



# The Romsey Rag

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## Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.



### Photograph: Lancefield & Romsey Districts Exhibition Committee 1903-1904

**Top row left to right:** J M Watt; William M Wilson

**Middle row left to right:** Geo. Seymour; Alf Vinnicombe; Thomas A Parks; W Harry Parks; Alec Wilson

**Bottom row left to right:** William G Gibson; Thomas Furphy; AC Galbraith (Committee Hon Secretary); Ray A Colliver; J S Hill

This photograph of the Lancefield & Romsey Districts Exhibition Committee has been supplied from the archives of the Romsey and Lancefield Districts Historical Society by John Spring. It records the members of the Romsey & Lancefield farming and business community who organised and contributed to winning the first-place award in the District Exhibit at the Royal Melbourne Agricultural Show in 1903 and again in 1904.

Many of our local roads and other geographic names in the Romsey and Lancefield districts reflect these very successful and enterprising Federation era farmers and business-men.

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## Welcome to the September Edition

Hope you are doing well now we are back in Stage 3 lockdown. The weather has been interesting. Did you see the snow? Shame it didn't lay enough to build a snowman or two!

I have taken to the tools and am building myself a custom desk - none of the shop bought ones are the right height, so thought I'd turn my hands to a bit of carpentry. Not quite finished yet so the jury's out on the final result. If you have been or become a bit crafty or inventive during this time, how about writing in and showing us what you've been up to!! Hoping to see some fantastic creations which I can then publish in the next edition.

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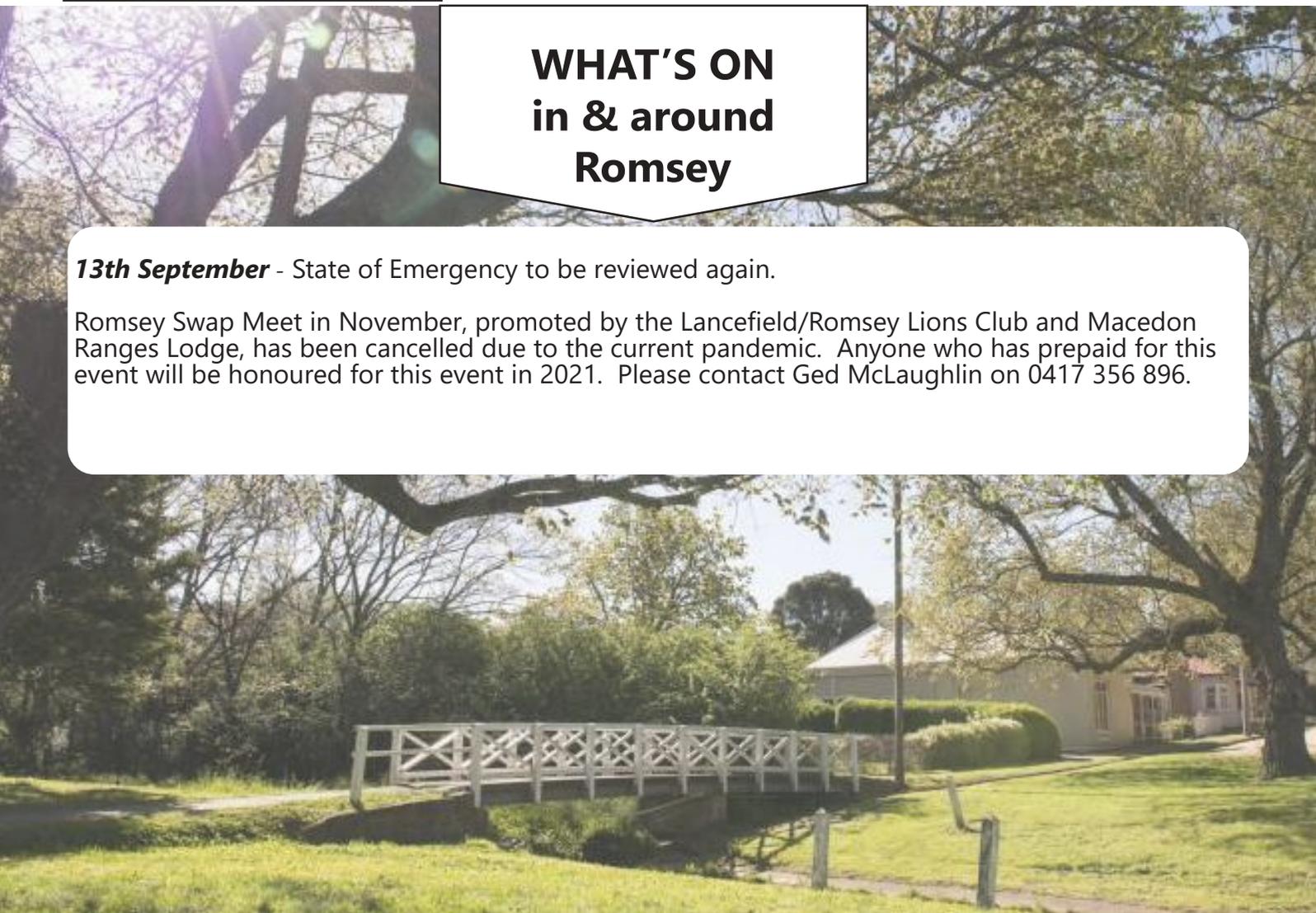
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## WHAT'S ON in & around Romsey

**13th September** - State of Emergency to be reviewed again.

Romsey Swap Meet in November, promoted by the Lancefield/Romsey Lions Club and Macedon Ranges Lodge, has been cancelled due to the current pandemic. Anyone who has prepaid for this event will be honoured for this event in 2021. Please contact Ged McLaughlin on 0417 356 896.



## Romsey Police Station

This is the first contribution of what we hope will become a regular feature, used to inform the community of crime trends, significant incidents, crime prevention strategies, advice and other topics with a policing connection.

For those not already aware, Romsey Police Station is a non-24-hour station staffed by 4 Senior Constables and Sergeant Eddy BARAKE as the officer in charge. The station can be contacted on 54295461.

We at Romsey Police are all very approachable and encourage you to call or come in and discuss any concerns or share information you think may be relevant, whether it be in relation to drugs, theft or other offences. Often our greatest source of information is our community and we seek to work with you to identify offences, hold offenders accountable and assist victims of crime.

Despite the police station not being accessible 24 hours a day, Romsey and surrounding towns are provided with a 24-hour response, so we are always available. In addition to the station phone number, call 000 or for a non-urgent response, the police assistance line on 131 444. On-line reporting is also available at [police.vic.gov.au](http://police.vic.gov.au)

Though I'm sure you're sick of hearing and reading about it, I'd like to briefly touch on the coronavirus pandemic. Our lack of positive cases in the area are a testament to the great efforts local businesses and individuals have put in so far, so please continue to be diligent and keep up the great work. On this, please note that we have increased proactive patrols and checks for compliance with the Chief Health Officer directions, with significant penalties for those found blatantly disobeying the rules.

In relation to local crime; after a recent burglary of a property where firearms were stolen, we remind all firearms owners to ensure they have appropriate storage in compliance with the Firearms Act 1996 and that while potentially still compliant with the legislation, to consider an upgrade to older 'school locker' type storage to ensure firearms can't be readily accessed.

Keep an eye out for our next edition.

Thank you.



## September In Your Garden - Melanie Kinsey

Each day the sunlight lasts a little longer, the birds start their morning chorus earlier and colour is seeping into the garden. I'd forgotten about my white daphne until I caught a waft of divine scent one morning. I peered over my Euphorbia 'Silver Swan' and there it was covered in flowers! After 3-4 years it is really settling in and putting on some growth. Not so its older sibling who was wasting away in a different part of the garden – out it came as well as a few other bits and pieces. The rose 'The Fairy' was moved to a position more accommodating to its size and I discovered that my sweet peas were finally putting on some growth!

Looking eye-catching at the moment are the bright red berries of Nandina domestica 'Richmond'. The bush is covered in large bunches and the birds (mostly) leave them alone because they are pretty hard and dry. Although I did just scare a Currawong away – I didn't think they ate berries! The red-hot pokers have so far avoided any frost damage and are delighting the honeyeaters. The Clematis napaulensis flowers have turned into the fluffy seedpods that the birds will soon be using to line their nests. The manzanita's lily-of-the-valley-like flowers are delighting a huge number of bees that I can hear buzzing away happily in the weak sunshine.



My little nursery keeps growing and I have just divided a clump of miscanthus and potted up 6 pots for my future garden. I also dug up a Lomandra 'Lime Tuff' and divided it – the first time I have ever attempted to divide a native grass and I hope it survives because it is a great upright bright green grass as the name suggests!

# Romsey Mechanics Institute



Everyone will be aware the the CoM has worked hard to get an Audio/Visual system into the main hall of the RMI. The Audio element was put in place earlier in the year, but we were quite a bit short of the funds required for the Visual system.

In April we submitted a detailed application to the MRSC "Community Funding Scheme" for funds to assist us with the Visual system. In mid August we received a letter from MRSC to tell us our application had been successful. Works will begin as soon as the Stage-4 Lockdown on metropolitan Melbourne is lifted and the staff of Melbourne Sound Systems are able to get back to work. None of this AV system would be in place without the support of the Bendigo Bank and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council. Many thanks to both these groups.

**Toilet Works:** The CoM has prepared and sent out a detailed tender document for the toilet works. We will know by late August just what individual elements, and the whole project, will cost. Having this detailed information on hand means that, should economic stimulus monies become available, we will be in a good place to apply. Once again we will be using as many local trades etc as possible in any of our projects. In the mean time we will work with the Dep of Jobs, Precincts & Regions to do as much work on the toilets as our funds will

allow.  
**Cleaning:** Covid-19 has meant so much more cleaning. All surfaces, including floors, as well as toilets, door handles etc must be cleaned down between user groups. Additional hand sanitiser and dispensers have to be in place, disinfectant wipes have to be available etc etc. Our thanks to all the users for their understanding and to Lyndal, our cleaner, who continues to do an excellent job.

**Firescreens;** We still have two firescreens to give away. They are metal, 1100mm high, 1190mm wide & 350mm deep with 50mmx 50mm heavy mesh. If you would like to grab one of these screens, please ring 0417 088 891. First come, first served

While most of our User Groups were not able to make it back into the hall during our short respite, we would like to thank all our users and let them know we will be here ready to open our doors once we get through this very uncertain time. We hope everyone is able to ride out this pandemic and emerge better to serve our community.



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## C.W.A 2020 STATE THEMES:

<b>THEME :</b>	<b>Grow, Connect, Improve</b>
<b>Product/Resource :</b>	<b>Australian Indigenous Foods</b>
<b>Country of Study :</b>	<b>Botswana</b>
<b>Thanksgiving Fund :</b>	<b>Endometriosis Research through the Jean Hailes Medical Centre for Women</b>
<b>State Project :</b>	<b>CWA of Vic. Inc. IT and Systems Upgrade and Maintenance</b>
<b>Social Issues Focus :</b>	<b>Building communication skills in times of stress</b>



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 is on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 10.00 am to approx. 12.00 noon and 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.

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

For any further information please call:

President : Melva Beer

Secretary: Wendy Foster M: 0409175 667 or email: cwaromsey@gmail.com

Due to the current lockdown our meetings are on hold but we are looking forward to when we can meet again. Hopefully that is not too far away.

Whilst we are all at home looking for something to do we thought you might like to make some scones.

### **PUMPKIN SCONES**

30g Butter, 1 TBS Sugar, 1 TSP Grated Lemon Rind, 1 Cup Cold Mashed Pumpkin, 1 beaten egg, ½ Cup Milk, 2 cups S.R. Flour, ½ TSP Salt, 1 TSP Nutmeg.

Cream butter and sugar together, Add lemon rind and pumpkin, then beaten egg and milk. Add flour, salt and nutmeg. Knead lightly. Cut with floured scone cutter. Bake in a hot oven 200C for 12 -15 minutes. Serve with butter. Enjoy!!

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

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## **Romsey Mens Shed**

**Working on Friendships**



## ***NOT LOST, NOT FORGOTTEN, BUT ON THE WAY!***

The lease for the land beside the Scout-Hall has been signed by the Minister, and we are working on the application for a "Building Permit" as well as the release of the last of the Victorian Government grant funds. And barring unexpected delays **construction will begin soon.**

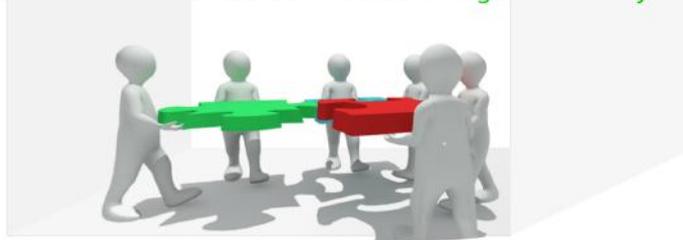
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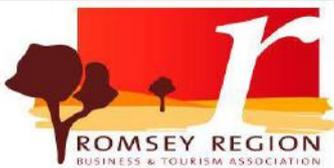
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## Romsey Region Business & Tourism Association (RRBATA)

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

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

## RRBATA Update

### Christmas In Romsey 2020

RRBATA has received a grant under Council's Economic Development and Events and Festivals Funding Scheme to again support Christmas in Romsey. Despite the current uncertainty re the status of COVID 19 restrictions later this year, the RRBATA Council's COVID 19 Business Impact Survey, and the Arts Culture and Events working group are committed to ensuring Christmas sparkle will be abundant in our town. Main Street Christmas Trees and the Lights and Decorations Competition will go ahead, with some innovative "back up plans" for the Community Carols event (soon to be revealed!). So, start thinking about your lights, decorations and Christmas bling! Stay tuned for updates via RRBATA Facebook (Romsey Lancefield Business and Living) and Romsey Online ([www.romsey.org.au](http://www.romsey.org.au)).



ahead, suggestions were presented to Council's Economic Development and Tourism officers to further support our local (Romsey and Lancefield region) businesses. Other issues discussed included results from Council's COVID 19 Business Impact Survey, the newly launched Business and Visit Macedon Ranges (VMR) Directories and Farmers' Markets.

### Go Local First

The Go Local First campaign will be launched very soon. This is a national initiative of the Council of Small Businesses Australia and has been adopted by Macedon Ranges Shire Council. Over the next few weeks, it will be tailored for local purpose and rolled out by the Economic Development. Stay tuned for social media and print media posts including some familiar local faces! As one of the slogans says – "When local businesses thrive, communities thrive."



### RRBATA Online Platforms

- Facebook - "Romsey Lancefield Region – Business and Living",
- Romsey Online – [www.romsey.org.au](http://www.romsey.org.au)

### Membership Enquiries:

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### Macedon Ranges Business and Tourism Industry Catch Up Report

RRBATA was represented at Council's August Business and Tourism Industry Catch Up meeting. In addition to stakeholder groups from across the Macedon Ranges, Regional Development Victoria (Loddon Mallee) was also represented at the meeting. Having sought prior input from RRBATA members

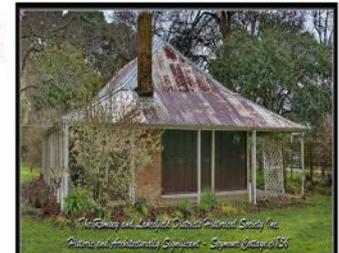


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The Romsey and Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc. was formed in April 1979. The Society endeavours to preserve all written and photographic items relating to The Shire of Romsey.

The Old Shire was a local Government area in Victoria, Australia. The Shire covered an area of 628 square kilometres and existed from 1862-1995.

Towns included: Benloch, Bolinda, Cherokee, Chintin, Clarkefield, Darrawiet Guim, Kerrie, Lancefield, Monegeetta, Mt William, Riddells Creek, Rochford, Romsey, Springfield and Tantaraboo.

The area has a very rich history starting with the Aboriginal Greenstone Axe Quarry at Mt William as well as the Archaeological Mega Fauna site in the old swamp at the Lancefield Park.

## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS & OBSERVATIONS

Sunday 6th September Father's Day	Wednesday 11th November Remembrance Day
Friday 25th September Friday before AFL Grand Final	Friday 25th December Christmas Day
Sunday 4th October Daylight Savings Start	Saturday 26th December Boxing Day
Saturday 31st October Halloween	Thursday 31st December New Year's Eve
Tuesday 3rd November Melbourne Cup	

### Support Urged for Go Local First Campaign

Council is encouraging residents of the shire to show their support for small businesses in their local communities in line with a nationwide campaign.

The **Go Local First** campaign, an initiative of the Council of Small Business Organisations Australia (COSBOA), will highlight the vital role of small businesses play in the nation's economic recovery from COVID-19 and in keeping local communities thriving.

The campaign will encourage Australians to choose local small businesses when they are purchasing products and services to help get the economy back on its feet.

Director Planning and Environment, Angela Hughes said small businesses accounted for just over one-third of Australia's gross domestic product (GDP) and an economic recovery would not be possible without small businesses trading and hiring people.

Research commissioned by COSBOA shows Australians are spending more at local businesses since the COVID-19 lockdowns began earlier this year, but temporary and permanent closures are preventing them from doing more to support them.

The research reveals Australians see broad economic improvements as the most important issues for the



country, after managing the spread of the coronavirus.

The Go Local First campaign will be rolled out over the next six months through outdoor, print and digital advertising, with residents being urged to spend locally first.

To find out how your business can be involved, call Danni Findlay on (03) 5422 0333 or email [dfindlay@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:dfindlay@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

For more information, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au)

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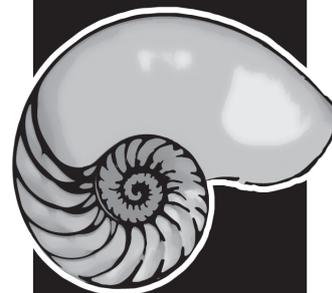


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## Bridging the Gap Towards Better Health in the Macedon Ranges

A new project, funded by VicHealth, will support creative LGBTIQ+ young people in the Macedon Ranges to participate in arts, cultural and creative activities and build social connections.

The grant will fund the scoping phase of the project, and will explore the potential of developing and running an arts-based program in the shire to provide access to appropriate social supports for young people aged 12 to 25 years, who identify as LGBTIQ+ and live in the Macedon Ranges.

This project is designed to explore the potential of such a program and finalise the design of a program with the feedback and assistance of local stakeholders and young people.

At the completion of the project there will be the opportunity to seek VicHealth funding of up to \$150,000 to design and deliver an arts program in the Macedon Ranges Shire.

Council is working with project partner, The Dax Centre, to co-design creative solutions to local health and wellbeing challenges and enhance health promotion strategies.

The Dax Centre in Melbourne is a leader in the use of art to raise awareness and reduce stigma towards mental illness.

Queer My Head art project is one of 12 initiatives sharing more than \$1 million in funding, as part of VicHealth's Art of Good Health grants. The project will involve the co-development of an arts program featuring works from LGBTIQ+ artists, creative workshops, education programs and resources for local youth organisations.

## Have Your Say on Gisborne Futures

Residents still have the opportunity to have a say on Gisborne Futures during the last few weeks of gathering input.

Council held a series of public webinars during August to encourage resident discussion on Gisborne's future, and the Draft Gisborne Futures plans are available for viewing on Council's website.

The Gisborne Futures project includes:

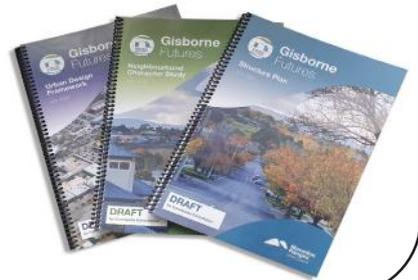
- A long term Structure Plan that guides future township growth, including housing, transport, shops, parks, landscapes and infrastructure.
- An Urban Design Framework that will shape the streets and buildings in the town centre, and
- A Neighbourhood Character Study that will guide new housing development and protect the semi-rural

"feel" of the area.

The project will set a protected urban settlement boundary for Gisborne and identify future land uses for retail, employment, housing and community services to meet the growing needs of the town.

View the proposed draft plans and let us know what you think to help finalise the drafts and define a long term vision for Gisborne.

To view the Draft Gisborne Futures plans and provide feedback, call 5421 0333 or visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay)



## Preparing Your Property for the Fire Season

Spring is here so it is time to shake off the winter cobwebs and start preparing your property for the summer bushfire season.

You can reduce the risk to your home and property by cleaning up around your dwelling and clearing potential fire hazards before the fire danger period begins.

These jobs include:

- Removing any overhanging tree branches and shrubs (over one metre high) next to, or below windows

- Keeping grass short and clearing other combustible debris near your home
- Clearing roof gutters of any leaf litter
- Maintaining any defendable space around your home
- Ensuring any rainwater tanks are accessible and full
- Ensuring you have a bushfire survival plan in place and practise it regularly
- Attending local CFA community meetings around fire preparedness

Remember, being fire ready is everyone's responsibility.

For more information, call (03) 5422 0333 or visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au)

## Let's Stick Together in an Underwater World

Kyneton Town Hall's school holiday program KTH Kids has gone online, offering a fun creative and crafty workshop for kids during the upcoming school holidays.

The KTH program will feature an underwater world collage-making workshop.

Working with local artist Joanne Mott, kids can create a mural using recycled sticker materials that explores the colourful oceanic underwater world of corals, sponges and wonderful sea creatures.

Children can join the workshop at any time during the school holiday period.

They can sign up to receive their materials pack and then tune into the online workshop to learn how to create a mural.

For information about how to participate in the workshop, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts-workshops](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts-workshops)



## Helping Others to be Digitally Connected

A major contributor to good mental health is keeping in touch with other people and in these Covid times real face to face connection is often difficult or even impossible. Most of us naturally reach for our electronic devices as a substitute. In the last twenty four hours, how many times have you used your phone or tablet to call someone, connect via video, checked your Facebook page, watched something on YouTube or searched the internet for news or amusement? How different your day would be without those devices.

Just for a moment, think about your family, friends and neighbours. Do any of these acquaintances struggle with their phone or tablet or maybe don't even have such a device? They're missing out on what you're getting.

If you can't help them yourself, perhaps we can.

Loan devices and support available!

Call Macedon Ranges Shire Council on (03) 5422 0237 for further information and to register your interest.

This Digital Connection Project for Seniors is a joint initiative of Central Victorian Primary Care Partnership, Cobaw Community Health, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Goldfields Libraries, Kyneton Community House, Gisborne Men's Shed, Macedon Ranges Health and Lancefield Neighbourhood House

## State of Emergency Extended to 13th September

The State of Emergency provides the Chief Health Officer with additional powers to issue directions to help contain the spread of coronavirus and keep Victorians safe.

With regional Victoria in Stage 3 lockdown and Melbourne in Stage 4 lockdown, life is essentially on hold again. So stay at home unless absolutely essential and when out wear a mask.



## The Mount Players Gatherings History to Mark their 50th Anniversary



With our theatre quiet and dark I thought you might like to hear from past members who played such a huge role in our Theatre's history. This month Richard Whitely shares his memories. Richard resides in Gisborne and of course still enjoys coming to see the wonderful productions at our unique Mountview Theatre.

"I was a member of the Mount Players' Committee for the first 12 years of its independent life from 1976 having first becoming involved when I auditioned for the lead role of Todd in "The Golden Legion of Cleaning Women" when the group was being managed by its founder, Neville Thurgood. Then followed playing the vicar in "Don't Utter a Note" "Who says murder?" "A Murder is arranged" and Ernst Ludwig in "Cabaret." My favourite performance was as Col Pickering in the first production of "My Fair Lady." I also remember playing a soldier in "Oh! What a lovely War!" directed by Margaret Cameron.

We were at the time a small group of just 20 thespians and all our shows were performed in the original little theatre. It was tiny and held only 50 seats and was well-known to us for its possum community! However, it was our home and we loved it, so imagine our thoughts, when we inspected what the Ash Wednesday bushfires did to our home in 1983. The theatre and everything in it, was burnt to the ground.

I remember it as if it were yesterday and over 700 homes were lost in the Macedon/Mount Macedon area. I was appointed, from the Committee, to oversee all theatre planning and construction. Were we in for a few surprises? The original little theatre was only insured for \$50,000 and the only other cash we had was petty cash. After the appointment of architects, the plans were offered to four well-known builders in the area and the quotes came in---all between \$475,000 and \$550,000. What were we to do?"



You'll have to wait for the October edition to find out!

*By Richard Whiteley & Karen Hunt*

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## Historical Facts

Everyone in the Middle Ages believed -- as Aristotle had -- that the heart was the seat of intelligence.

For decades after Emperor Nero's death, people all over the Roman empire claimed to have spotted him. Several men even claimed to be him, and started popular movements to be reinstated as emperor. Because of his notoriety and the questionable circumstances under which he died (he purportedly stabbed himself to death in hiding outside of Rome), Nero was the Elvis Presley of ancient Rome.

Former President Cleveland defeated incumbent Benjamin Harrison in 1892, becoming the first (and, to date, only) chief executive to win non-consecutive terms to the White House.

Fourteenth century physicians didn't know what caused the plague, but they knew it was contagious. As a result they wore an early kind of bioprotective suit which included a large beaked head piece. The beak of the head piece, which made them look like large birds, was filled with vinegar, sweet oils and other strong smelling compounds to counteract the stench of the dead and dying plague victims.

From its completion in 125 A.D. until 1958, the Pantheon's domed ceiling was the largest unsupported concrete span in the world. It was surpassed only with the construction of the CNIT building in Paris.

From the Middle Ages up until the end of the 19th century, barbers performed a number of medical duties including bloodletting, wound treatment, dentistry, minor operations and bone-setting. The barber's striped red pole originated in the Middle Ages, when it was a staff the patient would grip while the barber bled the patient.

Grand Rapids, Michigan was the 1st US city to fluoridate its water in 1945.

In 1810 US population was 7,239,881. Black population at 1,377,808 was 19%. In 1969 US population reached 200 million. In 1865, several veterans of the Confederate Army formed a private social club in Pulaski, Tennessee, called the Ku Klux Klan.

In 1892, Italy raised the minimum age for marriage for girls - to 12.

In 1947, Toys for Tots started making the holidays a little happier for children by organizing its first Christmas toy drive for needy youngsters.

In 1965, Congress authorized the Secret Service to protect former presidents and their spouses for their lifetime, unless they decline the protection. Recently, Congress limited the protection of former presidents and their spouses (elected after January 1, 1997) to 10 years after leaving office. President Clinton, who was elected in 1996, will be the last president to receive lifelong protection from the Secret Service.

In England and the American colonies the year 1752 only had 354 days. In that year, the type of calendar was changed, and 11 days were lost.

In the Holocaust between 5.1 and 6 million of Europe's 10 million Jews were killed. An additional 6 million 'unwanted' people were also executed, including more than half of Poland's educated populace.

Many of Rome's most ambitious emperors idolized Alexander the Great. When Julius Caesar was a 33 year-old general in Spain, he wept when he saw a statue of Alexander, lamenting that he had accomplished nothing, while Alexander had conquered the whole world by his age. The schizophrenic emperor Caligula built a bridge of wooden boats across the Bay of Naples and rode back and forth across it on a horse, wearing armor he stole from Alexander's tomb. Emperor Caracalla set out to conquer the same eastern lands Alexander had conquered, and made a great show of visiting his grave in Alexandria, Egypt.

Martha Washington is the only woman whose portrait has ever appeared on a US currency note. Her portrait was on the face of the \$1 silver certificate issues of 1886 and 1891, and on the back of the \$1 silver certificate of 1896. Sacagewea and Susan B. Anthony are the only women pictured on a US coin. Both were honored on a dollar coin.

Members of the Nazi SS had their blood type tattooed on their armpits.

More than 20,000 men were killed, wounded, or missing in action in the battle of Antietam, September 17, 1862. This was the bloodiest one-day fight during the Civil War.

Napoleon took 14,000 French decrees and simplified them into a unified set of 7 laws. This was the first time in modern history that a nation's laws applied equally to all citizens. Napoleon's 7 laws are so impressive that by 1960 more than 70 governments had patterned their own laws after them or used them verbatim.

Nevada was the first state to sanction the use of the gas chamber, and the first execution by lethal gas took place in February, 1924.

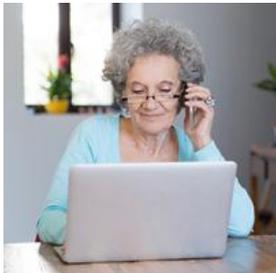
New York's first St. Patrick's day parade was held on March 17, 1762.

Of the 262 men who have held the title of pope, 33 have died by violence.

On April 12, 1938, the state of New York passed a law requiring medical tests for marriage license applicants, the first state to do so.

### September "Be Connected" Workshops

Do you want to improve your digital skills and have a computer, tablet or phone connected to the internet? Join one of our online workshops to increase online skills and confidence for people aged over 50. All workshop groups will be done via zoom and will be small with follow up help provided.



#### Introduction to Be Connected Thu 3 Sep 10am

Join our guided tour of the Be Connected portal and discover life online. A treasure trove of interactive learning activities, training, web apps and how-to videos aimed at increasing online skills and confidence for people aged over 50.

#### Be Connected - All about apple iphones Tues 8 Sep 2pm

Whether you are brand new to an Apple iPhone or have used them for a while, we have a great course for you. This topic is for anyone with a new or pre-owned iPhone. We show you how to set up your phone safely and customise it to suit your needs.

#### Be Connected - All about android phones Thu 17 Sep 10am

Whether you are brand new to an android smartphone or have used them for a while, we have a great course for you. This topic is for anyone with a new or pre-owned android phone. We show you how to set up your phone safely and customise it to suit your needs.



#### Be Connected - Exploring the internet Wed 23 Sep 10am

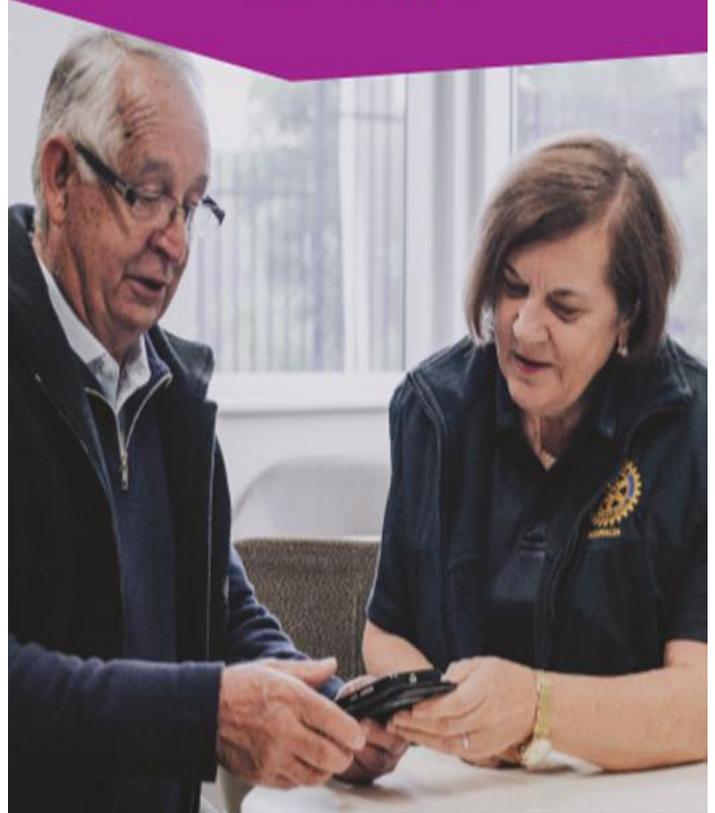
Navigating the online world can be a little tricky at first, but this course will teach you some essential skills to getting started online. Join us for a workshop on how to search for things on the internet using search engines such as Google. The course covers how to search for websites, using bookmarks and saving images and other files we will finish with a fun quiz to put all you have learnt into practice.

#### Be Connected - Introducing MyGov Tue 29 Sep 2pm

Find out how MyGov can make managing your online government services easy and convenient. We show you, step-by-step, how to set up and use your own MyGov account safely, including claiming medical expenses and controlling who sees your My Health Record information.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO MAKE A BOOKING:**  
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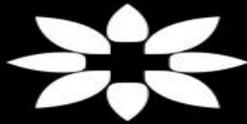
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These device loans are made possible by Goldfields Libraries partnership  
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Each year **1 in 5 Australians** will experience a mental illness. Many people are not knowledgeable or confident to offer assistance. Physical first aid is accepted and widespread in our community, however most do not cover mental health problems. Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) teaches people the skills to help someone who they're concerned about.

The Zonta Club of Kyneton is offering the Mental Health First Aid Course for interested women in the Macedon Ranges. This course is based on guidelines developed through the expert consensus of people with lived experience of mental health problems and professionals.

Given the restrictions of Covid19 this is being organized as an on-line course in two parts.

- The first is an e-learning platform where the participant engages and completes the course material over a two-week period at their own speed. This usually takes between 6 and 8 hours depending on the individual.
- The second part is facilitated by a MHFA instructor, again on-line but with the other participants zooming in.

This structured course is two, two and a half hour sessions to be held on Saturday 17th and 24th of October.

Participants who complete this training are eligible to complete an online Accreditation Assessment to receive a **Mental Health First Aider Certificate of Accreditation which is valid for 3 years.**

This Mental Health First Aid course is being sponsored by the Preloved Pedlar, an opportunity shop in Kyneton, and as such allows the Zonta Club of Kyneton to offer this course at a much-reduced cost of \$25 per participant.



### Zonta Club of Kyneton – Mental Health First Aid Course.

Applications close: Thursday 24 September  
Introduction to course: Saturday 26 September  
e-Learning : 28th September – 12 October (at own pace)  
Facilitator led sessions: 17th October and 24th October (2x2.5hrs)

To register – <https://www.trybooking.com/BKZKG>

Sponsored by Preloved Pedlar Kyneton.



## Protect Your Home With a 'Healthy' ORG



Western Water is reminding customers to take care of their Protect your home with a 'healthy' ORG

Western Water says customers can protect their home from costly and damaging sewer spills by keeping their ORG 'healthy'.

The ORG – or Overflow Relief Gully - is a special drain that diverts sewage away from inside the property in the event of a blocked pipe.

Chief Operating Officer, Graham Holt said that to work correctly the ORG should not be covered or blocked.

"There's been cases where customers have blocked their ORG by covering it with stones or pot plants, or it's been jammed with overgrown tree roots or grass".

"To work properly, the grate lid needs to be able to pop-off easily," he said.

While sewer mains are managed and maintained by water corporations, Western Water says property owners are responsible for looking after their ORG.

To find out more visit [westernwater.com.au/ORG](http://westernwater.com.au/ORG)

## 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!



# Deep Creek Landcare Group

Covering Lancefield, Romsey and Monageeta Districts

It was springtime in the Ranges  
And the rain was falling fast  
Time to get out into the garden -at last.  
More of that later!

To take advantage of the good rains during Autumn and Winter our Landcare group will be carrying out some Spring plantings of indigenous trees and shrubs in the district. We have seedlings for sale as well as nesting boxes for Kookaburras. Also, if Myna birds are a problem for you, we have traps that can be borrowed. Our secretary, Pat Danko, reports that 37 were captured during June and July.

Our Landcare Facilitator, Lauren Linke, is available, free of charge, to visit rural properties and offer advice to landowners. She can draft brief property plans that will detail the natural assets and relevant land management issues along with suggestions of how to improve the property's productivity, sustainability and biodiversity values. Our Landcare members are also available to visit properties, big or small, to give advice on improving the environmental values of your property.



Spring is an exciting and busy time in the garden -plenty to see and do. Firstly, the veggie patch. In the cooler climate up here it is not too late to plant onion seedlings and peas. Other seeds that I will be popping in now are silver beet, carrot, parsnip, beetroot, kohlrabi and radish. Seedlings that

I will be planting out include pak choy, kale, cabbage, lettuce and sprouting broccoli.

Next month I will plant potatoes, pumpkin seeds and a few celery seedlings. It is interesting to note that we are still harvesting the celery planted last October -very handy for those winter soups and stews! For the summer vegetables such as tomatoes, cucumber, zucchini, corn, chilli as well as climbing and dwarf beans I will hold off until November to minimize the risk of a late frost.

Spring is also a great time to plant your favourite herbs. Easily available and popular herbs are the various mints, oregano, thyme, rosemary, parsley and dill. I love oregano (and lemon) with lamb -Greek style. My neighbor loves dill with her Atlantic salmon. Once planted most herbs live for a long time or are self-seeding. Plant Continental (flat leaf) parsley and you can have it (and tabbouli) forever!

When planting your vegetables, consider companion planting. For example, some basil with the tomatoes but also consider the introduction of some flowers and/or native grasses to attract birds and beneficial insects such as hoverflies, native wasps, ladybirds and bees. Aphids can be a problem in Spring, but attract ladybirds, avoid spraying and the problem will quickly be solved.

Annual Landcare membership is \$20 per family. You can follow us on facebook, contact our President, Phil Severs (0476 324 000) or attend our monthly meetings in the Lancefield Mechanics Hall.



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\*\* NIGHT TENNIS AT AN ADDITIONAL FEE\*\*

# Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke

## Apple Tart with Burnt Honey Butter



The little tin shed was in the back yard which was home to the chickens and the piglets and their pen with its mud puddle floor. The shed was where Buttercup, the Friesian cow, was milked each morning.

Leaning against the outside wall of the milking shed was an addition, in which the bees' honey was processed. The hand driven centrifuge and all the other paraphernalia needed to extract the bees' honey from the combs in which it was encased was tidily stacked under a rickety table.

Once Buttercup's milk was encouraged from her udder it was separated and churned into butter, which was stored beside the bottled honey before it was put into the fridge.

An apple tree branch loaded with Granny Smiths hung over the ring lock fence and it was from that direction that the bush fire crept into our life.

Fortunately, there was practically no wind to drive the flames, which we put out from around the home block with wet sacks attached to saplings.

And after the drama of the fire was over, I cooked a meal for the helpers. The dessert was an apple tart with burnt honey butter.

- 5 tablespoons honey;
- 100g butter, softened;
- Sheets of puff pastry (unfrozen);
- 4 large Granny Smith apples.

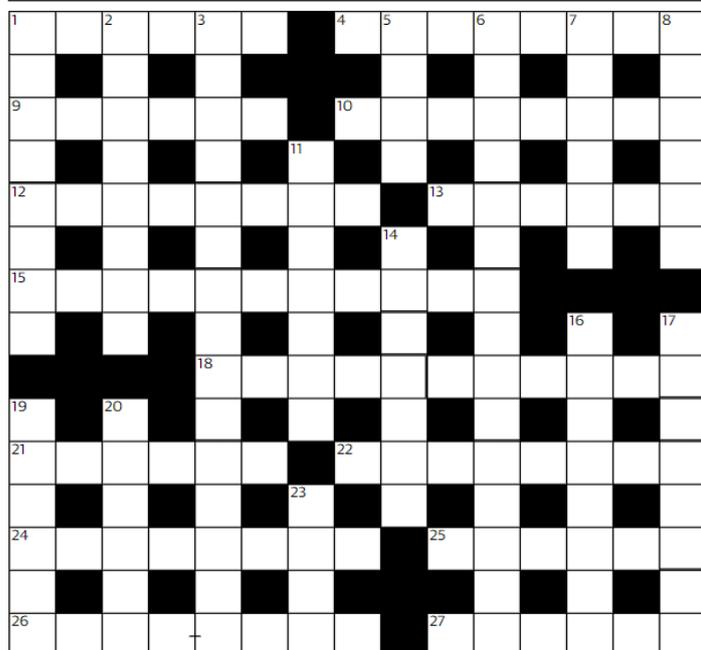
Line a baking tray with baking paper and then a layer of puff pastry. Slice the apples finely and layer them, slightly overlapping, to cover the pastry leaving free a 1 cm border around the edge. Bake in the oven, preheated to 200oC, until the edges of the tart are golden. (About 20-30 minutes.)

Whilst that's happening, put the honey into a small double boiler saucepan and bring slowly to the boil (keeping your eye on it) then take it off the heat immediately. Whisk the softened butter until it's fluffy then add the hot honey.

When the apple tart is golden, take it out of the oven and brush gently with the honey-butter. Put the tart back in the oven for 5 minutes until the glaze starts to bubble.



## Crossword



- 18. Appear insufficiently smart: university admitted against better judgment (5,6)
- 21. Carve end off rowing boat, gaining point (8)
- 22. Nasty niff in locations producing spurious medication (8)
- 24. Stated aim: very little weight gained (8)
- 25. With exercise unfinished, he washed his hands (8)
- 26. Also, audible breaths (bigger than average) (4-4)
- 27. Announced 1¢ grant (6)

### Down

- 1. Hen told to produce eggs under pressure? It's unfair (4,4)
- 2. The writer's alternative online writing concealed: he's not who he seems (8)
- 3. Parson's tiny aunt displayed anxiety (4,2,4,5)
- 5. Primarily, area Pacific islanders abide? (4)
- 6. Chorus physician treated decide to call it a day (4,2,4,5)
- 7. Growin' fruit (6)
- 8. Oddly, thing drains a lot of water (6)
- 11. Every so often, ask her to buy dust sheets (7)
- 14. Like beer? Rugby's involved, usually (2,1,4)
- 16. Barge I've renovated, going on too long (8)
- 17. Note: Dutch left East Indies (improved, in my view) (2,1,3,2)
- 19. Out-of-it Australian skins up (6)
- 20. Kudos: you finally decoded puzzle (6)
- 23. Car manufacturer is crooked, we're told (4)

### Across

- 1. Everyman would strain nerves around end of week (6)
- 4. A pair of clubs a nasty child hides in card game (8)
- 9. Arrogant and happy? Shame (6)
- 10. Some groceries: linguine and wine (8)
- 12. Mishmash of antipasti chewed (8)
- 13. Cycling minibike, removing outer layer, revealing swim-suit (6)
- 15. How Valentine is sent? Hatefully? Nay, on my soul! (11)

# Win a Kindness Prize Pack!

Entries open to ages 3 to 12.

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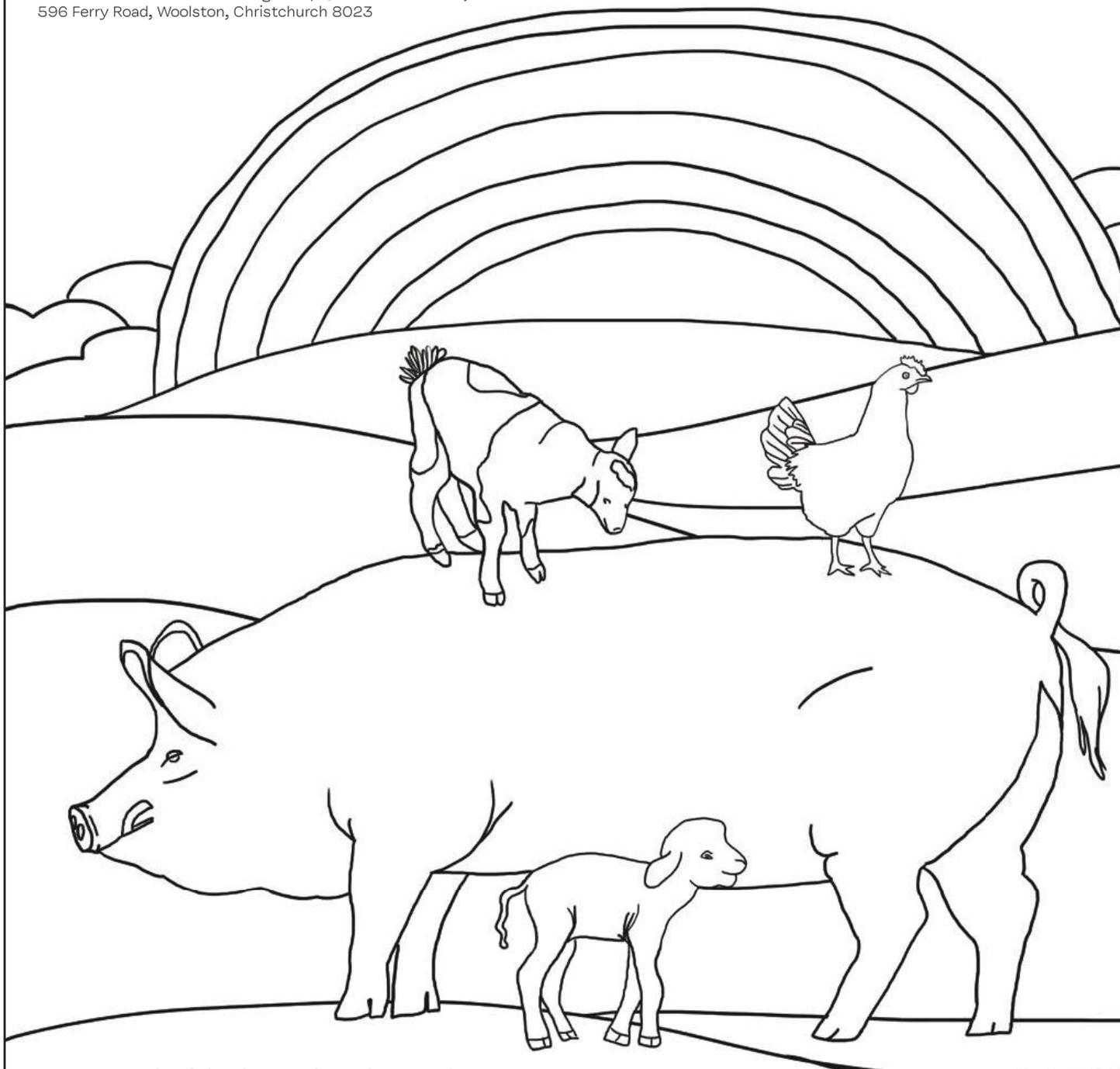
Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Entries to be sent by 30 October 2020 via post to:

Australian entries - Colouring Comp @ Edgar's Mission,  
PO BOX 270, Lancefield VIC 3435

New Zealand entries - Colouring Comp @ SAFE for Animals,  
596 Ferry Road, Woolston, Christchurch 8023



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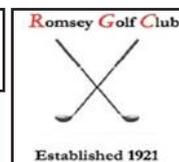
Entries commence on 1 September 2020 and close on 30 October 2020. The age categories are 3-6 years and 7-12 years. You may enter in only one age category. Entry will be deemed to be made at the time an entrant submits a completed competition form by post. The best entry judged in each of the two age categories will win the nominated prize, in both Australia and New Zealand. Each Prize Winner will receive an Edgar's Mission Kindness Pack. The prize cannot be exchanged or transferred and cannot be taken as cash. The winners will be judged on 15 November 2020 at the addresses listed above. The winners will be notified by mail on or before 15 November 2020. The promoter is Edgar's Mission, 81 Bridies Lane, Lancefield VIC 3435 Australia, in collaboration with SAFE for Animals, 596 Ferry Road, Woolston, Christchurch 8023 New Zealand.

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

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On July 22nd those RGC members who were watching the MRSC 2020/21 Budget Zoom meeting got a wonderful surprise. Our application for funds to carry out our three-stage improvement to Romaey Park;

- drainage and levelling works,
- an expansion to the existing irrigation system and
- provide a far better and safer surface for much of Romsey Park, was approved. RGC will pay at least \$15,000 of the total cost of this project

**1. Levelling and drainage;** we have had a second visit to Romsey Park by Cameron Newnham (NewEarth Constructions) to go over the works and agree on a method of attack for each element of this program. Sowing down the disturbed areas will happen immediately after the drainage and levelling works are completed.

**2. Irrigation;** we have already got moving with all the pipe and fittings for these works on their way. A professional trencher, assisted by RGC members, will also be putting the irrigation extension works into place.

**3. Improved Surface;** In the first few weeks of October the

fairways will be sown down with couch grass sprigs. This grass uses 40% to 60% less water than other grasses and should free up some of our allocated re-cycled water for other use around the town.

**Booking System;** Under Stage-3 Lockdown everyone who uses the course must book via our website. Golf can only be played at your closest course, off the 1st tee and in pairs, unless cohabiting. Please use <https://www.bookatee.com.au/romsey/>

**Golf for non RGC Members;** Given that so many golfers are unable to get to their home courses RGC is offering reciprocal rights to all golfers. Once again just book a round via; <https://www.bookatee.com.au/romsey/>

**No Competition Golf;** Stage-3 Lockdown also means that no competition golf is to be played. All golf is social golf. Roll on end of Lock-down!

**Covid-19;** all of RGC would like to thank our health workers, police and members of the ADF for their dedication and everyone for "just doing the right thing".

## Revitalisation at Romsey Bowling Club

Romsey Bowling Club is looking to make every post a winner in season 2020/2021, with the recent appointment of a first ever club coach seen as a positive step forward. Membership has increased into the mid-40s, and the club is seeking additional members, either experienced or new bowlers.

"We're really pleased that Garry Templer has joined our club as Senior Coach. He's a very experienced bowler with coaching credentials and will be able to guide our four members who recently completed the Bowls Victoria coaching course," club Chairman John Beaumont said. "Overall, our aim is to be more competitive."

The Redbacks intend to field five teams this season – three Saturday and two midweek in the Central Highlands pennant. With Templer at the helm and qualified coaches readily available, the club is looking to improve the standard of bowls played by its teams and members. "There's a good, friendly atmosphere at the club and locals across all age groups are encouraged to give bowls a go." said CEO and Treasurer Graeme Cuthbert.

Saturday social bowls is already being played at Romsey, observing COVID-19 distancing regulations, with good attendances despite the cold weather.

Garry Templer has a long-time sporting involvement and a very competitive outlook. Templer says he is "as keen as ever" both as a player and coach. He wants to see Romsey bowlers become more consistent and achieve their full potential, while enjoying the sport as well. It's something of a home coming as Templer grew up in Romsey and played football and cricket with the local clubs, before going to Melbourne and pursuing business interests. He also coached Romsey football and cricket teams, and admits bowls wasn't a natural transition. "A mate invited me along to bowls at Essendon and I got hooked." he said. He quickly adapted to the sport and has played for twenty years, the last sixteen as skipper.

Templer moved to live in Lancefield several years ago and had a brief stint with the Tigers before coaching at Gladstone Park and then Craigieburn bowling clubs. He's also played for years in the strong RSL bowls competition at Glenroy, and in many tournaments. "With less travelling I'll have more time to devote to bowls at Romsey, and everyone is hopeful the season can go ahead." He added.



Team at the top: (from left) - senior coach Garry Templer, chairman of selectors Cam Austin, CEO/treasurer Graeme Cuthbert, club chairman John Beaumont. Photo courtesy Roger Kozulins

The club's very popular AFL Grand Final Eve Fours Tournament is in doubt, due to the COVID situation and uncertainty about AFL Grand Final arrangements. Romsey will hold a midweek fours tournament on Thursday 11th February sponsored by T. J. Scott and Son, Funeral Directors of Kyneton and Gisborne. Friday evening Barefoot Bowls will again be on the agenda early in the New Year.



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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.

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## PASTOR'S PARABLES

### Life is Like a Game



Games come in many forms and can be played on boards, play-stations or computers. They are lots of fun but the outcome has no value in the real world. We may monopolise the board, create the strongest character, win countless victories and collect all the treasure - but as soon as the game is finished, all those treasures and victories are meaningless.

Life is like a game. What we monopolise in this life will not help us in the afterlife nor really counts in this life. We may accumulate much wealth, we may win prestigious awards and achieve great things while we live, but when stripped away from us by circumstances with which we have no control over - like COVID, or when we die, these things instantly become meaningless.

God has told us not to strive for earthly-wealth, but acquire treasures that have eternal significance, (see Matthew 19:27-29)

Life on earth is temporary – our afterlife in heaven is eternal. We don't see it now, but our eternal state is the existence that we were designed for. Unlike human birth, how we start our new eternal-life is dictated by the personal decisions we make now and the value we place on Jesus and others.

While on earth, our number-one priority should never be temporal promotions, investments, power and security because when life ends on earth, all these worldly things will be as useful as 'Monopoly' money.

We should stop playing games with our life when there are very real opportunities to gain riches in heaven which our loving Heavenly Father guarantees we'll keep for eternity. This is done by following our Lord, Jesus Christ, and choosing God's plan instead of our own.

You can find out how to do this by watching our Sunday Services on Facebook live each week. <https://www.facebook.com/encouragechurchromsey/>

Matthew 6:19-20 states: **“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.”**

Love and Blessings, Pastor Marilyn Hunter, Senior Pastor.



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### PROMISES

This year is one we could never have envisaged when we wished our families and friends "Happy New Year."  
Yet we still have much for which to be thankful. Jesus said, "I will be with you until the end of the age." Matt.28:24. And, "I will never leave you nor forsake you"...(Hebrews 13:5). God keeps His promises!!

I have been thinking of God's promise to Abraham to give him and his descendants - the land of Canaan - which the Romans were to call Palestine hundreds of years later and which we know today as Israel. Palestinians and Jews are still fighting over it today.

On God's instruction, Abraham and his immediate family, with all their possessions, left their homeland, wider family and friends to go to a new place, he knew not where. Forward in Faith he went! To the land of Canaan, belonging to the Canaanites and their clans. The Canaanites over the years had become so evil and degenerate that God deemed their time had run out and should be removed from the face of the earth because of their corrupting power. They were to be replaced by a people that He would choose. Abraham and his descendants would be the chosen ones. How could one small family unit drive out the settled owners from their lands?

Abraham's son, Isaac succeeded him, followed by his son Jacob when Isaac died. Jacob had twelve sons to several wives. His "Love at first sight was Rachel' whom he loved all his life. Her son Joseph, Jacob loved above all the others and his half-brothers hated him. They conspired to kill him but instead sold him as a slave to traders en route to Egypt. Two of the brothers tried to save him. Jacob is told Joseph has been killed by a wild animal. So, Joseph is sold into the household of an official of the Pharaoh's retinue where he serves diligently and is elevated to an important position. False charges are brought against him and he is thrown into prison for a number of years. His fine character shines through all this darkness that has befallen him and the God of his Fathers' faith burns strong within him. Throughout all these setbacks, he trusts that God is with him.

Unknowingly, all these parties involved are playing their part in the fulfilment of God's promise to Abraham.

Joseph renders a great service to the Pharaoh and is elevated to the second highest personage in the land of Egypt, only Pharaoh is above him. He is now married to Asenath, daughter of an Egyptian priest as arranged by Pharaoh and has two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim, whom Jacob later specially blesses.

A great famine grips Egypt and the surrounding lands for seven years and the grains which have been stored up under Joseph's direction during the seven years of plenty are now being sold to the starving people.

This brings Joseph's brothers up to Egypt from Canaan for grain - he recognizes them, but they do not recognize him. He tests them several times over time and eventually reveals himself to them. They return home rejoicing to tell their father that Joseph is alive and now they are all to go down to live in Egypt on land which the Pharaoh will grant them, to graze their flocks and plant their grains.

At Beersheba, Israel (Jacob) offered sacrifices to the God of his father, Isaac. God spoke to him in a vision,

"I am God, the God of your father", he said. "Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you into a GREAT NATION there. I will go down to Egypt with you, and I will surely bring you back again. And Joseph's own hand will close your eyes." (Genesis 46:3ff)

70 persons left Canaan and moved to Egypt, 430 YEARS later, the Israelites, now numbering thousands, left Egypt, under the leadership of Moses for the Promised Land - Canaan. Because of their unbelief and idolatry none of those who left Egypt, except Caleb and Joshua, entered the Promised Land. Their children born in the desert were disciplined, hardened and prepared to fight for the land they had been promised.

God keeps His promises! We will emerge from Covid 19 a different society but through it all we can be confident -if we trust in Him that: GOD IS WITH US — as promised.

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

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

Members of the Uniting Church Macedon Ranges Partnership have been enjoying worship services via Video Link - see the website above. These services have been very enjoyable and we all appreciate our ministry team for the work they are doing to present these videos.

**Farmers Grace before breakfast**

A while back I read a story of a visiting pastor who attended a men’s breakfast in a rural farming area of the country. The group had asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast. “Lord, I hate buttermilk,” the farmer began. The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going. The farmer loudly proclaimed, “Lord, I hate lard.” Now the pastor was growing concerned. Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, “And Lord, you know I don’t much care for raw white flour.” The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw he wasn’t the only one to feel uncomfortable. Then the farmer added, “But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up that we don’t like, when life gets hard, when we don’t understand what you’re saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen”

Within that prayer there is great wisdom for all when it comes to complicated situations like we are experiencing in the world today. Stay strong, because our life is being mixed with lots of things we don’t care for..... relax and wait until the mixing is done.....

**DEAR PARISHIONERS**

AS PER STAGE 3 RESTRICTIONS COMING INTO FORCE IN RURAL VICTORIA 05/08/2020, THE FOLLOWING NOW APPLIES TO ST. MARY’S PARISH LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY:

- Sunday Mass has ceased until further notice.
- Saturday Healing Mass has ceased until further notice.
- Private Prayer at Lancefield church has ceased until further notice.
- All rostered church carers do not need to clean the churches during this time.

Please direct enquiries to the parish office on 5429 2130 or by email at lancefield@cam.org.au  
 For funeral arrangements, please contact Fr. Martin on 5427 2690 or by email at woodend@cam.org.au

Thank you for your understanding and please take care of yourselves and your loved ones.

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

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- Mass for you at home is broadcast on network Ten on Sundays <https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>
- Fr. Vinoth streaming live on Sundays via <https://www.facebook.com/St-Brigids-Parish>

With the current Restrictions due to be re-assessed mid September, circumstances may very well change at that time. For the best way to stay up to date with Mass services / restrictions, please email [lancefield@cam.org.au](mailto:lancefield@cam.org.au) to be placed on the parishioners email distribution list. A weekly email is sent out each Friday with updates and news regarding our parish.



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**Macedon Ranges Partnership**

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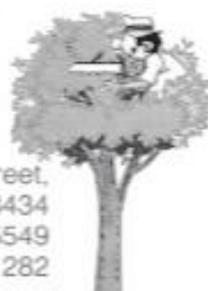

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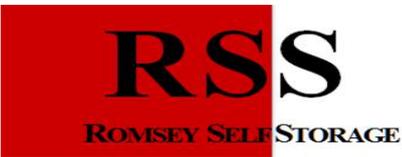
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