mount Players with the intention of entering a one act play in the Kyneton Daffodil Festival. This began what is now a vibrant, active community drawing talent from far and wide. The newly formed theatre company continued to perform one act plays but had no permanent home. In 1975 they obtained a lease for the old Macedon Presbyterian Church located where the current theatre is today. Between 1975 and 1977 with a grant from the State Ministry for the Arts for \$8,000, members of the company together with local business groups donated their time and goods to convert the church into a tiny, cosy theatre with a seating capacity of 50. The theatre officially opened in 1977 with The Golden Legion of Cleaning Woman.

Between 1978 and 1982 the company went on to produce a wider range of performances including murder mysteries, comedies, musicals and pantomimes.

In February 1983 on Ash Wednesday, tragedy struck when the theatre along with many members' homes were destroyed. Original memoirs, photographs and programmes were also lost. So began another period of being homeless

which saw the company perform in venues such as The Mechanics Hall Gisborne, Wooling Hill in New Gisborne, The Arts Centre in Kyneton, Gisborne Secondary College and The Macedon Family Hotel.



In 1985, the now vacant land was now transferred to the ownership of the Shire of Gisborne and TMP entered into a

21 year lease as tenants of the land and any said buildings.

In 1986 following an intensive period of fundraising, building of the new theatre began. A local, professional builder took on the building part time with members helping with the more mundane jobs to help complete the project.

In 1987 the company was greatly saddened by the sudden loss of their then-President, Margaret Woods and former secretary and Life Member, Fred Blake.

As work continued it became clear that there weren't going to be enough funds to complete the theatre so, in 1989 an agreement was entered into with the Shire of Gisborne whereby the Shire owned the building and The Mount Players were given exclusive occupancy of the theatre and were to manage and maintain the building from thereon.

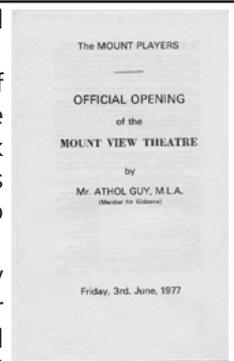
In November 1990 the new Mountview Theatre officially opened with the performance of Scrooge. The rest, as they say "is history".

The Mount Players have continued to produce 4 quality productions a year, an annual one act play festival and with the introduction of a Youth Theatre in 2007 it's future is rosy. How lucky are we to have this incredible theatre on our door step?

All we need now is to clear this virus so we can return to doing what we love the most, bringing live theatre to our audiences.

If you would like to read about the history in more detail and see photographs of past productions we invite you to our website [www.themountplayers.com](http://www.themountplayers.com)

See you at the theatre.....soon I hope!



By Karen Hunt

## Information about the Coronavirus (Covid- 19)

- Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that may cause illness in animals or humans. CoVID-19 is a new coronavirus that can cause illness similar to the common cold or more seriously, severe respiratory conditions such as SARS (Severe acute respiratory syndrome)
  - » The most common symptoms reported include: Fever, breathing difficulties, cough, sore throat and fatigue/tiredness. **Phone your GP first** if you need medical attention. Otherwise, the national Covid-19 triage hotline is 1800 020 080 or 1800 675 398 for the DHHS dedicated hotline.
- The coronavirus is spread through
  - » Close contact with an infected person (Close contact is defined as >15min face to face or sharing of a closed space for >2 hours with them)
  - » Touching objects or services that have been contaminated from a cough or sneeze of an infected person, before proceeding to touch your mouth or face.
- Ways to reduce your risk
  - » Washing hands often with soap and running water for at least 20 seconds. Dry with paper towel.
  - » Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue.
  - » The current recommendation is that there is no need to wear a face mask if you are well
  - » This may be a good time to quit smoking. Healthy habits such as exercise, drinking plenty of water and getting plenty of sleep will help your immune system.
  - » Get the flu shot (Available April)
  - » **If you are ill, stay at home.**
- In regards to prescription medicines, it is important to know that **panic buying of medicines is unnecessary**. This is critical as stockpiling medicines would lead to an unintended disruption of supply to others that are in need.





Community Bank · Romsey

# We're here for you

Bendigo Bank has committed itself to the care and wellbeing of Australian communities for over 160 years. Now, more than ever, we're here to help see you through COVID-19.

**Talk to us about how we can help.**

**Call us on 5429 5526 or search Bendigo Bank Romsey.**

 **Bendigo Bank**

## Lockdown Humour

### Report just in!

<p>Out-of-Towners seen queueing at the "closed" Romsey supermarket during the early days of plundering. We are not sure how long they waited there.</p> <p>I ordered a chicken and an egg from Amazon. I will let you know.</p> <p>Home Schooling: Sit the kids in front of the TV, Mute the sound and turn on Subtitles. Boom, they're reading!</p> <p>We are 3 weeks away from knowing everyone's true hair colour.</p> <p>Some people are not shaking hands because of Covid19. I'm not shaking hands because everyone is out of toilet paper.</p> <p>Aren't we glad this lockdown didn't happen in the days of dial-up internet and no social media.</p> <p>Got to the stage of lockdown where Jolene can come and take my man!</p> <p>Half of us are going to come out of this quarantine as amazing cooks. The other half will come out with a drinking problem. (I certainly won't be an amazing cook – now I'm worried about the latter)</p> <p>I used to spin that toilet paper like I was on Wheel of Fortune. Now I turn it like I'm cracking a safe. (Either way I would come away with nothing)</p> <p>I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.</p> <p>Still haven't decided where to go for Easter ----- The Living Room or The Bedroom (Decided to have an OS trip. (Over the Step) went out to the back yard)</p> <p>PSA: every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pyjamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.</p>	<p>Homeschooling is going well. 2 students suspended for fighting and 1 teacher fired for drinking on the job.</p> <p>I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clocks we'd go from Standard Time to the Twilight Zone</p> <p>This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, told my dog..... we laughed a lot.</p> <p>So, after this quarantine.....will the producers of My 600 Pound Life just find me or do I find them?</p> <p>Quarantine Day 5: Went to this restaurant called THE KITCHEN. You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have no clue how this place is still in business.</p> <p>My body has absorbed so much soap and disinfectant lately that when I pee it cleans the toilet.</p> <p>Day 5 of Homeschooling: One of these little monsters called in a bomb threat.</p> <p>I'm so excited --- it's time to take out the garbage. What should I wear?</p> <p>I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to Puerto Bakyarda. I'm getting tired of Los Living-room.</p> <p>Classified Ad: Single man with toilet paper seeks woman with hand sanitiser for good clean fun.</p> <p>Day 6 of Homeschooling: My child just said "I hope I don't have the same teacher next year".... I'm offended.</p> <p>Better 6 feet apart than 6 feet under</p> <p>KEEP SMILING</p>
---	---

## The Poem

*Author : Pam Ayres*

<p>I'm normally a social girl I love to meet my mates But lately with the virus here We can't go out the gates.</p> <p>You see, we are the 'oldies' now We need to stay inside If they haven't seen us for a while They'll think we've upped and died.</p> <p>They'll never know the things we did Before we got this old There wasn't any Facebook So not everything was told.</p> <p>We may seem sweet old ladies Who would never be uncouth But we grew up in the 60s - If you only knew the truth!</p> <p>There was sex and drugs and rock 'n roll The pill and miniskirts We smoked, we drank, we partied And were quite outrageous flirts.</p>	<p>Then we settled down, got married And turned into someone's mum, Somebody's wife, then nana, Who on earth did we become?</p> <p>We didn't mind the change of pace Because our lives were full But to bury us before we're dead Is like a red rag to a bull!</p> <p>So here you find me stuck inside For four weeks, maybe more I finally found myself again Then I had to close the door!</p> <p>It didn't really bother me I'd while away the hour I'd bake for all the family But I've got no flaming flour!</p> <p>Now Netflix is just wonderful I like a gutsy thriller I'm swooning over Idris Or some random sexy killer.</p>	<p>So let's all drink to lockdown To recovery and health And hope this awful virus Doesn't decimate our wealth.</p> <p>We'll all get through the crisis And be back to join our mates Just hoping I'm not far too wide To fit through the flaming gates!</p> <p><i>Pam Ayres is 73 years old now and still going strong.</i></p>
--	--	--



## Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke Favourite Quince Recipes



Quinces are in (ripe) at the moment - or they are in my garden. If you don't have quinces in your garden, or if you don't have a garden, you can buy quince paste (usually one eats it with cheese). But if you do have quinces, follow the instructions and serve it with some barbecued lamb or whatever you like. Here's a bit on Quinces I wrote in my Food Encyclopedia.

'Today, apart from at the bottom of your grandmother's garden, it is practically impossible to find a quince tree as they are the least grown fruit tree in Australia ... and in fact the world. That, in my opinion, is a bloody shame. But in the days of yore they were essential in any orchard. In fact they are one of the earliest known garden fruits.

It's been written that it was the fragrance of the quince which Adam used to lure Eve ...or was it the other way around? Anyway, our ancient ancestors believed that if the happy couple at a wedding ate quince, they were assured of everlasting happiness.

It is my belief they spread from ancient Greece, through Rome to the rest of Europe. They were a favourite of Joan of Arc. When she rode into Orleans, the people who flocked to see her presented the young lass with prepared quinces.

The French still prepare them simply by cooking them and often add them to apples which they invariably make into a pie.

An Italian favourite is quince cooked with sugar and formed into a paste that is served with stracchino cheese. The dish is called Romeo and Juliet - the tart flavour of the cheese being Romeo and the sweet quince being Juliet.'

### LAMB AND QUINCE

1 leg of lamb, about 2 kg;  
2 garlic cloves;  
2 sprigs fresh thyme;  
freshly ground black pepper;  
8 tablespoons butter;  
2 tablespoons olive oil;  
4 quinces;  
Juice of 1 lemon;  
1 tablespoon sugar.

Peel and chop the garlic cloves and strip the leaves from the thyme sprig. Make small cuts in the leg of lamb and push the leaves and garlic into them. Sprinkle all over with freshly ground black pepper. Lay the leg in a baking dish in which you've put the olive oil and half the butter and roast in the oven at 200 degc for about 45 minutes.

Whilst the lamb is cooking, peel the quinces, core them and chop roughly. Drop them into a frying pan with the rest of the butter and cook them for a few minutes, stirring from time to time. Add the lemon juice and a splash of water and continue cooking for another 20 minutes, or until they've softened. Then stir in the sugar.

Serve the quinces and the liquid alongside the sliced cooked lamb.

### QUINCE PASTE

2 kg quinces;  
1/4 cup water;  
2 cups sugar;  
Almond oil.

Cut the quinces into quarters (don't peel or core them) and cook them gently in the water till they're soft (about 45 minutes). Stir them from time to time using a wooden spoon. When they're cooked, push them through a sieve and get rid of the skin and seeds. Weigh the flesh then put it back into the saucepan with the same weight of sugar and a few drops of almond oil and cook over a low heat, without a lid and stirring all the time, till the mixture's thickened (about 40 minutes).

Spread the mixture into a baking dish which you've oiled - it



should make a layer about 2.5 cm thick - cover it with a tea towel once it's cooled and leave it for a couple of weeks. It'll become very firm. Then cut it into pieces about 3 or 4 cm square and pop them into an airtight container. They'll keep for up to 3 months.

But if you want something simple, which will enhance anything, try this quince spread.

### QUINCE SPREAD

4 cloves garlic;  
250 g quince paste;  
2/3 cup olive oil;  
1/3 cup lemon juice;  
Salt;  
Freshly ground black pepper.

Mash together the quince paste and the peeled, crushed garlic in a large bowl. Whisk in the oil and, when you've used all the oil, whisk in the lemon juice, a little salt and some freshly ground black pepper.

Keep whisking till the mixture's smooth. It doesn't matter if it becomes lumpy along the way - just keep whisking. It'll keep in the fridge for about 6 weeks - but take it out of the fridge a little while before using it - it's best at room temperature.



## **FREE FLU VACCINATION AVAILABLE NOW AT ROMSEY MEDICAL CENTRE**

### **HEALTH AUTHORITIES & ROMSEY MEDICAL RECOMMEND EARLY INFLUENZA VACCINATION TO:**

- REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH INFLUENZA TO FREE OUR HOSPITALS TO TREAT CORONAVIRUS PATIENTS.
- PREVENT PEOPLE CATCHING FLU AND CORONAVIRUS AT THE SAME TIME.

### **FREE VACCINATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR:**

- PEOPLE 65 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER
  - CHILDREN 6 MONTHS TO 5 YEARS OF AGE
  - PREGNANT WOMEN
  - ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER OVER 6 MONTHS OF AGE
  - PEOPLE WITH LONG TERM ILLNESS SUCH AS DIABETES, HEART DISEASE, SEVERE ASTHMA
- SEE OUR WEBSITE TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY- [www.romseymedical.com.au](http://www.romseymedical.com.au)

**Patients who don't qualify for a free vaccine can have a flu vaccine administered for \$25 at Romsey Medical. Tel: (03) 54 295 254.**

### **Advice from the Australian Veterinary Association Regarding Pets of COVID-19 Positive/At-Risk Humans**

- The current spread of COVID-19 is a result of human to human transmission.
- There is no evidence that companion animals can spread the disease to humans or other animals.
- There have been no reports of the virus in domestic animals or wildlife in Australia.
- The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) advises there is no justification in taking measures against companion animals which may compromise their welfare.

**Romsey Veterinary Surgery** is still open but have implemented some precautions to protect their staff and clients.

On your arrival to the clinic, you will find the front door locked but just give them a call on **5429 5711** or **ring the afterhours door bell** located at the front door.

More details about the changes can be found by visiting their Facebook page or giving them a call.

Stay safe everyone!

### **Colouring for the Kids**

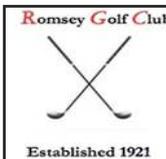


# Romsey Golf Club, Men's & Women's Reports

Park Lane, Romsey  
PO Box 200, Romsey 3434

www.romseygolfclub.net  
mail@romseygolfclub.net

President 0417 088 891  
Secretary 0400 768 040



**Late on Friday Mar 27th** all Victorian golf clubs received a directive from GolfAus to close all club activities until at least April 13th. Earlier in the week the Shire, who owns the shared Golf/Bowls clubrooms had closed all its pavilions & other facilities. Members have been able to maintain the course & Romsey Park in general but no RGC golf has been played. Special thanks to Steve Wilkins, Scott Williams, Bob McLennan, John Freestone, John Laing, Clive Mensforth, Andrew Clement Hugh Drummond & Bruce Robb for their efforts in these difficult times.

**Our women** have enjoyed a very successful start to the year. Until the advent of "that virus", they had picked up wins at the Hidden Valley Bowl & Seymour's Phyllis Williams Bowl.

**The Algie Mitchell Shield**, the club's oldest shield, was well underway when courses were closed. Looks like we will have

to wait quite a while to see who the 2020 champion is. Special mention to 88 yr old Bob Dwyer who has made it to the semi-finals.

**Pennant Golf;** the whole club was looking forward to the season but Covid-19 had other ideas and our three teams will have to wait and see just what eventuates



*Hidden Valley & Seymour Bowl  
Winners Wendy Gosden, Darlene  
Baker & Jenny Hartley*

## RGC Weekly Competition Results:

<b>Mar 25-Stroke</b>	Wendy Gosden-104/28/76, Beryl Cole - 103/26/77, Jenny Hartley - 101/23/78
<b>Mar 21 - Stableford</b>	Steve Wilkins (17) – 39pts from Scott Williams (15) – 36pts
<b>Mar 18th – Ambrose, "The Old Course"</b>	J Vennel/C Mee/D O'Meara/D Baker -46/10.08/35.92, D Brennan/R Stevens/ L Robb/B Cole - 50/10/40, S Stevens/L Murchison/W Gosden/J Hartley - 52/8.83/43.17

For more detailed reports please go to; <http://www.romseygolfclub.net/results/2020/>



## Flushed rags causing network damage says Western Water

Western Water is reminding customers to only flush the three Ps - pee, poo and (toilet) paper – down the toilet, after experiencing major network issues across the region caused by some residents flushing rags.

At one site, the Western Water network was so badly damaged that two pumps needed replacing.

Over the last few weeks, Western Water has increased its advertising across social media, shopping centres and community papers to remind their customers of what not to flush.

But Western Water's Acting Chief Operating Officer, Paul Clark, said despite the increased advertising there still some people flushing unsuitable items down the loo.

"We're grateful for the many people who are doing the right thing, but unfortunately there are still a few who are flushing the wrong items", said Mr Clark.

"Wipes, tissues, paper towels rags and newspapers should never be flushed down the toilet."

Residents could face expensive plumbing bills if their pipes were to get blocked.

"If you need to use something other than toilet paper, then throw it in the bin instead," Mr Clark said. "If you have already flushed the wrong items, we recommend that you consult a qualified plumber."



Western Water is also appealing to members of the community to share the message amongst their networks where possible, including their parents and friends.

"We all have a role to play in keeping our sewerage network healthy, particularly in these challenging times," said Mr Clark.

"What we flush down the toilet impacts everyone and flushing the wrong items can cause sewer spills in our homes, our neighbourhood or public spaces, like parks".

"We are asking our customers, to please think before you flush. It's vital for the liveability of our region."

To find out more – visit the website [www.westernwater.com.au/whatnottoflush](http://www.westernwater.com.au/whatnottoflush)



### Encourage Church

Romsey Office:  
7 Mitchell Court Romsey  
Ph (03) 5429 6327

office@encouragechurch.com.au  
www.encouragechurch.com.au

At Encourage Church, we are all about people. God commands us to love one another and by this shall all men know that we are His. We hope to see you at one of our services or events soon.

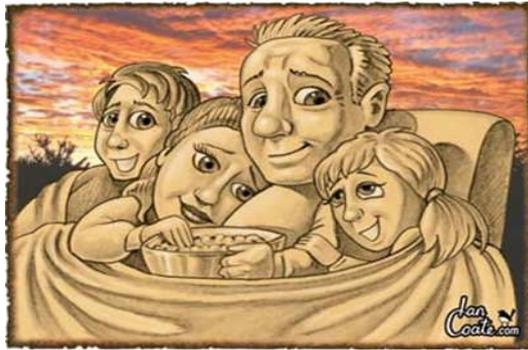
Worship service Sunday 10am  
Fortnightly life groups  
Youth events  
Weekly children's program

Find us on Instagram and Facebook using the following @encouragechurchromsey



## PASTOR'S PARABLES

### NO EXCUSE This Mother's Day



Often, the reason we don't have excellent relationships in life is because we have taken our loved ones for granted in pursuit of other things.

We have forgotten what is important. The Covid19 Isolation rules are beginning to expose this fact in many lives.

Mothers / Wives are often the prime example of Neglect. Subtly, the things in our worlds intrude and Mums are taken for granted.

We understand the value of our wives when we first fall in love, and Mums when a baby comes along. Yet as time passes, they are often taken for granted. Bit by bit, Dads and Children, particularly when they grow up, become far too busy pursuing personal ambitions than desiring to be in the company of their Mothers who will always love and hold a special place for them in her heart.

A good ambition for life is to spend as much time as possible in the company of loved ones.

Regarding God, if we say we love Him, we should naturally desire to spend as much time in His company as possible. This does not mean we hang around a church 24/7. God is omnipresent (everywhere simultaneously), so wherever we go – there He is. We can include God in everything we think and do. When we are excited about the wonder of life – we can praise Him. When we are sad or worried – we can confide in Him. When we are stressed or fearful – we can confidently hand our problems to Him.

As we get to know God, our prayer life should lose its religious-ritual and become a long conversation with a Loved One that never ends. This is the relationship our Heavenly Father wants with us.

If we keep God as our first love, it will result in a better relationship with our Wives and Mums. We will start seeing them through God's eyes. We will have peace; we will be more caring, tolerant and interested in their lives and not just ours.

This Mother's Day in particular, there is no excuse not to lavish our Mums with our love – even from a distance.

Why not let this time of Isolation from the many things that 'used to' be a great priority in our lives, be a time to think of creative ideas to give our Wives and Mums something they have missed out on in the past. . . . OUR TIME!

With Social Media facetime etc. we could even check in with her more than once on her Special day!!

### THE ASCENSION

This great event in the Christian calendar falls on a weekday, Thursday, so is often overlooked.

Nevertheless, it is a very important one. We are now drawing near to the completion of Jesus's mission for our salvation which began at Christmas, leading on to the Cross of Good Friday and then his Resurrection on that first Easter Day. Then for the next forty days He met with His followers and many others encouraging them and teaching them. He gave them several commands and promises.

"All authority has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." He promised He would be with them always until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18ff).

This was His directive to His infant Church to go out and tell others the glorious Good News of the Gospel - that belief in Him brings forgiveness of our sins and the power to resist sin in our day to day lives, so becoming changed persons in Christ.

Another command was, "Do not leave Jerusalem but wait for the gift my Father has promised, which you have heard me speak about." {Acts 1:4} Then time was up and it was time to say goodbye - as He rose from the earth, until covered by a cloud, He returned to the glory of Heaven. He had come from heaven as the Eternal Word and returned to heaven as the Incarnate Word, taking His humanity with Him into the God Head, pure and undefiled.

To the watchers, there appeared a man in white, saying, "This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back

in the same way you have seen Him go into Heaven." {Acts 1:11b.} We still await that great day!

Jesus is now seated at the right hand of God, in glory with the Father, where He reigns and rules over us.

As the knights of old knelt before their liege lords on their swords and avowed their allegiance, so we kneel and pledge our love and loyalty to our Lord Jesus Christ, Who reigns supreme, Who loves us and gave Himself for us. "See Him, Who has gone before us, Heavenly mansions to prepare, See Him, Who is ever pleading for us with prevailing prayer, See Him with sound off trumpet and with angelic train Summoning the world to Judgment, on the clouds will come again."

Bishop C. Wordsworth.

We are pleased to report that Ken Cormick is home from hospital following his disastrous fall. Over \$300 was forwarded to Bush Church Aid from the Box openings. Thank you all.

We are in isolation because of this insidious virus yet we are adapting to the changes in our lifestyles and benefiting from them. God works in a mysterious way His wonder to perform, the poet wrote and although church doors were closed over this Easter season, His Church still met in Christian fellowship together around His Throne of Grace, thanks to modern technology and broadcast throughout the world.

We are meeting via a 'phone hook-up ably led by our vicar, Rev. Judi Pollard.

St. Paul wrote when he was chained and in prison in Rome, "Remember Jesus Christ raised from the dead. This is my Gospel for which I am suffering in chains like a criminal. But God's Word is not chained." {2nd Timothy 2:8-9}



### The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Lancefield and St. Paul's Romsey

Correspondent:  
Doreen Morgan

Parish Office: 5429 1830

Minister: Rev. Judi Pollard  
Mobile: 0402 268 001

Email: judepol@bigpond.net.au

### ASCENSION DAY

Thurs. 21st May.

### WHITSUNDAY/PENTECOST

Sun. 31st May.

May God watch over us all and keep us safe during this testing time as we put our faith and trust in Him.

**Due to the Government Restrictions regarding the Corona Virus the Romsey Uniting Church is closed and all church activities have ceased until further notice.**

**Psalm 23 (NRSV) – an affirmation of faith as we shelter at home**

**23:1a The LORD is my shepherd,**

*You are my loving shepherd, and I celebrate my place in your flock, even while we are sitting apart from each other you gather us together in love, you know us and call us by name.*

**23:1b I shall not want.**

*While around me I see panic about not having enough, I am reminded that you provide what I need; through the memory of your goodness, through the kindness of my neighbours, through your living word enfolding me.*

**23:2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**

*In this time of sheltering at home, I can enjoy the blessing of rest and the delight of immersing in stillness knowing that I am not alone, your gentle encouragement fills me, I drink deeply, until I sleep.*

**23:3 he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**

*You refresh me with wonder, and I notice small mercies; soft textures, rich words, melodic laughter, sweet sounds. You direct my thinking and walking, my working and talking so that I might bring a blessing in your name.*

**23:4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff– they comfort me.**

*Even when I am afraid and lonely, at the end of my coping, you are with me, steadying my breathing, bringing me back, reminding me of your strength beside me.*

**23:5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

*You lay out a feast of goodness when I open my eyes to see it, dismissing the doubters with your abundance. You bless me with generous, gurgling grace and I can't hold it all within me. It spills out, flowing to others, drenching them in delight.*

**23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long**

*Bless whatever happens in my shadow, each day, while I keep my face to the light. Living in your household I am recognised, loved, and held, each moment and for ever. Amen*

*Permission to share - Jennie Gordon, March 2020*



**The Uniting Church in Australia**

**Macedon Ranges Partnership**

Romsey Congregation  
25 Pohlman Street,  
Romsey. 3434  
(P.O. Box 264)

Chairperson  
Mr. Noel Shaw  
5429 5509

Secretary  
Mrs. Jenifer Clampit  
5429 5480

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts and homes.  
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.  
God comes to us, each and every one.  
God bless you every day.*

**MASS TIMES**

As per instructions by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and the relevant health authorities, all public liturgies have ceased until further notice. This includes all Masses and Communion Services usually celebrated at St. Mary's in Lancefield and Romsey.

**FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS**

If you need the services of Fr. Martin to arrange a funeral, please phone him directly on 0400 439 918.

**WORSHIP FROM HOME – HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN MASS ONLINE**

- St. Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne, daily Mass at 1pm, Sunday Mass 11am.
- Watch this at <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>
- Via facebook <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicArchdioceseofMelbourne>
- The Archdiocese youtube channel at [www.youtube.com/archmelb](http://www.youtube.com/archmelb)
- Channel 31 daily Mass – check guide for times
- Mass for you at home is broadcast on network Ten on Sundays and Aurora Channel on Foxtel every day.  
<https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>
- Fr. Vinoth streaming live on Sundays via <https://www.facebook.com/St-Brigids-Parish>

A weekly email is being sent to parishioners with updates and news regarding our parish. If you would like to be included on the mailing list, please send a message to [lancefield@cam.org.au](mailto:lancefield@cam.org.au)



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

27-29 Chauncey St, Lancefield  
& 85 Main Rd, Romsey  
[lancefield@cam.org.au](mailto:lancefield@cam.org.au)

Parish Priest	Fr. Martin Fleming C/O Woodend Presbytery 5427 2690
Supply Priest	Fr. Daryl Montecillo C/O Woodend Presbytery 5427 2690
Parish Secretary	Mrs. Tammie Dalgleish 5429 2130
School Secretary	Ms. Julie McDougall 5429 1359
School Website	<a href="http://www.smlancefield.catholic.edu.au">www.smlancefield.catholic.edu.au</a>

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

- Monday 8th June Queen's Birthday
- Friday 25th September Friday before the AFL Grand Final
- Tuesday 3rd November Melbourne Cup
- Friday 25th December Christmas Day
- Saturday 26th December Boxing Day

# BUSINESS & TRADE DIRECTORY

## ACCOUNTANTS & BOOKKEEPING

**BOOKKEEPING** BOOKKEEPING SERVICES - TEL: 0421 665 655



**Our Clients Include:**

- Hospitality
- Commercial Printing
- Earth Moving Contractors
- Manufacturing
- Fitness & Personal Training
- Couriers
- Property Management & Development

Remote & Onsite Services **myob** | AUTHORIZED PARTNER

## KRAMMER ACCOUNTANTS

Email: [wkrammer@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wkrammer@bigpond.net.au)

W.F (Bill) KRAMMER FPNA

**Essendon** Suite 7, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 902 Mt Alexander road Essendon  
Tel: (03) 93260211 Fax: (03) 93700759  
**Romsey** 106 Main street Romsey 3434  
Tel: (03) 54295477 Fax: 54296778  
**Sunbury** rear of 36 Macedon Street (PO box 96) Sunbury 3429  
Tel/Fax (03)87469890

## AUTO

**WE BUY**  
**CAR - CARAVAN - MOTORHOME**  
**0418 183 360**

Cash - Bank Cheque - Finance Paid Out - EFT

**SELL TODAY**

LMCT 10132 SHD 0015048

## ELECTRICAL



- Commercial & Domestic feasibility assessments
- Project Management

[info@bluetonguesolar.com](mailto:info@bluetonguesolar.com)  
Ph: 5428 5390

## ELECTRICAL

**CJ BROMLEY**  
**ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR**  
For All Your Electrical Requirements

Split Systems, Garages, Rewires, Extensions  
Switch Board Up Grades

**SOLAR PV SYSTEMS**

Design, installation & maintenance  
[colinjbromley@gmail.com](mailto:colinjbromley@gmail.com)

**M: 0419 580 380**  
**Ph: 03 5429 5938**




## HOME & GARDEN

**CENTRAL TREE CARE**

Professional Tree Service  
**BRADLEY NUTTALL**  
Adv. Cert. of Arboriculture

Travel Tower  
Wood Chipper  
Tree Climbing  
Stump Removal

18 Palmer Street,  
Romsey, 3434  
Phone/Fax: (03) 5429 5549  
Mobile: 0409 023 282



## HOME & GARDEN cont.

**Quick-Fix Services**

- Small Repairs & Construction
- Labour Hire
- Light Fabrication
- Home Maintenance

Fully Insured  
ABN: 74 565 332 611

**Colin Showler**  
Mob **0419 322 921**  
Email [c.showler@inbox.com](mailto:c.showler@inbox.com)  
6 Gwen Place Lancefield 3435



## SHERIDAN BLINDS & AWNINGS

Your Local Window Covering Specialists  
Blinds \* Curtains \* Awnings \* Plantation Shutters \* E Zips

Call David or Lee for a professional obligation free  
measure and quote

**0419034941 | 0417526844**

**sheridanblinds.com.au**

# BUSINESS & TRADE DIRECTORY

## MAINTENANCE

**NORTH WEST HOSE & FITTINGS**

ABN 98 452 942 518

**Paul Fabris**  
 M 0411 554 368  
 E [nwhandf@primus.com.au](mailto:nwhandf@primus.com.au)  
 A 1792 Romsey Road, Romsey, Vic 3434

**Hydraulink**  
 Hose and Fittings

**Best under pressure**

## REAL ESTATE

**first national** REAL ESTATE | Kilmore & Broadford

**Denis Linehan** CAR REIV  
 SALES CONSULTANT

MOBILE 0421 828 511  
 PHONE (03) 5782 1433 FAX (03) 5782 2230  
 EMAIL [sales@kilmorefn.com.au](mailto:sales@kilmorefn.com.au)  
 WEB [www.kilmorerealestate.com.au](http://www.kilmorerealestate.com.au)

## VETERINARY SERVICES



**Romsey Veterinary Surgery**

80 Main Street admin@romseyvet.com.au  
 Romsey 3434 www.romseyvet.com.au  
 5429 5711

**Open 7 Days • 24hr Emergency Service**

## WRITING SERVICES

- Writing & Editing Services
- Writing Classes & Coaching
- Speaking Engagements

**Get it right for professional impact!**

0407 901 008  
[liliane@lilianegrace.com](mailto:liliane@lilianegrace.com)

  
**Liliane Grace**  
 • Award-winning author  
 • Writing tutor since 1987  
 • Dynamic speaker

## PLUMBING

 **MURPHYS PLUMBING VIC**

- Hot Water Units
- Gas Fitting
- Split Systems
- Hydronic Heating
- Rain Water Systems
- Bathroom & Kitchen Renovations
- Roofing & Drainage

**Servicing Macedon Ranges**  
 No job too small

**Paul Murphy 0438 298 659**  
[murphysplumbingvic@gmail.com](mailto:murphysplumbingvic@gmail.com)

## WOOD SERVICES

 **SPLIT RED GUM FIREWOOD** 

\*LPG 45kg Cylinders Rental Free -\*  
**PH MANNY 0418-570-249**  
 Yard Sales Ph Amanda 0438-570-249  
 Email [sales@romseyfirewood.com.au](mailto:sales@romseyfirewood.com.au)  
 Credit Cards Accepted  
 547 Lancefield Tooborac Rd Lancefield

## VACANT SPACE

**If you want to promote you business contact us to see how easy it is to advertise.**

**[email@theromseyrag.com.au](mailto:email@theromseyrag.com.au)**

# ADVERTISING

## Romsey Rag - Memberships/Charges - Feb 2020 – Dec 2020

### Full Year Not For Profit Community Group Memberships

#### Not For Profit 1. - \$50.00 pa.

- up to five (5) monthly 300 – 400 word ½ page reports (reports may be edited to fit the ½ page space).
- One 1/4 page Ad/flyer (black & white) per year and
- inclusion of activities in the monthly “Romsey, What's On” column.

#### Not For Profit 2 - \$100.00 pa.

- up to eleven (11) monthly 300 - 400 word ½ page reports, (reports may be edited to fit the ½ page space).
- One ½ page or two 1/4 page Ad/event flyers (black & white) per year and
- inclusion of activities in the monthly “Romsey, What's On” column.

If a Not For Profit Community group would like submit a one-off ½ page report or flyer the charge will be \$25.00

Anyone who has any questions re these rates please contact; [payablesromseyrag@gmail.com](mailto:payablesromseyrag@gmail.com)

### Commitment Forms (Feb 2020 – December 2020)

**Community, Not For Profit (NFP) Group Name :** \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the option of your choice.

<b>NFP 1</b>	Up to 5 ½ page reports	<b>NFP 2</b>	Up to 11 ½ page reports	<b>FP</b>
\$50.00		\$100.00		Please circle the required package

Name; \_\_\_\_\_ Signed; \_\_\_\_\_

#### For Profit (FP) Charges/Memberships. Please circle the option of your choice.

2020 Advertising Rates Please circle	One Off Ad	For Profit Memberships Please circle		
		3 months	6 months	11 months
Public Notice	\$15.00	\$94.50	\$178.50	\$308.00
Business card	\$35.00	\$175.50	\$331.50	\$572.00
Quarter page	\$65.00	\$324.00	\$612.00	\$1,056.00
Half Page	\$120.00	\$540.00	\$1,020.00	\$1,760.00
Full page	\$200.00	Saving 10%	Saving 15%	Saving 20%
Classifieds	\$15.00	Item description (15 words), cost, location & contact info		
<b>Front page sponsorship - colour</b>	\$240.00	<b>One-off Ads - Colour</b>		
<b>Back page- colour</b>	\$240.00	½ page - \$140.00	¼ page - \$80.00	
<b>Inside front or back cover -colour</b>	\$200.00	½ page - \$140.00	¼ page - \$80.00	

**For Profit (FP) Group Name :** \_\_\_\_\_

Name; \_\_\_\_\_ Signed; \_\_\_\_\_

**Romsey Rag Account Details;**                      **BSB; 633 000,**                      **Account No; 161 577 895**

#### Please note;

1. Nothing will be printed without proof of payment and a filled out and signed Commitment Form
2. All payments must be received before the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month. The Romsey Rag is collated from the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month and will go to the printer on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month
3. When paying please place you name or your group’s name as the reference



### ROMSEY LICENSED POST OFFICE

1/33 Main Street, Romsey VIC 3434  
{03} 5429 5301

Offers the following services:

Bill Pay  
Fax Services  
Photocopying  
Laminating  
Office Stationary  
Pre Paid Phone Credit  
Seasonal Gifts

Children’s Books  
Passport Photos & Applications  
Land Title Identity Verification  
Fit to Work Applications  
Working with Children Check  
Banking for all Major Banks & many Credit Unions  
Large range of printers for sale



Romsey Ecotherapy Park  
**PICNIC IN THE PARK**  
AND MOVIE UNDER THE STARS  
Saturday 14th March at 6pm

WITH MANY THANKS TO

- Macedon Ranges Shire Council
- Lancefield & Romsey Community Bank® branches
- Bendigo Bank
- Gabriel Macura
- Kerri Mewett
- Brigit Heller
- IGA
- Freemasons Victoria
- PICK MY PROJECT
- VICTORIA State Government
- ROMSEY MOWERS
- BRD EXCAVATIONS

# #InThisTogether



**Macedon  
Ranges**  
Shire Council

## We are here for you

Have you seen our new #InThisTogether campaign online? It's our way of supporting the wellbeing of the community at this challenging time. Please join the conversation by using #InThisTogether on social media and helping us to spread positive stories of residents, groups and businesses doing great things.

## How we can support you

Our new support package will assist residents, businesses and community groups feeling the impact of the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. The new financial support measures include:

- ✓ Debt collection activities on 2019/20 unpaid rates and outstanding amounts ceased on 17 March and will remain halted until 30 September 2020
- ✓ Through to 30 September 2020, interest will not be charged for overdue rates or other payments
- ✓ Penalties for late payment of 2020/21 animal registrations that are due by 10 April will not be applied until 30 September 2020.

For more information, call 5422 0333 or email [mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

[mrsc.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](https://mrsc.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)