

THE Romsey Rag

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Romsey Golf Club

Current Works

After such a wet winter and early spring rains volunteers have been busy putting in emergency drains to clear water from behind greens and off fairways.

All greens were cored, top-dressed, seeded and fertilised at the end of September. The club's annual working bee was also held at the end of the month and many maintenance, improvement and park beautification works were completed.

Twilight Golf

- Begins Friday Nov 5th. Hit-off from 4.00pm.
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The pit for the drain behind the 8th green goes in during the break in lockdown restrictions.

RGC Centenary

local historian and author, Trevor Turnham, has researched the club's past and prepared; "RGC, The First 100 Years". This book launch will be part of the celebratory weekend March 25/26/27 2022.

2021 Romsey Women's Open

- Mon Nov 15th – 18 Holes Stroke. (Sponsor - The Bendigo Bank)

2021 Graeme Clement Open

- Sat Nov 20 - 4BBB Stableford – any combination. (Sponsor - The Romsey BottleO)
- Sun Nov 21st – 24 Hole Stroke. (Sponsor – The Romsey Collision Centre)

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Welcome to the October edition

Well, we recently had our most powerful earthquake for over 100 years.

The quake, magnitude 6.0 was centred around Mansfield and hit at 9.15 am on September 22nd.

The initial quake was followed by a 5.5-magnitude quake at 9:40am, a 4.0 quake at 9:55am and a 3.1-magnitude quake at 10.15am. Some people sat as their house moved around them, others did not seem to notice anything at all. By the time you read this the aftershocks will have come and gone.

After many years of hard work and application writing the Romsey Lancefield Historical Society has received a grant to serious maintenance and improvement works for Seymour Cottage, well done one and all.

With Romsey being just a "stab kick and a hand pass on" from much of Melbourne let's hope that the improvements to Seymour Cottage, our new Ice-cream Parlour, Verdue, Soltan-Pepper, the Ecotherapy Park, a much improved Romsey Park & Evans Wine Bar make the town a contender in the "Sunday Drive" stakes.

Romsey, a very attractive town, could so easily become a "destination" for so many people who are out for a relaxed drive ending in a spot with a few options for a very enjoyable lunch. We know the audience is there, we just have to provide what they are looking for.

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Unfortunately, the Lancefield/Macedon *Ranges Relay For Life* event has had to be postponed again due to the uncertainty with Covid Restrictions.

It was to be held on October 9th. We are hoping to run it in **March 2022** instead.

Romsey Mechanics' Institute

Grand Opening: Local MLA and Minister for Regional Development & Minister for Agriculture, Mary-Anne Thomas visited the RMI on Friday September 10th to inspect the newly completed toilet work and to officially open them. The Bendigo Bank was represented by board member Bev Beaumont. Stage one was funded by \$35,000 each from the Department of Jobs, Precincts & Regions and the Bendigo Bank with the RMI adding in just under \$5,000. CoM members Anthony Lakey, Allan Irvine and Kathleen Lakey were on hand to discuss the completed works and explain stages two and three of the "Renovation and Expansion of the RMI's Toilet Facilities".



Grant Success: The RMI was successful in our application to the MRSC Community Funding Scheme. We applied for funds to assist us to improve the power supply to the main hall. Eight additional power points will make it far easier and safer to provide lighting during our annual Antiques Fair and Art Show as well as allow multiple groups to take part in Local Area Network computer gaming nights. We are working our way through the MRSC planning permit process (bit of a surprise as we did not realise we would need a permit) and would like to thank Steve Polak, (MRSC Planning Dept), who has been very supportive of us with this new work. With a spot of luck we will get the planning permit and have the works done well before Christmas.



Established 1865

New User Group: We would like to welcome our newest user group The Romsey Ukulele Group. There is more information on this group elsewhere in this edition of the Rag. If you are interested in a weekday Uke session call Allan on 0418 581 885 to register your interest.

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Romsey - Lancefield Probus Welcome to friendship

Because of current Covid-19 rules, lockdowns etc, the Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club has been unable to get together for meetings for a few months. Meetings and Guest Speakers have had to be cancelled. Below is the story of our 20th Anniversary which was to be held in May 2020.

The month of May has a special meaning in the Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club as it was the month the Club was formed way back in the year 2000.

The Club's monthly meeting in May 2020 would have marked our 20th Birthday. Last year, as we will all remember, the nation was shut down due to COVID-19. Borders and businesses were closed, social interaction was forbidden. Consequently, our Probus Club suspended all activities. Our Club decided to mark its 21st Birthday by celebrating our 20th Anniversary. This sounds weird, but it was the best we could do because of COVID-19.

The Club's 20th Anniversary celebration was held on Thursday, 27 May 2021. COVID-19, while it had been successfully held at bay in Victoria, is still an ever-present threat and, consequently, our Anniversary event was a more controlled and limited celebration to comply with relevant COVID 19 rules.



Our 20-year members from left to right - Marjory Davis, Jean Buist OAM and Lyn VanArkel cutting the cake. Jean & Lyn are founding members.

The essential elements of the event, the formal presentations, Anniversary cake cutting, and sumptuous morning tea were there, but like the Olympic Games, unfortunately, the spectators, all the guests we had hoped to invite, were absent. Nevertheless, it was a memorable occasion for members and our Rotary guests.

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



October in the garden

by **Melanie Kinsey**

Spring rolls on and the last half dozen of the 100 red tulips I planted over a decade ago are about to bloom. I think the other 90 failed because they were baked to death over summer. Other bulbs to do well here are all the daffodils, grape hyacinths, pineapple lilies, ixias, arums, scilla and gladiolus. Actually the spring flowering Gladiolus cardinalis 'Amanda Mahy' is budding up nicely and will soon be a blaze of tangerine! It's a great undemanding bulb that has multiplied nicely and is a welcome burst of colour when it blooms.

Elsewhere in the garden the wattles are finishing and the odd blob of lilac on the ground proves to be one of the carpobrotus flowers, it is doing a great job as a weed suppressing ground cover. The berberis is coming into its purplish bronze leaves and soon the smokebush will be bursting into leaf too. My succulent collection is waking up too with many of them flowering now. I have cute little hanging blooms on my echeverias in red, orange and yellow, most of the sedums are yellow and my aeoniums are all yellow except for one which is white. Most succulent enthusiasts will tell you to cut off the flowers because they attract aphids but it's up to you. I like to let mine bloom!

In the vegetable garden (if I had one) I would be taking the opportunity to dig compost and manure into the beds in readiness for the summer seedling planting blitz in late October. Its always a conundrum to know how long to leave the winter crops before you need to plant the summer crops! And that white variegated Hebe 'Abbey Rose' that stressed a brilliant hot pink? As soon as I moved the pot up against the house the plant began to lose its colour. So the small amount of shelter and warmth radiating off the house helped it to become less stressed. It is almost completely back to being green and white again!

Planting trees this Spring? Remember - plan before you plant.

Greater Western Water reminds us to be careful where we plant trees this spring.

Trees provide welcome shade and habitat for wildlife. Underground can be a different story! Tree roots cause so much damage to pipes. Thirsty tree roots seeking moisture reach out towards underground pipe. They can eventually penetrate them causing blockages and even spills.

Tree roots are a leading cause of sewer blockages across the region. So...

- Choose trees with non-invasive root system
- Plant away from the underground infrastructure. (Using root barriers can also minimise damage). A good rule of thumb is that tree branches extend about 1.5 times the distance of its branches.
- You can contact Greater Western Water or go online to Dial Before You Dig to find out where pipes are located on your property.

A little planning first can prevent costly issues down the track.



We had the pleasure recently inducting two new members to our Lancefield/Romsey Lions Club, it was a fun night had by all, and hope they have Many years of fun and mateship while serving the Community.



From Left to right: Geoff Clarke the Sponsor and our new members, Jenny and Nigel Jones.

Home Care Packages Information Sessions

For those preferring to receive help at home rather than go into an aged facility as they get older, the government's 'Home Care Package' scheme provides an allocation of funds to individuals for them to access services which will enable them to live safely and independently at home.

One of the federal government's responses to the Royal Commission into aged care back in May was to announce the allocation of 80,000 extra home care packages over the next two years. Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health has been a Home Care Package provider in Sunbury for the last four years and it is expanding its service to include residents of the Macedon Ranges.

"We work with Home Care Package recipients to tailor services that meet their needs and their goals," says Carly Visscher, Sunbury and Cobaw's Community Connections Manager. "With over 40 years' experience delivering a range of health and wellbeing services in the local community, we offer a trusted, personalised support where the individual has choice and control over their care."

The types of services that can be purchased include exercise groups, help with housework, gardening and maintenance, assistance with shopping or transport and healthcare supports such as podiatry and physiotherapy

The organisation is holding an information session on Tuesday 5 October on the types of services that can be purchased through the packages and about My Aged Care, the access point for government funded aged care services. For bookings or more information, call 9744 4455 or email hcp@scchc.org.au. The sessions are open to anyone seeking more information about Home Care Packages including family members or service providers.



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Romsey Police Station

Having recently had some local police members depart, it is with great pleasure that I can advise that we have since welcomed 2 new officers to Romsey, Senior Constables Grace DUNN and Simon BOWEN.

They are experienced, knowledgeable members having both come from policing in Werribee and have hit the ground running since arriving.

They each bring specialist knowledge with Senior Constable BOWEN having spent time in the Werribee Community Safety Team targeting youth crime and drug activity and Senior Constable DUNN having worked in the Family Violence unit.

Though obviously still a smaller station, their arrival means we are now fully staffed and though we may not be always be in the office, we are still around and reachable through the Kyneton Police Station.

Recent local crime incidents include;

- a burglary in Monegetta where offenders gained entry to a shed on a rural property, stealing hand tools and made an attempt to steal a tractor. This continues a theme we've mentioned previously in these articles where sheds and shipping containers are being targeted. If relevant to you, please ensure your shed's, outbuildings and shipping containers are secure, consider installing

CCTV and please report any thefts or suspicious activity.

- damage caused to the fencing surrounding the playground at the rear of the Romsey football ground where the gates were ripped off the hinges.

- an infringement notice issued to a 36 year old male for possession of a controlled weapon without a lawful excuse after he was intercepted and found with a baseball bat concealed in his vehicle.

Victoria police badge lommebok low price c68b13aa0eWe have also been coming across a large number of unregistered vehicles where the registration has expired only by a day or two. Please be aware of your registration renewal date and ensure you are paid up, the fine for driving an unregistered vehicle is \$909 but is easily avoidable. If you are unsure, you can check the status of your registration on the VicRoads website.

**Thanks and stay safe.
Romsey Police**





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RRBATA Update

Romsey Town Structure Plan – Process underway!

MRSC Strategic Planning recently briefed RRBATA committee on the process for the Romsey Town Structure Plan. This plan is reviewed periodically to define Romsey's town boundary. It has an effect on economic development and amenity so is a very important document for all residents and business owners.

An Emerging Options Paper is being prepared based on the 2018 Issues and Opportunities Paper. This will go to the community for consultation in early 2022. Once accepted by Council, it will inform the final Town Structure Plan. This plan will go to the community for consultation from mid 2022, to be finalised by Dec 2022. It will then lead to a planning scheme amendment.

In its advocacy, RRBATA is active in "big picture" issues for our region and makes submissions on Council strategies - the latest was the draft Economic Development Strategy. The Town Structure Plan is one that RRBATA looks forward to.

RRBATA Funding Success

RRBATA has been successful in applying to Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Community Funding Scheme and have funding for both the Romsey Progressive Dinner 2022 (an Autumn Festival event) and Christmas in Romsey 2022.

Christmas In Romsey 2021 - Volunteers Recruitment UPDATE

Many thanks if you have already offered to assist, including the Romsey Men's Shed team! The myriad of tasks for Christmas in Romsey 2021 STILL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS, for:

- Main Street Christmas Trees
 - Help on installing trees (Saturday 27th November -attaching lights, securing trees)
 - Help to disassemble Christmas Trees (early January)
- Lights and Decorations Competition
 - Deliver Flyers to homes and businesses
- Main Street Building Illumination and Community Carols
 - COVID plan implementation monitors
 - Set up volunteers

If you can help with any of these roles, please register/contact Jenny Stillman jennystillman@optusnet.com.au - Ph. 0411 700 464

www.rrbata.com.au - Facebook: Romsey and Lancefield Region - Business and Living - Instagram: Romsey_Lancefield_Region

Membership Enquiries: Jenny Stillman Phone: 0411 700464, Email: jennystillman@optusnet.com.au or: rrbata.com.au/about/rrbata-membership/

Annual General Meeting

The 2021 Annual General Meeting for the Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association Incorporated will be held on Tuesday 16th November 2021, commencing at 7.00pm. (via Zoom) Zoom Video link details will be in November Romsey Rag and RRBATA Facebook

Ordinary business of the meeting will be:

- To confirm the minutes of the 2020 AGM
 - To receive and consider
 - the Annual Report of the committee for 2020-2021
 - the 2020-2021 Financial Statements of RRBATA
- To elect the members of the Committee
- To confirm or vary the annual subscription and joining fees.

Members and Guests WELCOME.

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October at

Romsey Library

October is Seniors Month and Mental Health Month!

| Be Kind To Animals Week, 1-7 October

Jump online after Tuesday 5 October and take a virtual tour - an Edgar's Mission's Facebook Live video for Be Kind to Animals Week. Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/edgarsmission/events>

We had planned a live event at Romsey Library with Pam Ahern, the founder of Edgar's Mission animal sanctuary in Lancefield. Unfortunately, this could not happen due to capped numbers.

Check out Edgar's Mission story time videos:
www.edgarsmission.org.au

| A Curious Circle, 7pm – 8:30pm, Thursday 21 October

Calling adult women – connect and explore your curiosity in a creative way!

Join with our new women's program, A Curious Circle (Curiosity, Connection and Creativity) (ongoing if enough interest). Dabble in some new arts and crafts, just for fun! Each month Trish and Karen – our creative library staff - lead a new activity. No special skills required. Supper provided.

BOOKING required. Places are limited to ensure a welcoming, relaxed group.

Call or pop in if you have any questions.

All About the eLibrary, 2:30pm, Wednesday 27 October

Learn to access fabulous online collections available with your library membership. Plus, find out about the new member of our eLibrary team - Libby!

Groups are small and follow up help is provided.

Be Connected is an Australian Government initiative to empower you to use the internet and everyday technology - to thrive in our digital world.

More information at www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/beconnected

BOOKINGS REQUIRED

To book your place at any of these programs, please visit our website: www.goldfieldslibraries.com or phone 5429 3086

| Local Connections Series

Our region is lucky to have fantastic writers. This month we're starting a semi-regular series shining a spotlight on books and authors with local connections.

First up is a 2020 psychological thriller, *The Long Shadow* by expert psychiatrist and Macedon Ranges local, Anne Buist.

The premise is grim and gripping: The outback town of Riley has enough to worry about with a looming hospital closure - then the threats of infanticide begin.

If you're looking for your next page-turner, it's time to peer into... *The Long Shadow*.



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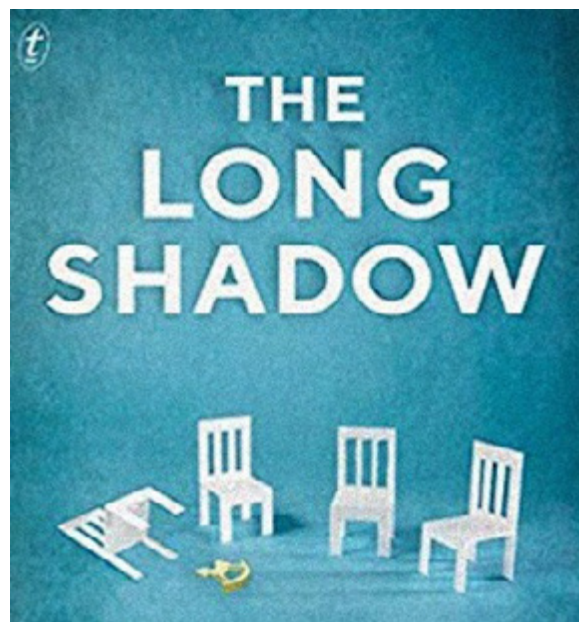
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Deep Creek Landcare



October is a great time to get busy in the backyard. Whether planting the summer vegies, replacing tired old plants or doing a complete makeover, these months are ideal. Good moisture levels and rising soil temperatures get your plants off to a good start and established before winter sets in.

Our garden is a mixture of natives and exotics. I am embarking on a native garden bed, close to the house, on the north. Planting in the Macedon Ranges is all about location, location, location or in other words, micro-climate. Anne, from the nursery in Lancefield says it is a couple of degrees warmer in the middle of town rather than on the outskirts due to the heat-sink effect of the buildings and roads.

The new garden bed will receive full sun for most of the day and is protected from cold southerlies. Its location allows for good drainage and less impact from frost than further down. In planting natives I consider the natural environment as well as our tastes and knowledge of what grows well here.



A native garden is relatively low maintenance - less fertilizer, less protection from disease and bugs and less watering than many exotics. The bonus for us is that the garden will provide food and shelter for birds and butterflies. Our garden has regular visits from nectar eaters - spinebills, honey eaters and wattlebirds. We want a continuous supply of nectar so we can enjoy their company all year round - to go with the omnipresent seed eating parrots and cockatoos and the delightful insect eating thornbills and blue wrens.

We will plant correas, grevilleas, banksias, callistemons and kangaroo paws interspersed with a few sea-side daisies, billy-buttons as well as common and clustered everlastings. For show, I might sneak in some leucadendrons! Check the labels to see the plants are frost tolerant, or ask the local nurserymen. Alpina is an indigenous grevillea and many of the rosmarinifolia crosses fit the bill. Mallee Dawn, Lady O and Scarlet Sprite do well. Our banksia spinulosa cross called Black Magic (pictured) has provided food through winter into spring. We also have exotics such as camellias (enjoyed by white-cheeked honey eaters during winter) and long flowering salvias which the eastern spinebill enjoys through summer and autumn.

Deep Creek Landcare has nesting boxes for sale. We ask for helpers to plant 500 indigenous trees at Gallagher's Crossing on Deep Creek, east of Romsey. This working-bee is planned for Sunday morning, October 24. 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.

| Romsey/Lancefield Senior Citizens Bendigo Bank Monthly Bus Trips

We are back again after a brief pause

Our Monday lunches and get togethers are back and running in our Rooms at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute on Mondays from 11am.

We are unsure of our monthly Bus Trips but we will keep you informed as to when these trips will be going ahead again.

We look forward to catching up with everyone on Mondays.

If you would like further information, please contact Helen on 0409 064 303 or Rae on 0408 338 759.



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Romsey Branch of C.W.A. Inc

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

Our friendly monthly meeting occurs on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 10.00 am to approx. 12.00 noon. Our fun craft days are on the 3rd Thursday of the month. 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. Membership is very affordable.

Due to easing of restrictions in regional areas we were able to hold our September Craft day. And were fortunate to have Cr Geoff Neil as our guest speaker. Geoff spoke on behalf of the Romsey Lancefield Ambulance Auxiliary and thanked us for the donation we gave. This will assist them in purchasing much needed equipment.

The Central Highlands Group Conference was held at the Romsey Mechanics institute on Saturday 25th September with most of our branches able to attend.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 1st October. Visitors are welcome.

This month's recipe

Yo Yo's

Ingredients:

- 185g plain flour
- 60g Custard powder
- 60g icing sugar
- 185g butter

Method:

1. Sift flour and custard powder, rub in butter and add sugar. Mix well.
2. Roll pieces of mixture into small balls.
3. Place on an oven tray and press gently with back of a fork.
4. Bake in a moderate oven 15 – 20 mins.
5. When cold join together with pink icing.



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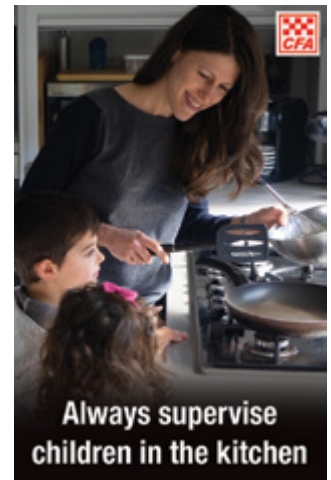
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Thanksgiving Fun: Endometriosis Research through the Jean Hailes Medical Centre for Women.

State Project: CWA of Vic. Inc. IT and Systems Upgrade and Maintenance.

Social Issues Focus: Safe Homes for All.



Always supervise children in the kitchen

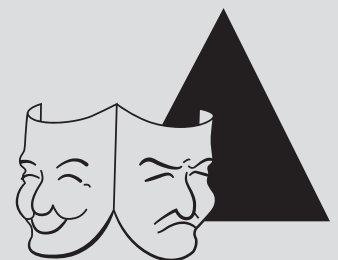
The Mount Players Postpone Love Song

Vale Richard Whiteley

Life Member Richard Whiteley, passed away on 22nd August. He was a member of the Mount Players' Committee for the first 12 years of its independent life from 1976, performing in the tiny, original theatre.

When the theatre was lost in the 1983 Ash Wednesday fires, Richard was assigned to oversee all theatre planning and construction. From appointing architects to fundraising, Richard worked tirelessly to ensure that our beautiful Mountview Theatre was finally completed and opened in 1990. Indeed, Richard remains an integral part of our theatre's history. He will be greatly missed. Our condolences to the family.

The Mount Players Youth Theatre (MPYT) is a vibrant community theatre program designed for children and young adults, aged from 10 to 19 years old and is run entirely by volunteers. The MPYT has been an active adjunct to The Mount Players since 2005 and provides opportunities for young participants to learn a wide range of theatrical skills.



The Mount Players

With many of the current, long-standing leadership group indicating their unavailability to be involved next year due to other commitments, The Mount Players is now seeking interest from enthusiastic, experienced volunteers for 2022. If you would like to know more, please go to www.themountplayers.com for full details and contact person.

It is hoped that the Youth Theatre will be able to stage their end of year production in December, however, due to continued uncertainty with Covid, Love Song has sadly been postponed till early 2022.

| By Karen Hunt

**Mary-Anne
Thomas MP**

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Support to educate Hepburn & Macedon Ranges on new recycling services

Victorian councils are being supported to roll out new education campaigns to help residents understand the four-bin recycling system, as part of the Victorian Government's goal to divert 80% of waste from landfill.

All Victorians will soon be sorting their household waste and recycling into four streams – with all local governments to transition to new glass services by 2027 and new food and garden organics services by 2030.

Local Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas said that both the Macedon Ranges and Hepburn Councils are two of the 17 councils across the state to share more than \$1 million in grants.

This funding will support Macedon Ranges Council's 4-stream household recycling services by targeting all households with a new campaign to reduce contamination, increase use of the food and garden organics service and minimise waste.

In Hepburn, the funding will have a focus on new household organics, food, garden and recycling collection. The council will be introducing a food and garden organics service in May 2022 to all households. An opt-out option will be provided to those who process their own waste.

Sustainability Victoria will provide communication materials based on behaviour change theory and research, developed in partnership with local government and industry, allowing councils to focus their funding efforts on advertising and engaging with residents.

All councils and alpine resort management boards are eligible for funding under the \$6.03 million Recycling Victoria Household Education and Behaviour Change Fund to be shared across four funding rounds. For more information on the Fund, visit Sustainability Victoria's website.

The ACDC Project

There is an exciting new mental health project rolling out in Romsey & Gisborne in October!

Community Mental Health Australia (CMHA) is a Coalition of the Community Mental Health States/Territories Peaks dedicated to promoting the importance of community mental health and psychosocial recovery services. CMHA has been funded by the Department of Social Services (DSS) to deliver the *Assisting Communities through Direct Connection (ACDC)* Project. The ACDC Project is an exciting new initiative that uses a door knocking approach to connect with householders and speak about their mental health and social and emotional wellbeing and connect them to services in their communities.

CMHA has partnered with HMS Collective who will provide highly skilled 'People Connectors' to deliver this project in your community. The Project will be running from 4 October 2021 to 21 January 2022. To find out more please visit www.acdc.org.au or get in touch with Community Engagement Officer, Harriet Worrall-Carter, at harriet@cmha.org.au or 0456 372 407.

The Victorian Government has invested over \$515 million to deliver the biggest transformation and reform of Victoria's waste and recycling industry. This includes \$380 million to deliver Recycling Victoria which will fundamentally reduce waste, boost jobs and establish a recycling system Victorians can rely on.

Mary-Anne Thomas MP
LABOR MEMBER FOR MACEDON



Notice of Annual General Meeting

The 2021 Annual General Meeting of The Romsey Rag Inc will be held on Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 7.30pm in the Noel Shaw Room.

Members and guests are welcome

Contact Allan Irvine on 0418 581 885 with any queries.

The meeting may be conducted on Zoom depending on restrictions at the time.

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St Mary's Lancefield
and Romsey

St. Mary's Primary School



You are invited to join

St Mary's Spoonville

Spoonville is a miniature garden of wooden spoons. It is a way of keeping people connected when feeling isolated during lockdown. Spoonvilles have popped up in many places throughout lockdown, helping to keep the community spirit alive whilst on walks around the neighbourhood.

You are invited to grab a wooden spoon and create your own spoony person. Use permanent markers, pipe cleaners, googly eyes, paint, etc. to create a person, animal or character.



Extend this invitation to your family and friends. ANYONE in the Lancefield and Romsey community can join us. Let's stay connected whilst we watch this colourful and creative garden grow.






You can find St Mary's Spoonville here.



As I write this, we have one week of school to go before the September holidays. It's great to have our Junior students back at school, but sad for our middle and senior students who are still remote learning. We really hope that Term 4 will begin with all students and staff back together again and a full term of learning with no interruptions, surely that's not too much to hope for!

Spoonville @ St Mary's

Our Year 3/4 team decided that we all needed something to smile about so jumped on the idea of a Spoonville @ St Mary's. Spoonville started popping up all around Melbourne last year during the long stretches of lockdown as a way to bring smiles to the faces of children (and adults) on their daily walks. It's a fabulous idea, so simple and yet ingenious - something all of us can do to not only brighten our own days, but everyone else who wanders past. So, I'm putting out the call for all families, businesses, individuals to create a little spoony person to add to our St Mary's Spoonville to help bring a smile and a little sunshine to all our lives during these difficult times.

| Jo Shannon (Community Liaison Leader)



G'day,

Some of the diets of our ancestors are to be applauded and repeated, while others are to be deplored.

One can, of course, go into the reasons - the whys and the wherefores of the reasons - certain peoples ate certain foods. For instance, I'm a daily consumer of nuts, seeds and grains which the Ancient Egyptians of the Pyramids times ate. But I'm not a daily consumer of the beer they drank as if it was water. (Although they did have a lot of water in their brew, which is maybe where some of our own brewmasters got the idea.). Anyway, I've looked up the life expectancy of the average Ancient Egyptian - for those who survived childhood (they had a very high infant death rate due to high risks of infections resulting in an average age at death of 19 years) the life expectancy was 30 years for women and 34 years for men.

And, apart from intrigues or death by crocodile bite, or slaves being whipped for having placed a statue a millimetre too far to the right or left, or sunstroke or measles or... Strewth, the more I think about this, it's a wonder they didn't die on average much, much earlier.

What my original argument was to be was that their diet wasn't a diverse diet and so we shouldn't aspire to reproduce it today, when really what I should be thinking is - take the better parts of their food consumption and marry it with the better part of ours.

(Just as an aside, are our tomatoes as nutritious as those of yesteryear? Has all our forced growing and out-of-season demands altered the goodness of a tomato, or a pineapple, or banana for that matter?)

So, dear reader, the long and the short of all this is to vary our diet, but to think about our daily consumption. Green leaves, seeds and nuts, a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables. Limit processed food and don't swim in the Nile or build pyramids

Remember when Peters Ice Cream was lauded as "The Health Food of the Nation"? (I felt tremendously proud as a 'Peter' when I was a nipper). Anyway, not everyone believed 'em and I was, and still am, one of those sceptics. Nevertheless I've written an ice-cream recipe - an AVOCADO ICE CREAM recipe. (Avocados are the health food of the nation as long as you don't discard the pip and fill the indentation with rubbish.)

By the way, the fruit, as we know it, is the reproductive organ of the plant. The bit we eat is the flesh which protects the pip. If that's turned you off, I'm now presenting for your approval a recipe featuring the all-round good bloke Robert De Castella's Health Balls. (For short 'Deek's Balls'.)

I hope all this health stuff isn't too boring - but someone's got to do it, eh!

Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke

AVOCADO ICE-CREAM DESSERT

RECIPE

Ingredients

- 2 Avocados
- Juice of 2 lemons
- Splash of brandy
- 1 1/2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 cup vanilla ice-cream
- 3 egg whites
- Whipped brandied cream
- Strawberries for decoration

Method

1. Peel the avocados and take out the stone.
2. Pop them into your blender with the lemon juice, brandy and sugar and puree them.
3. Let the ice-cream soften and fold it into the puree, then beat the egg whites until they stand in soft peaks and fold them in too.
4. Pour into individual serving dishes and pop into fridge until set.
5. Decorate with a dollop of whipped cream (with a spoonful of brandy whipped in if you like), and top with a strawberry.

DE CASTELLA'S HEALTH BALLS

RECIPE

Ingredients

- 3 Slices multi-grained bread, crumbled
- 1/4 Cup sultanas
- 1/4 Cup raisins
- 1/2 Cup crushed nuts
- 1/2 Granny smith apple, cored, not peeled but finely chopped
- 1/2 Cup grated tasty cheese
- Good pinch dried rosemary leaves
- 1 Clove garlic, crushed
- 3 Thin slices fresh root ginger, finely chopped;
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Juice of half an orange
- Juice of half a lemon
- 1/4 Cup wholemeal flour
- A little more lemon juice
- 1/4 Cup sesame seeds
- 1/3 Cup olive oil for frying.

Method

1. In a bowl mix together the bread, sultanas, raisins, nuts, apple, cheese, rosemary, garlic, ginger and freshly ground black pepper.
2. Pour in the orange and lemon juice and mix well. Take spoonfuls of the mixture and form into balls - this amount of mixture will make 8-10 balls.
3. Roll the balls in flour, sprinkle with a little more lemon juice then roll in sesame seeds.
4. Heat the oil in a large heavy frying pan, then fry the balls till they're golden brown - they'll only take a couple of minutes.
5. Drain on kitchen paper and eat hot.

Council providing free mulch for remainder of 2021

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is pleased to offer residents free mulch at all Council transfer stations until 31 December 2021.

Residents are encouraged to head to their local transfer station and claim up to one cubic metre of free self-loaded mulch.

The mulch is produced from garden organics dropped off at Council's transfer stations and is available to residents living in the Macedon Ranges Shire. Residents will need to provide proof that they live in the shire, such as a driver license or rates notice.

This is a first-come, self-load offer. Residents should bring their own shovel, containers or trailer, and protective clothing.

There are many benefits to mulching your garden, including water conservation. Mulch stops the top of the soil drying out, keeps the soil moist, and can reduce watering by about 60 per cent.

Other benefits to mulching include:

- Prevents weeds and weed seed germination, which compete with plants for moisture and nutrients.
- Keeps the soil temperature constant, and using an organic mulch means you are adding extra organic matter to the soil.
- Greatly improves soil conditions for the root zone of all plants

The amount of mulch available at transfer stations varies and is available while stocks last.

If you are interested in the MRSC information on

- Bird Blitz,
- 2022 Autumn Festival,
- Property management events for horse owners
- Preparing your property for the fire season


These can be found on www.mrsc.vic.gov.au

For more information contact Council on 5422 0333.
For locations and opening hours, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/transfer-stations



Romsey Neighbourhood House

Romsey Neighbourhood House offers a range of classes and workshops. For more information, visit the House or Romsey Coop for term brochure, call 5429 6724 or visit <https://romseynh.corsizio.com>



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Final community climate change action plan for Romsey and Lancefield

A mix of community consultation activities conducted from March to August has resulted in a plan for local action on climate change and sustainability in Romsey and Lancefield.

The plan is now available at mrsc.vic.gov.au/cool-changes

The plan was developed through Council's Cool Changes program, with staff and consultants working with local community members to inform the content of the plan.

It serves as both a reference point for residents to link into current action for sustainability, and a springboard for future action.

The plan's six themes are Caring for Country; Food, health, and wellbeing; Sustainable energy, Sustainable Transport, Better homes and buildings; and Waste, recycling and the circular economy.

It is hoped that the plan can be promoted at a community event later this year (pending pandemic restrictions), and be a catalyst for the formation of a local action group to help build on current action in the community.

Information about the next steps will be provided at mrsc.vic.gov.au/cool-changes and via local media. Contact Silvana Predebon for more information, on 5421 9659 or at spredebon@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Youth Awards 2021... we're going online!

As a result of recurring COVID-19 restrictions, we're rescheduling the 2021 Youth Awards and will be taking the event online! The 'screening' date for the Youth Awards video presentation is now Thursday 28 October at 7.30pm.

We'd be thrilled if you were able to watch along with us on the date, to hear about and celebrate all the great things young people are achieving in the Macedon Ranges Shire.

To find out more go to mrsc.vic.gov.au/youth-awards

Meet Bernie O'Sullivan, CEO

I commenced as Chief Executive Officer of Macedon Ranges Shire Council in May 2021. Now I am reacquainting myself with all things Macedon Ranges. I have a special connection – I grew up on a family farm in Pastoria East. My grandfather Bartholomew was Mayor of the Shire of Kyneton in 1948, and my father was a Councillor later on.

As the sixth of nine children, I have extremely fond memories of growing up on the farm, and family picnics at Hanging Rock. My primary schooling was in Kyneton, followed by Sacred Heart College. I have a Bachelor of Agricultural Science (Univ. Melb), and Master of Public Affairs (Univ. Sydney)

Initially I worked in policy and advocacy in New South Wales and Canberra. Returning then to Victoria, my roles have included:

- Director Strategy and Growth, City of Greater Bendigo
- Deputy Secretary Regional Services, Dep't of Environment, Land, Water and Planning
- Deputy Secretary Regional Services, Dep't of Environment and Primary Industries
- Lead Regional Director Loddon Mallee, Dep't of Primary Industries



I am married with four children, all in secondary school.

I am honoured to take on this role. I trust my experience and local knowledge helps to provide strong community focused leadership to MRSC.

I look forward to work with Councillors, staff, residents, local businesses, stakeholders and the community. Our goal - to deliver a high standard of services and infrastructure, whilst we protect and enhance the environment and local amenity that attracts people to the Macedon Ranges.

Addressing the Disconnect

Supporting Mental Health Connection Via Telehealth - Locally

Romsey Neighbourhood House is seeing the benefit of addressing mental health support - locally.

A successful six-month collaborative pilot connecting the community of Romsey to mental health professionals via telehealth has recently received a state government grant to continue the service, with a focus on the well-being of those in caring roles. The first in the Macedon Ranges.

MindHealthHub provides individuals a supported connection to psychologists via telehealth, enabling the connection for those 12 years and over.

Those who have converted to Zoom and Google Meet for virtual work or family hook ups are familiar that technology can assist connection however many of our local community aren't connected. Having limited or no data and tech or experience tech black spots. *"We have created a safe and private space at Romsey Neighbourhood House for our community to use the MindHealthHub service to connect with mental health clinicians"* says Michelle Balthazar.

Abbey Brown, the innovator behind MindHealthHub shares her passion about providing individuals an opportunity to try telehealth to connect with mental health professionals - in community.

"Those who have accessed the service are really seeing the benefits, saving both time and costs often associated with seeking professional support in traditional allied health models. This is exciting. We're supporting and educating a new way for people to connect with clinicians to manage their mental health - locally".

If you know someone who may benefit from local connection to a psychologist, get in touch. There is no cost to access the service with supported connection, data, tech and the private space to do the work all provided by Romsey Neighbourhood House. At this stage, sessions are conducted on a Wednesday. Those eligible for the service must be 12 years or older. Those 12 - 16years wanting to access the service require parent or guardian consent and a parent present at RNH during the session.

To find out more enquire in person at Romsey Neighbourhood House or connect with Abbey directly on 0413 448 748.



Romsey Mens Shed

Working on Friendships



Romsey Mens Shed is open to new members! We have lunch/barbecues on Thursdays, from about 11.15 a.m. with a five dollar donation, open to potential members and members guests. We are located in the Romsey Park between the Lions and Scouts buildings in Barry Street.

We are usually open on Tuesdays from 10.00am to 2.00pm for machine refurbishing and set up tasks and can also show potential members around.

We have two work areas - woodwork, engineering/automotive and a kitchen/meals area. Some come for coffee and chat. Not all want to be "hands on". That is fine and we plan to expand the "breakout" area over time.

Most members are retired or semi-retired, but membership is open to men of all ages.

Membership forms: Romseymys@gmail.com or at the shed.

| Kevin Fothergill Vice President



Romsey Golf Club Report

Drainage Works around the Park; Men's Captain, Mal Mottram & RGC persident, Anthony Lakey, met with Dean Frank & Steve Skinner from the Shire and councillors Bill West & Geoff Neil to inspect an overgrown drain and to discuss options to renovate and modify it so that water is channeled away from the park. It was a very successful meeting and was followed up by a Shire engineering department review of the plans for drainage of Romsey Oval No 1. Planning and funds will now be directed to collecting the water and then moving it off Romsey Park. These works will also clear the drain that runs east from the Recreation Centre/Tennis/Netball Courts then north passed the cricket nets and out onto Wallan Road.

Golf recommences After our most recent lockdown the club was permitted to play social golf in groups of up to four. We were not allowed to congregate in groups larger than 10 but it was good to catch up with fellow golfers as we passed each other on the course and to play a round on a beautiful early spring afternoon.

Recreation Planning; The MRSC is currently holding meetings with all the sporting clubs within the shire. RGC met with Anthony Cini & Dean Frank to discuss our plans and areas where things could be improved. It is wonderful that these meetings will be a regular part of the the

Grant Success: Earlier in the year RGC, applied to the Community Funding Scheme for monies to assist us to paginate, print, bind and publish our Centenary Book and also for funds to assist us to hold our event to launch the book and to announce the first RGC Hall of Fame and Legends nominees. Both applications were successful, our thanks to Shire for their support

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Romsey Golf Club

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President: 0417 088 891

Secretary: 0400 768 040



Entrance near the Rec Centre repaired.

Golf Club of the Year; RGC has been named the Dalhousie District club of the year for 2020. There will be celebratory golf event at Romsey in February where all the 2020 DDGA awards will be presented

Park Access: Over the years we have had problems with individuals entering the park to set up tents or to drop material onto our burn-off pile. In recent weeks the club has put in new posts and rails at the Rec Centre entrance point and the shire has now installed a chain and padlock. Hopefully we will no longer find car tyres etc when we burn-off.

We have even had a stolen car dumped on the park.

QR code on the 1st tee, all golfers must use it & and please pay your green fees.

For detailed reports on all results;

<http://www.romseygolfclub.net/results/2021/>

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2021-22 Community Investment Program Round 1

Thank you to all who have participated in our current round of grants/sponsorships through the Community Enterprise Foundation. Written notifications to all participants regarding their application will be issued shortly. Regrettably, in light of current Covid restrictions, it has been decided our Community Investment celebration evening will not proceed this year.

2021 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Lancefield Romsey Community Financial Services Limited (the local company that owns our Community Bank Lancefield & Romsey) will be held at 7.00 pm on Thursday, November 25th at Romsey Hub. Shareholders will receive formal notice of AGM along with supporting documents mid-October. If Covid restrictions prevent the meeting being held face-to-face, arrangements will be made to hold the meeting virtually.

MRSC Business Awards

Once again, Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey are a major supporter of the 2021 MRSC Business Awards. In particular, we are the proud sponsors of The People's Choice Award and The Young & Professional Award. Winners will be announced at an event to be held on Friday, November 26th.

Lancefield Dreaming

Four years ago, our Community Investment Program awarded a grant of \$40,000 to fund production of a documentary detailing the history and characters of Lancefield. The resulting film has now been re-edited for mainstream television and will be shown on SBS on the 11th December. Congratulations to all those involved in the film – what a great achievement to have our town's story being told across the nation.

2020-21 Community Investment Program (CIP) – latest projects

A number of our past CIP recipients have been providing their funding acquittals, a requirement of all our awardees. It's great to hear about how Community Bank funds were used, and the benefits that these projects have brought to our wider community. Here's some snippets from recent acquittals:

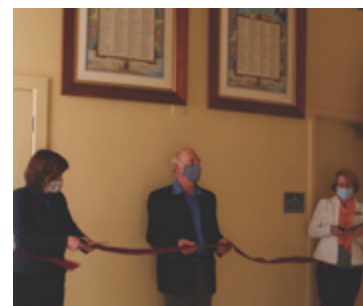
- **Lancefield Golf Club** – Course watering upgrades. LGC recently completed Stage 2 of upgrades to the entire sprinkler system throughout the golf course. This has included installing additional fairway sprinklers and associated pipe work from the 150m markers through to the Green and surrounding areas. Glen Holland, President of LGC acknowledged the significance of the CIP grant towards this major project for the Club.
- **Romsey Bowling Club** – Open Fours Bowls Tournament. The RBC held their annual Open Fours Bowls Tournament earlier in the year – one of few events that have been able to proceed between lockdowns and Covid restrictions. The tournament was

well attended, and appreciated, by local members. As major sponsor of the event, Community Bank Romsey Senior Branch Manager – Michael O'Gorman, and Customer Service Officer – Matthew Richardson, were pleased to be invited along to the winners presentation.

- **Romsey Cricket Club** – Implementation of a girls cricket team. Over the past two seasons, a lot of ground work has gone into establishing a girls cricket team. In 2019/20 there were 6 members, and last year the number grew to 15 girls, and this year the club is looking to field two sides. Tim McCarthy, Co-ordinator for the girls teams, said "It is our aim to provide both boys and girls an equal opportunity to play cricket in the local area. To see the girls' improvement plus happiness and confidence to have a go has been a huge plus for the Club".



- **Romsey Mechanics Institute** – Toilets Refurbishment. Last year's CIP program awarded a grant of \$35,000 to assist with renovation and expansion of the toilet facilities at the RMI. This brings the total funding of projects at the RMI by Community Bank Romsey in the last five years to just under \$100,000. This includes refurbishment of the external storage shed, internal audio-visual upgrade, repairs and refurbishments to the exterior of the building, repairs to flues, chimneys and heaters – all on top of sponsorship of events such as film nights, art shows and antiques fairs.



We'd like to remind the community that all of this investment is made possible by the local community banking with us. It's a gracious circle – our profits are returned to the local community either via the Community Investment Program, scholarships to local students, and dividends to shareholders who all have a local connection. So support the ONLY local bank who in turn supports your community.



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The Recovery Hotline is open from 8am to 7pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) and 9am to 1pm on weekends.

For more information about the Storm and Flood CleanUp program,

visit www.br.vic.gov.au/cleanup or phone the Storm and Flood Recovery Hotline on 1800 560 760

Mary-Anne Thomas MP

LABOR MEMBER FOR MACEDON

As your local Member of Parliament I am keen to hear from the community and assist with any State Government matter.



Mary-Anne Thomas

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Questions in uncertain times

We label a person as fool or a genius based on an IQ test – which depends simply on the questions answered correctly in a given time.

There is another IQ test which eternally classifies us as genius or foolish. God has given us a certain amount of time (life on earth) to answer one simple question - what do you think of Christ? Our answer will determine whether we are an eternal genius or an eternal fool.


Isn't it amazing that the IQ test that really matters has only one question – Do you believe Jesus Christ paid the penalty for your wrongdoings and died on your behalf so you may have everlasting life? One correct answer can make a foolish believer wiser than the most brilliant unbeliever.

1 Corinthians 3:18-19 -LB:

“Stop fooling yourselves. If you count yourself above average in intelligence, as judged by this world's standards, you had better put this all aside and be a fool rather than let it hold you back from the true wisdom from above. 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As it says in the book of Job, God uses man's own brilliance to trap him; he stumbles over his own “wisdom” and falls.”

WE live in times where the world's logic seems no longer to make sense. Even the most brilliant of minds cannot fathom where the world is heading.

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St Paul's Romsey Op Shop open on:

- **Friday**
12:30 - 4:00pm (winter time)
- **Saturday**
10:00am - 1:00pm

During a Lockdown we are directed to close the Op Shop for the duration of the Government lock down time period. When the Government lift the restrictions for the rural area, then the Op Shop will re-open immediately. Donations of clean quality goods will be most welcome & appreciated at the St Paul's Op Shop. Items of clothing, Bric & Brac, Craft & books can be left on Friday afternoon and Saturday mornings during open hours. (Except on Lock down orders) Owing to regulations we cannot accept electrical good, prams, baby cots, mattresses furniture or children's toys. Your ongoing support and donations are appreciated.



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Macedon Ranges Shire Council

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Saturday Healing Mass: The Healing Mass will be celebrated at 10am in Romsey on the 1st Saturday of each month.

Extra Saturday Masses: As restrictions have recently tightened in regards to how many people can attend Mass, there will be an extra Mass scheduled on Saturday mornings in Romsey at 10am. Please contact the office for details and to make bookings.

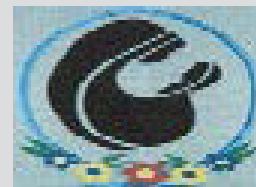
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Baptisms: Baptisms are held at 2pm on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Please contact the office for the next available date.

Sacraments: Due to Covid restrictions, children not attending St. Mary's School aren't able to join in with the Sacrament program run through the school this year; therefore they will be celebrated privately during the Sunday Mass. Reconciliation and Eucharist are now closed but if you would like to book your child in for Confirmation, please contact the Secretary. Should a parishioner want to go to Reconciliation, please contact Fr. Martin directly at Woodend on 5427 2690 to book a time.

Mass Bookings: As Mass numbers are restricted at this time, attendance at Mass is by registration only. Please contact the Secretary at lancefield@cam.org.au or by phone on 5429 2130 to reserve your place at the next available Mass. Social distancing, hygiene protocols and QR code sign-in are all place at our churches. Please do not show up at Mass without a booking as you may be turned away. Thank you for your co-operation to keep our churches open.



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- All positions will be declared vacant.
- You are invited to stand as a candidate for committee membership.
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Further information can be obtained from our local DELWP (Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning) office or at the meeting.

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Romsey Rag

The Fountains of Macedon

Recently the Gisborne Gazette featured an article on the town's fountains. The history was so similar our own here in Romsey. Local residents may be interested in a story of Romsey's fountains

I live in Romsey, which has had an association with fountains for over 120 years. Similar to the 'sabotage' in Gisborne, in 1924, the original Romsey fountain, at the junction of Main and Barry Streets, was unceremoniously demolished as 'a danger to traffic'. No effort was made to preserve it. The pieces of that substantial monument virtually disappeared into thin air.

This Memorial Fountain was dedicated to the public by the President of the Romsey Shire, Councilor William Somerville JP on 24 July 1901. It celebrated the Federation and the reign of Queen Victoria who had recently died.

This fountain had a 12 foot brick and cement basin. A centre pedestal supported dolphins and sea eagles, and a figure of a woman – all cast in cement. When the fountain was 'in play', the dolphins and sea gulls spouted water. The water ascended 19 feet to the top and fell onto two ornamental concave dishes. The basin was kept filled to eighteen inches to water stock.

This was convenient for Romsey - the town saw daily arrivals of horse-drawn Cobb and Co. coaches - before the motor car made a striking difference. For children and locals, it had a thumb pressure tap with an enameled cup.

In 1901, Councillor Somerville was optimistic: '... the fountain would be an enduring monument to her memory, but if in the process of years it should crumble away, he would be confident that it would be re-erected as the respect for the Queen would pass down from generation to generation.' He did not anticipate attitudes such as Councillor Robb in the 1920's 'it had no ornamental value, and was an obstruction and danger'.

This fountain was identical to the Gisborne one. In 2001, a new Romsey fountain was unveiled in front of the Mechanics Hall. Less ornamental and impressive than the one at Gisborne, it was constructed through the financial generosity of local citizens.

Unveiled in November 2001, the gardens around this fountain are a point for locals to meet. The Macedon Ranges Shire do maintenance and remedy occasional vandalism. The original fountain site has now morphed into the much-anticipated roundabout.

| Michael P. Garnett OAM

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Unveiling Ceremony, Romsey – July 1901



Left to Right: Mary-Anne Thomas (Member for Macedon), Beth Child (Lancefield Romsey Historical Society), Fay Woodhouse (Historian, Lancefield Romsey Historical Society), Cr Rob Guthrie (MRSC & liaison with Heritage Council), Mayor Jennifer Anderson (MRSC), John Spring (Lancefield Romsey Historical Society), Noreen Yorke (President, Lancefield Romsey Historical Society)

Good News for Seymour Cottage

Heritage listed Sidney Seymour Cottage Property

On 9 September, The Hon. Richard Wynne MP, Minister for Planning and Minister for Housing announced the successful applicants for Round 6 of the Living Heritage Program. We are overjoyed to announce that Romsey was successful!

The Historical Society's application was a matter of 'third time lucky'. After two unsuccessful attempts – the first in 2011-2012 and the second in 2018-19 – we are at last a winner! We hope that this Heritage Grant will, as Minister Wynne notes, 'breathe new life' into Seymour Cottage for the people of Romsey and Lancefield - and for all Victorians.

Minister Wynne: 'The Living Heritage Program is about protecting significant sites across Victoria for future generations to enjoy and learn from. These are the sites that tell stories about our history and play a major role in rural and regional Victoria's tourism industry – we're proud to protect these treasured community assets.'

Seymour Cottage is a treasured site. It tells us about the history of the township. When the Cottage was open for its first 'History Tea' in April 2021, over 150 people attended, keen to discover what they could about the Cottage and its former owners. Others, disappointed they missed that date, are now looking forward to future events at the Cottage. This grant ensures future events will happen.

Works funded are the development of a Conservation Management Plan, a Heritage Landscape Plan, and a Structural Condition Report on appropriate remedial measures for Seymour Cottage.

All works will be subject to approvals under the Heritage Act 2017. Funds granted total \$37,000.

Look out for further updates in 2022 as the program progresses.

Dr Fay Woodhouse, Historian and Biographer, Honorary Principal Fellow School of Historical and Philosophical Studies, University of Melbourne

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