

THE Romsey Rag

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JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE *Season*

Why is Christmas such an exceptional time of year? We think it's because everyone is expecting a miracle at Christmas. Consider all the popular Christmas movies. Many have a miracle as the central plot. Whether it's a child hoping their parents get back together, or a shop-owner hoping they can keep their business running.

You might be reading this after another challenging year of lockdowns, masks and children learning from home.

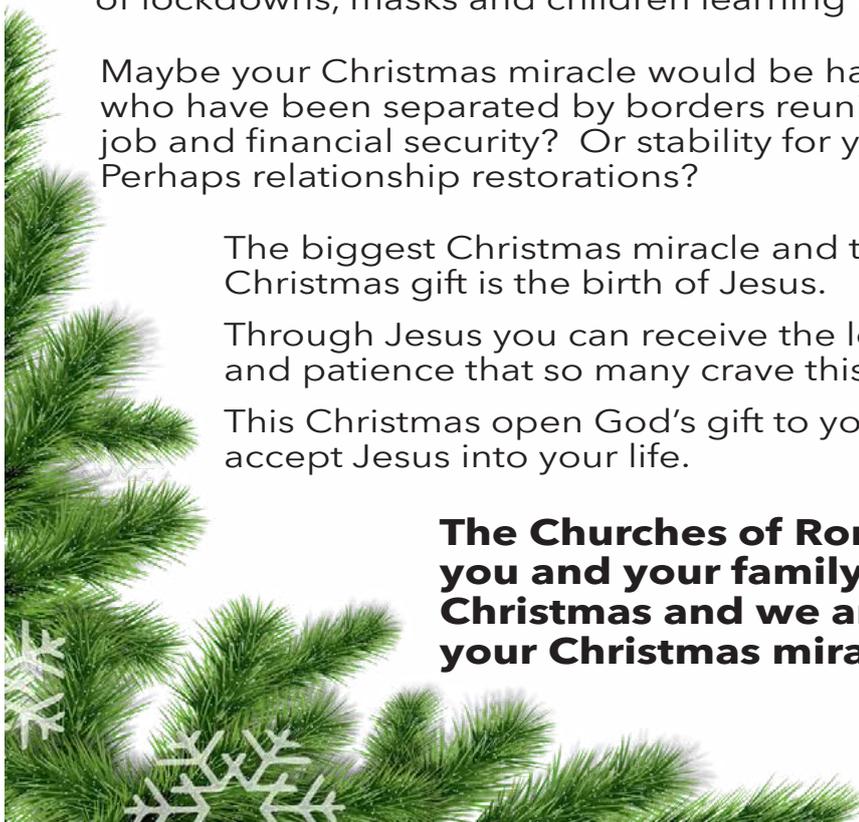
Maybe your Christmas miracle would be having family who have been separated by borders reunited? Maybe job and financial security? Or stability for your children? Perhaps relationship restorations?

The biggest Christmas miracle and the biggest Christmas gift is the birth of Jesus.

Through Jesus you can receive the love, joy, peace and patience that so many crave this time of year.

This Christmas open God's gift to you today and accept Jesus into your life.

The Churches of Romsey wish you and your family a Blessed Christmas and we are praying for your Christmas miracle.



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Welcome to the December edition

Hero is a word all too easily thrown around these days.

While some heroes rise to overcome a difficult and often dangerous situation many people could rightly earn that title through their ongoing, everyday efforts to make our world a better place. As our 2021 draws to a close it is appropriate to look back and focus on those who have helped us through a difficult and challenging year.

We should all be aware of and acknowledge the heroic efforts of;

- our ambulance staff,
- our hospitals, nurses, doctors and chemists,
- the community workers who provide food and other care to many individuals and families
- our care home-staff who look after our oldest and most vulnerable community members,
- our schools and our teachers who have "faced up and taken block" to support our children and their parents through a year full of "home schooling",
- our police who often face very challenging situations,
- our sporting and other community clubs who have been flexible and tried their hardest to keep people together.

While we may not all agree with everything that has occurred during 2021 the groups above have worked their hardest to keep us alive and safe.

On behalf of the Romsey Rag Committee of Management, we would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and New Year, full of smiles, laughs, hugs and good times. Will be back for the February edition.

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Romsey Mechanics' Institute

Grant Success: Earlier in the year the CoM submitted an application to the Community Funding Scheme (Bendigo Bank) for funds to support community groups holding film afternoons/evenings. We were successful with that grant and a number of community groups will have already received a letter inviting them to take up our offer of a subsidised film event. We will only be able to support four of these events so if you are interested in raising your groups profile, in attracting new members and making some funds, (once you get the letter) move quickly.

AV Trial Run: A small group met at the RMI on the Saturday of the Cox Plate to connect to the broadcast from Moonee Valley and try out the big screen and sound system. It was a great success with a very clear picture and top sound during all the races. Community groups may also like to use this equipment to host an afternoon/evening at the RMI for events such as the Big Bash 20/20 finals, the Melbourne and Caulfield Cups, the Cox Plate the AFL Grand Final etc. For more information please contact; rmibookings@gmail.com.

Much of the AV equipment would not be in place without the support of the Bendigo Bank.

Ukuele Group: Our fledgling ukuele group has grown steadily and now many cars can be seen parked out the back of the RMI on a Saturday morning. The group shares the "Billiards Room" with the Romsey/Lancefield

Senior Citizens, a very harmonious relationship. If anyone has an idea for a community group we are always available to listen and help in any way we can. The RMI is here to provide an economic venue for the use of the community

The RMI CoM would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year. We hope for a more open and enjoyable 2022



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December in the garden

by **Melanie Kinsey**

So much Rain!

During the millennium drought I swore I would never again say 'stop raining' but I'm getting close to it now! The lawns are soggy, the garden beds are wet and the paths are slippery. It's not much fun being outside and you shouldn't work soil when it is wet anyway, because you can damage its structure. So, I have concentrated on tending to my succulent pot collection. I Seasoled and liquid fertilised all of them and moved the ones on the verandah forward into the sun. I had a large multi-headed Agave attenuata which was getting a bit unwieldy, so I cut all the heads off and reset 3 into a pot, giving the other 3 away.

Trevor and I made a mercy dash into town the other day to rescue a ponytail palm Beaucarnea recurvata that was about to be thrown into the skip. It stands almost 2m tall and its swollen base made it very heavy so it was a tricky job getting it into the trailer. But we have it home now and just need to find somewhere to place it until our new house is built and it will then go to its final location.

My Californian tree anemone Carpentaria californica is in full bloom and its huge fried egg flowers are waving around in the breeze. It's hard to believe this plant is in the hydrangea family! It has taken a few years to hit its straps but I think it's shaping up nicely and it should be pretty drought tolerant now. Also flowering now is my Chinese windmill palm Trachycarpus fortunei which is one of the coldest tolerant palms of all, hailing as it does from the mountainous areas of Asia. It produces large plumes of soft yellow teeny tiny flowers.

Parks Victoria

Storm clean-up

Recent severe weather has lashed parks in Victoria. Damage is widespread, with gusts up to 140 kilometres per hour.

Visit the Safety in Nature page for up-to-date info on sites and closures.

Latest closures

In severe storms, rainfall soaks deep into the ground, softens the soil and reduces the grip of tree roots.

Recently large trees fell on walking tracks, fences, bridges and access roads. Where trees are grouped, some became uprooted but remain hanging against other trees and could fall without warning – even in light winds.

With more wet weather on the way, the soil will continue to move and disrupt the structural integrity of many trees. It is extremely important that visitors stay out of closed parks as rangers assess safety and remove hazardous trees. Stay out of fenced or taped off areas.

Local Macedon Closures:

- Macedon Regional Park
 - Walking track between Bawden Road and the Memorial Cross Reserve
 - Hoods Track - Francis Track
 - Link 1 Track and Link 2 Track
- Coliban River Scenic Reserve (Trentham Falls)
 - Whole site closed (incl. toilet block and entrance to Trentham Falls)
- Hepburn Regional Park
 - Goldfields Track (from Telegraph Rd to the Midland Hwy)
 - Vehicle tracks south of the Midland Highway (except Old Tom Track)

Some Macedon sites have reopened, being cleared of minimal damage.

Watch rangers Angelo Keratianos and Lily Brown take you through reopened sites at Macedon Regional Park - Cameron Drive, Camels Hump, Days Picnic Ground, Sanatorium Lake Picnic Ground, Harbison Picnic Ground, Cameron Picnic Ground, McGregor Picnic Ground and Old Scout Camp Area:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dP_BZfmZ1CE

- If your favourite park is closed, visit Places to See for other options.
- For the latest info on closed parks, visit the Safety in Nature page,
- For detailed info and maps on track closures, look at 'change of conditions' on individual park pages.

Romsey Police Station

Hello Romsey,

We hope you have been making the most of being able to get out and about and are enjoying the warmer weather. With that, it is timely to mention the imminent fire danger period and related restrictions. Please refer to the CFA website – www.cfa.vic.gov.au for fire danger period dates relevant to Macedon Ranges and a list of activities restricted during this period.

Additionally, with an increase in traffic on the roads please be mindful of road safety, put your mobile phone away and limit other distractions, keep to the speed limit and be considerate of other road users. We want to see everybody getting to their destinations safely.

We are also currently in the midst of a national firearms amnesty. Any person wanting to surrender an unwanted or unregistered firearm can do so at any police station or licenced firearms dealer with no obligation to provide a name or other details and are free from prosecution for possessing an unregistered firearm. Refer to the crime stoppers website for more details. For firearms licence holders with registered firearms, we are ramping up storage inspections in the area so please ensure you are compliant, such as keeping ammunition separate from firearms, bolting your safe to the wall and/or floor where it is under 150kg and ensuring it is fitted with a lock of sturdy construction.

Recent crime

- In incidents believed to be related, a male since identified by police crashed and rolled his car onto its side on Melbourne-Lancefield Road in Monegeetta. It's believed the male then abandoned the wreckage and entered a nearby property where he attempted to steal 2 cars before stealing a third, being a black coloured 2002 Jeep Cherokee. Attending police searched the rolled vehicle, locating a quantity of methyl amphetamine "ice" and drug paraphernalia. The investigation is continuing.
- Further incidents include, offenders who committed a burglary at an unoccupied residential property in Rogers Street, Romsey. The offenders stole power tools and lit a small fire inside which caused no damage.
- A single registration plate which was stolen from a vehicle in Muir Ct, Romsey and a deception offence relating to a fraudulent ad on Facebook selling puppies.



If you have any information about these incidents or other criminal activity, please contact us at Romsey Police on 5429 5461.

**Merry Christmas and stay safe.
Romsey Police**



Romsey Golf Club Inc.
14th Charity Golf Day
Sun Feb 20th 2022
The "Old Course"

Four Player Ambrose

Proceeds to "Puddle's Team" for the 2022 Lancefield & Macedon Ranges Relay For Life
9.30 am for 10.00 am hit-off

Entry Fee;
\$100 per team (\$25 pp). Inc Romsey Golf Club Lunch

Field limit - 22 teams.

Entries close;
Noon, Wed, February 15th but book early as spots go quickly. (Entry on the day if field permits)

Entries to: RGC Sec – Ph; 0400 768 040 or secretary@romseygolfclub.net

Join us in a fun day of golf for a very worthy cause.
Refreshments available throughout the day
Prizes; 1st, 2nd, Best Team Uniform & NTPs





Romsey - Lancefield Probus

Welcome to friendship

The Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club provides an opportunity for active retirees or semi retired people to relax and enjoy the welcoming company of those at the same stage of life at our monthly meetings, and for periodic trips and lunches.

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

The first official meeting of the Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club in 2022 will be on Thursday, 24th February, 2022 at 10.00am in St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey.

All attending are subject to current Covid regulations.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 24th March, 2022.

Contact:

President/Vice President & Secretary:
Tony 0408 536 290
Visit our WEB-Site: www.rlprobus.org.au

Romsey Library

Diary Dates

- 3rd December – International Day of People with Disability
- 4th December – A Curious Christmas Craft Session
- 24th December – Romsey Library closing for Christmas at 3pm
- 4th January – Romsey Library re-opening at 9.30am

Christmas Hours

The Romsey Library will close for the Christmas - New Year break at 3pm on Friday December 24th and will reopen at 9.30am on Tuesday January 4. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

A Curious Circle - A Curious Christmas Afternoon

Curiosity, Connection & Creativity –
No Special Skills Required!

Upcoming session: Saturday 4 December, 1.30- 4.30pm

We're inviting adult women to come together to connect and explore their curiosity in a creative way. Try out a different activity each month led by our creative library staff, Trish and Karen. This is a great way to dabble in some new arts and crafts, just for fun! Refreshments provided. If you would like to book, please see our friendly team or phone us on 5429 3086. Numbers are strictly limited to ensure a small and relaxed group.



Vaccination Records on Medicare & MyGov

Need to print out your vaccination status, or access MyGov & Medicare online?

Our friendly librarians are always happy to help out with quick questions, or, if this is your first time using MyGov and Medicare online, we'll be happy to book you in for an extended one-to-one IT help session.

We can even shrink and laminate a copy of your paper certificate for you!

For more information, please phone us on 5429 3086.

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The Romsey Library is one of many collection points where you can pick up the Romsey Rag, the Lancefield Mercury and other free local publications.

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Big Summer Read

Every year the Romsey Library hosts a summer reading challenge to encourage kids to keep up their enjoyment of reading during the school holidays... and this year we'll be doing everything on a grander scale as part of the new Big Summer Read program! For information on how to join, book recommendations and more, ask our friendly librarians in person, or keep an eye on our Facebook page and website, www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au.

Book Review: Three Sisters by Heather Morris

After the enormous popularity of *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* in 2017, survivors and their families from around the world contacted author Heather Morris with messages of thanks and support. Among them was Livia Ravek, who was spurred on after recognising people she knew in the story, and whose own family history forms the basis of this novel.

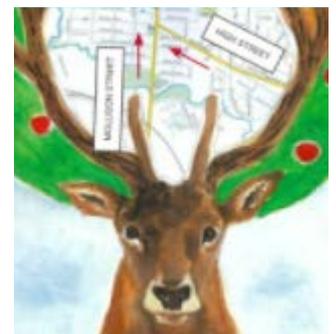
The Tattooist of Auschwitz and its immediate sequel *Cilka's Journey* are both stories of resilience, but they nonetheless revolve around the atrocities that came to punctuate the daily lives of the central characters. With *Three Sisters*, Morris has selected a storyline that focuses more on the fortitude of the sisters and the bond between them. The tale spans out many years beyond the end of the war, to encompass the psychological journey of adapting to life in a changed world that remains deeply troubled.

As well as being a portrait of resilience and kinship, this novel provides a very interesting human context to world events as they unfolded post-1945. For the many readers who were deeply moved by the earlier stories in the series, *Three Sisters* will bring a sense of completion and a renewed sense of hope.

Christmas StoryWalk – Monday 15 November to Friday 24 December

Enjoy three beautiful Christmas stories on a StoryWalk through the main streets of Kyneton. Collect a StoryWalk map and entry form from the Kyneton Library for your chance to win one of the lovely books. StoryWalk is suitable for young families.

The StoryWalk Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with Kellogg-Hubbard Library.





C.W.A. 2021 STATE THEMES:

THEME: Engage, Support, Challenge.

Product/Resource:
Grasses – Not just lawn.

Country of Study:
Indigenous Australia.

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.

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 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.

During November our branch held it's AGM. This was chaired by our Group President Rosemary Jones. After voting she welcomed new president Dianne Purtill, Secretary Wendy Foster, Treasurer Anne Barry and Craft leader Melva Beer to their new positions. She wished them and the new committee well for the coming year.

Saturday 4th December we will be holding our annual Christmas Stall outside IGA, with lots of Christmas goodies and our usual favourites for sale. Please come

along and have a look. We can't wait to see you there.

As a branch we hope everyone has a Happy Christmas and New Year.

This month's recipe

RECIPE

WHITE CHRISTMAS:

Ingredients:

- 250gm copha
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- 2 cups rice bubbles
- 1 cup full cream powdered milk
- 1 cup icing sugar
- 1 tspn vanilla essence
- ¼ cup each of raisins
- walnuts
- crystallised cherries
- ginger.

Method:

1. Melt copha in a pan over low heat. Place rice bubbles, coconut powdered milk, icing sugar and mixed fruit into a bowl. Add vanilla essence to melted copha and stir into dry ingredients. Press mixture into a greased 18cm x 28cm tray.
2. Refrigerate until firm, approx. 2 hrs. Cut into pieces and serve.

INTERESTING FACTS

During thinking, we use on about 35% of our brains



Always supervise children in the kitchen

For any further information please call: President: Dianne Purtill M: 0409 214 520
Secretary: Wendy Foster M: 0409175 667
or email: cwaromsey@gmail.com

Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens Bendigo Bank Monthly Bus Trips

Christmas Lunches

Our Monthly Bus Trip are back on for December. We are off to the Highlands Hotel in Craigieburn for a Luncheon or a spot of shopping (or both). This will be on Wednesday the 1st of December.

We will also be having our Christmas Lunch on Monday the 13th of December in the Club rooms. If you are interested in joining us for our lovely Christmas lunch please contact Helen or Rae for catering purposes.

We would love to see you at one of these events or both.



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

Hope to see you soon.

We Wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

Don't be on your own this Christmas

You are invited to a
Community Christmas Lunch



2021 Details

21 December
Romsey Lions Park

Romsey Neighbourhood House
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22 December

Kyneton Mechanics Institute

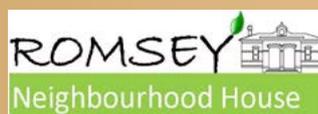
Kyneton Community House / 5422 3433
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22 and 23 December

Woodend Community Centre

Woodend Neighbourhood House
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reception@woodendnh.org.au

- Bookings Essential by 15 December
- Limited places available
- Open to Macedon Ranges residents only



G'day



Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke



RECIPE

Apple Sauce.

Ingredients

- 250 g tart cooking apples
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1/2 small brown onion, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon butter
- a thin strip of lemon rind
- 1 tablespoon Calvados
- juice of 1 clove of garlic
- 1 1/2 tablespoons caster sugar

Method

1. Peel the apples, cut them into quarters and remove the core. Cut into thin slices then put the slices into a pan with the onion, lemon rind, garlic juice and water and cook, uncovered, over a low heat until they're very soft. Stir them occasionally whilst they're cooking.
2. Take out and discard the lemon rind then beat the apples to a pulp with a fork or wooden spoon, or press them through a sieve. Stir in the butter and Calvados and add sugar to taste.
3. If you want a creamy savoury apple sauce stir in, at the end, 2 tablespoons of sour cream - and who says Apple Sauce doesn't enhance a Christmas fish dish? (Christ was a fisherman as well as a carpenter.)

| Have a good-oh Christmas.

Long before God and Man made the mighty Snowy Hydro Scheme, great trees were felled for logs to make bridges and other public structures which civilised the region of the Snowy Mountains. Tough men and even tougher bullocks were responsible for bringing jinkers carrying these logs down the precipitous tracks to the disposal camps at the base of these fearsome mountain ranges.

The men were hard-bitten hard-living sons of these mountains, and were brothers to the bullocks who strove, with every sinew of their powerful bodies, to pull the log-laden jinkers over this dangerous terrain.

I have been asked (a couple of times) what these bullock drivers ate to keep so fit. So I did a little research. They had the mailman leave a pig under certain bridges. Not a four-legged pig that goes "honk-honk". A 'pig' in their vocabulary was a flagon of a sherry-like liquid which was kept cold in the flowing mountain stream over which the said bridge spanned. That looked after their sugar from which they derived their energy.

In the same stream they caught trout which gathered around the hairy bullocks' legs to eat the grass seeds which the legs attracted. They cooked the trout (or rabbit) on a green stick held over the fire which boiled their billy and cooked their damper, which they flavoured with various grass seeds. In their packs they carried salt and onions to 'appetise' the food. They also planted apple seeds to augment their diet once the seeds became a fruit-bearing tree.

They certainly did make the following Apple Sauce. Theirs was much cruder fare - but they did make Damper, which served as a plate for their chosen tucker.

PS. The reason for the above is that a Tumut jinker rests in all its glory in the house yard, at Romsey, of Jodie. Jodie's a fanatical fly fisherman who depletes the Tumut River of rainbow and brown trout several times a year.

4. Admittedly Christ didn't fish for fresh-water trout, and He didn't frequent the mountain streams of Talbingo or Argalong, but He would have known of them. So, too, would Santa have flown over them with Rudolf. Therefore I'm suggesting we serve a whole smoked trout with a sour-creamed Apple Sauce to our loved ones.
5. Arrange the flesh attractively on a large white plate, scatter a few washed baby spinach leaves over the pink flesh, then pour some (not too much) sour-creamed Apple Sauce over it and serve it with a wedge of buttered ciabatta toast.

This dish will need a glass of bubbly to wash it down.

PS. Time flies like an arrow - fruit flies like apples.

CVEM

Central Victorian Equine Market is proudly hosted by Lucky Kids Equine.

It has been developed with all equestrian enthusiasts in mind, suited for all disciplines and ages. There will be all different businesses and used horse gear stall holders, something for everyone.

This market is intended to be run every 3 months, giving an opportunity for local equestrian sporting clubs a chance to hold a sausage sizzle at each market in support of them.



Find out about:

- Bushfire planning for your household
- Property preparation for bushfire
- Understanding the fire danger ratings
- Where to gain trusted information during emergencies
- Fire restrictions, what you can and cannot do
- Home fire safety information
- Support education sessions for your community groups and clubs

This is a free service where you can access information and fire safety education



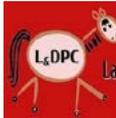

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**New financial counselling support
for storm affected residents**

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has welcomed the announcement from Bushfire Recovery Victoria of a Storm and Flood Financial Counselling Program.

The Storm and Flood Financial Counselling Program is open to Victorians affected by the June 2021 storms and floods.

The program can connect you to a financial counsellor to help you to:

- access relief for utility bills and other payments
- understand your government income and other entitlements
- negotiate with your bank on debt issues
- identify if your insurance outcome is fair and appropriate
- explore your options and advocate on your behalf.

Speaking to a financial counsellor early can help stabilise your finances, reduce stress and allow you to focus on other areas.

Council has welcomed the additional support for residents and encouraged people impacted by the 9 June storm to reach out via the hotline.

The Storm and Flood Financial Counselling Program is available on the Storm and Flood Recovery Hotline, a single state-wide number (1800 560 760).

The Storm and Flood Recovery Hotline is open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays).

ROMSEY 

Neighbourhood House

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



FIF CHRISTMAS LUNCH @ RNH

SPONSORED BY MACDEON RANGES SHIRE COUNCIL

21st DEC 2021
12:30pm @Lions Park
Booking essential .
For more details,
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Wish you all a Joyful Holiday Season and Happy New Year

Big thank you to all our volunteers and business sponsors. Over 6500 meals have been provided



ROMSEY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE @ ROMSEY COOP BOOK NOW

TREES AVAILABLE FROM 28th NOV
SIMPLY SCAN THE QR CODE AND MADE YOUR ORDER.



If you are interested to know more about our initiatives and projects, interested to be part of it or want to make a donation, visit us at Romsey Neighbourhood House.



Your community store is now available online!



Recycle soft plastics at your local transfer station

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is conducting a six month soft plastics recycling trial with local recycling company, Victorian Regional Recyclers.

To recycle your soft plastics simply drop them off at Council's transfer stations in Kyneton, Woodend or Romsey. This service will be free for all Macedon Ranges Shire residents and businesses.

Soft plastics are plastics that can be scrunched in your hand and bounce back to their original shape, or flexible films such as bubble wrap or cling wrap.

These plastics cannot be recycled through the co-mingled kerbside recycling bin as they get stuck in the trucks and sorting machinery, and can cause costly damage.

Up to 70 per cent of the contents in household general waste bins is made up of soft plastics and the more resources we can keep out of landfill, the better for our environment.

What can be recycled as part of the soft plastics recycling trial:

- **Plastic bags** including reusable shopping bags (polypropylene), bulk bags, for example rice bags, dry pet food and stock feed bags and bulka bags.
- **Plastic films** including bubble wrap, cling wrap and plastic film from grocery items, pallet wrap and shrink wrap.
- **Other plastic items** including bread bag tags (collected separately in a clear plastic bag) and plastic bottle caps (collected separately in a clear plastic bag).

Plastics must be completely dry and free of food and other products.

There are some common household items, such as silver lined snack wrappers and bread bags, which are not yet able to be accepted in the soft plastic trial. Council is committed to finding solutions for these items and hopes to add to the list of accepted items as the trial progresses.

Visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/soft-plastics for a comprehensive list of what can and cannot be recycled as part of the soft plastics recycling trial.

Items that cannot be recycled through this service may be recycled through the RedCycle supermarket drop-off program or placed in the general waste bin.

For more information contact Council on (03)5422 0333, visit the MRSC Waste app or our website mrsc.vic.gov.au/soft-plastics

2021 Youth Awards Winners announced

Congratulations to the 2021 Youth Award winners.

The ceremony was presented online on 28 October.

This year received a total of 33 nominations across our six award categories.

- **Willpower:** young people who show real character and perseverance, especially in the face of adversity
 - **Good deeds:** young people who give their time and energy to activities that support the wellbeing of another individual, group or community.
 - **Pure imagination:** young people pursuing their passion for creativity through the arts.
 - **Nicely played:** young people kicking recreational and physical activity goals.
 - **Skilling it:** young people excelling in a mentorship program, workplace or business.
 - **Well aware:** young people who shine light on important issues/ social causes, and raise awareness in the community.
- The 2021 Macedon Ranges Youth Award winners are:**
- **Willpower** – Lara Vicente
 - **Nicely played** – Hugo Lobb
 - **Good deeds** – Siena Payne
 - **Skilling it** – Gisborne Family Dental Trainee Dental Nurses: Melanie Horvath, Lorissa Koleceg and Abbey Raynor
 - **Well aware** – Molly Consiglio
 - **Pure imagination** – Mount Players Youth Theatre Leadership Group

Macedon Ranges Shire Council Mayor, Cr Jennifer Anderson congratulated all the nominees and winners in the award categories.

The awards are available to watch on Macedon Ranges Youth Facebook and Council's website, mrsc.vic.gov.au/youth

New draft plan for managing pets in the Macedon Ranges

Development of our new four year draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025 is underway.

The four year pet plan will outline our priorities and services to promote responsible pet ownership in the shire.

Thank you to everyone who shared their ideas in the initial consultation stage earlier this year.

Your input will be valuable in helping shape the draft plan, that we will be inviting further feedback on.

To have your say and find out more, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/DAMP or call 5422 0333.

'Lancefield Dreaming'

The making of a modern songline

Documentary - 28 minutes

Produced by: Paul Carter 2021

Concept: How the populace of a modern small rural town can learn from the first peoples about nurturing and preserving community values.

Watch it on Sunday 12th December 5pm on the main SBS channel

Lancefield is a small rural town about an hour North of Melbourne, where I was privileged to be the GP for over thirty years. This film, which I made together with Harry Nanos, Jon Nanos and Mike Jones, is about the inspiring community that the people of Lancefield have created.

From the moment people arrive in Lancefield they feel a special quality about the place. There is a friendliness and an immediate welcoming. An invitation into the community and, for many, even a sense of having come home. There is no drawing of any lines between long term residents and newer arrivals. Established families embrace newcomers as an opportunity to enhance the community rather than resent them. Lancefield is not an especially wealthy place, in a monetary sense, but it is rich beyond measure in its populace. It is a place where

people measure their value by what they can give rather than by what they can take away.

Through interviews with local people including schoolchildren, this documentary explores what had led to Lancefield's 'specialness'. It also explores how best to nurture and preserve those attributes in a world that seems ever more rushing and less caring. It is suggested in the film that the present population of Lancefield has much to learn from the first peoples who inhabited this area, for, despite all the abuses and devastating cruelty, their culture has survived. And this survival, at least in part, has been due to the creation of songlines down which knowledge is passed from generation to generation.

The film concludes that the creation of modern songlines is central to safeguarding the specialness of small communities such as Lancefield.



Two years of COVID - Deep Creek Landcare, undiminished, is still doing our bit for the local environment. Thank you to our loyal members - willing workers. In November we met back in Lancefield Mechanics Hall - everyone fully vaccinated or an excepted person - and we stream meetings on Skype. (For Skype, members/guests inform our President by Sunday 10:00 pm prior to the 7.30 meeting - second Monday).

Gallagher's Ford - where Joyce's Rd crosses Deep Creek - is ongoing. Willows and exotics were removed and the site cleaned up in 2 working bees. October working bees planted 500 indigenous grasses, shrubs and trees, one with Lancefield Girl Guides, and then with members and industrious locals. We planted a few yellow box, although not local. Member Robin Ford, Natural Resource Manager, believes that with local climate change, we will succeed with redgums as well as red, white, grey and yellow box.

We will water if necessary. In autumn, we will replant if needed and work with MRSC, to improve roadside amenity and biodiversity. We monitor all projects - Linehan's Bridge, Doggetts Bridge, Forbes Crossing and Sheehan's Crossing, and Lancefield Park garden.

- *Lancefield and Romsey Mens' Sheds make nesting boxes for birds and small mammals including micro-bats. Nesting boxes sell for \$25 (members) or \$35 (non-members).*
- *Early 2022: Landcare and Gardens for Wildlife hold a joint Expo at the Lancefield Farmer's Market. Gardens for Wildlife is a valuable local addition. Also, Landcare Facilitator Clare Watson, free of charge, can visit/advise rural properties eg. brief property plans of natural assets and land management, improvement to productivity, sustainability and biodiversity.*
- *Dec 11: A Landcare seed identification, collection and storage workshop.*
- *Rural Aid has advised that services to farmers now extend to financial assistance, mental wellbeing and counseling. Further info - www.ruralaid.org.au*
- *Dec 12 - Our Christmas picnic at Lancefield Park - a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Look after yourself and the environment! Membership is \$20 per family. Follow us on Facebook, phone President, Phil Severs (0476 324 000) or come to our monthly meeting.*

St. Mary's Primary School



St Mary's Lancefield
and Romsey

We are quickly heading towards Christmas and the end of another year. We happily farewell 2021 hoping that 2022 will bring brighter days and happier times with less division and more acceptance and inclusiveness. At this time of the year, we farewell our Class of 2021, our wonderful Year 6 students, who have had a difficult final two years of Primary School. Despite what has been thrown at them over the past two years, they have shown strength of character, consistently displaying everyday resilience and a positive attitude. I admire their ability to continue working hard and achieving their goals. This issue is dedicated to our outgoing Year 6's. We wish them every success and happiness in this new chapter of their lives and hope we have helped in some small way to shape them into the wonderful human beings they are!

| Year 6 Poetry

Throughout the second half of this year, our Year 6 students have been working diligently on different types of poetry and we thought we would share some of their excellent work with you!

Lila Binney

Black Lives Matter
Why the aggressive chatter?
Equalness is life
Apparently only with a fight
We need to make a change
And not be treated strange
We need to stand up for what is right
And stop living in a fright

Tighe Thrum

Somehow how quick and short
What is it you may ask, 2021 not a resort
Joe Biden became the president for 4 years
Covid stuck around for a little
while makes tears
Victorian earthquake early in the morning
Supermoon was forming
Olympics for 2020 in 2021?
Dan Andrews breaks his own rules, what fun
Popular movies all around
Gosh this has been a crazy
year with ups and down

Coco Portelli

I can't wait until summer time
The hot sand and cool waves
Eating ice cream everyday spending
time with friends and family
What could be better than that?

John Cleve

Rain,
calm drops,
harsh drops,
rushing,
falling from the sky,
forming a puddle.

Lachlan Goodes

Chickens
Active, busy
Scratching, pecking, clucking
Worms, bugs, eggs, pellets
Eating, flapping, roosting
Nasty, curious
Chooks

Lyla Brown

Elvis Presley he was the king
Boy oh boy could he sing
He ate much chicken which made him groan
Then he passed away on the throne

Koby Lingard

I hate the rain
I have to wear a jacket
Or sit inside cold
Maybe I'll like it as I grow old.

Isabelle Dinham

Red backs, White tails,
Huntsmans and more!
Funnel webs, Tarantulas,
Daddy long legs galore!
Watch them creep, watch them leap,
Don't watch them when you go to sleep.
Don't be bossy, mean or rude.
You won't want to be the spider's food.
It is common for spiders to
have anger issues.
Don't be mean, you'll be
ripped up like a tissue!
You might think spiders are very scary.
Especially the ones that are super hairy.
But spiders are definitely more scared of you.
Think of their feelings before
grabbing your shoe!

Congratulations to our 2021, Year 6
graduates, embrace the future and
every opportunity that comes your way!



2021 Grade 6 Class.

Jo Shannon

(Community Liaison Leader)

Can you pour from an empty glass?



Self-care is often the first thing that gets sacrificed when life is busy and stressful, and people often think that taking time for themselves seems indulgent, even more so for those in caring roles.



What is self-care?

Self-care refers to the activities and practices that we deliberately choose to engage in on a regular basis to maintain and enhance our health and wellbeing.

FACT: Good self-care practices can make you more effective.

Bringing more balance to your daily routine will help you be more productive and more resilient to stressors.

When you take time for yourself and give your body the food, rest, and the activity it needs, you will actually have more energy to meet the demands of daily life - however unusual they might be.

Looking at your own habits can be useful to see where you can support your individual self-care. Can you identify when you need to take a break?

When faced with challenges, we can use either positive coping strategies or negative coping strategies, and in the lead up to Christmas we can often feel more stressed to meet the demands of others.

Positive strategies include: deep breathing, exercising, listening to music, meditation, connecting with others and engaging in an activity you enjoy.

Negative coping strategies may be: yelling, smoking, pacing, skipping meals, reading, drinking alcohol to excess, withdrawal from friends and family, biting fingernails.

Just observe your responses to stressful situations. With awareness pivot towards a healthier option if you can. In time, this process will become more familiar.

Seeing a psychologist to assist with strategies to support you manage your stress triggers can be useful and a conversation with your GP to obtain a Mental Health Care Plan may support subsidised sessions with a psychologist.

Reach out if you would like a local, guided and connected service to a telehealth clinician at Romsey Neighbourhood House every Wednesday.

M: 0413 448 748

www.mindhealthhub.com.au

Youth Theatre awarded for 'Pure Imagination'

Congratulations to our wonderful Mount Players Youth Theatre Leaders. They won the Macedon Ranges 2021 award for Pure Imagination (young people pursuing their passion for creativity through the arts). Young adult volunteers have given tirelessly of their time, some for several years, to run weekly Youth Theatre classes and direct and produce full length productions each year. It's been difficult - 2021 has seen them running rehearsals via Zoom so that December's production is on schedule! Thank you from all The Mount Players. Thank you also to all Youth Leaders before them.



The Mount Players

Our year winds up with the December Christmas picnic for members - look forward to opening night for Love Song on 18 February. Many plans for 2022. Please keep in touch via our website for everything theatre at www.themountplayers.com or call 5426 1892.

Everyone at The Mount Players wish you a peaceful, happy Christmas with friends and family. We look forward to bringing you a theatre-packed year in 2022!

See you at the theatre!

| By Karen Hunt



Romsey Golf Club Report

2021 Romsey Women's Open: This event was scheduled for early September but, like so many other activities Covid-19 interfered. It was rescheduled for Monday November 15th. While the lead up conditions were wet and cold the club was hopeful of a better day for the tournament but with around 150mm, (80mm between Wed 10th and Sat 13th) falling over the last fortnight it was decided to cancel the event

This event had been sponsored by the **Bendigo Bank**

2021 Graeme Clement Open: The Romsey Open was first played in 1982, the event was renamed in 2018 to honour long term member and club stalwart Graeme Clement. . On Saturday Nov 20th a good field took to the course for the 4BBB Stableford event. 16 pairs, any combination, enjoyed the day with the winners Les Gaunt(8)/Scott Williams(15) – 48 pts from Darlene Baker(20)/Roger Baker(20) – 44 pts.

We would like to thank the **Romsey Bottle O** who sponsored 4BBB event

The Graeme Clement Open is an uncommon event, most opens are either 18 or 27 holes. Our unique layout allows us to play two rounds of 12 holes with a sit down lunch in between. Players from all over Dalhousie District and surrounding clubs have attended and only the top golfers are able to tame the course. The 2021 Graeme Clement champion was Jim Hynes (Mt Macadon) with an excellent 96 off the beater



2021 4BBB champs; Scott Williams, RGC Capt, Mal Mottram & Les Gaunt

Park Lane, Romsey (PO Box 200, Romsey 3434)

Romsey Golf Club

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Secretary: 0400 768 040



Established 1922

We would like to thank the **Romsey Collision Centre** who sponsored the 24-hole event

Thanks We would like to thank Jodi Kefford and the team at **Frontier Garden Supplies** for all their support. Very much appreciated.

- **Relay For Life Charity Golf Day:** Like everything over the past few years the 2021 event has been postponed a number of times then finally cancelled. Our 14th Charity Golf Day, 12-Hole Ambrose, will be held on the Sun Feb 20th, fingers crossed

RGC would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. Let's hope for a great 2022.

All golfers must QR code in on the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th & 7th tees and please pay your green fees.

For detailed reports on all results;

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



The 2021 Graeme Clement Champion, Jim Hynes with Andrew Clement & RGC Men's Capt Mal Mottram

Romsey Mechanics' Institute
122 Main St Romsey

December 10th & 11th
4pm-8pm

Transition Streets Romsey invites you to join our new community of sustainability heroes, meeting monthly in 2022. Using the Transition Streets workbook, we'll learn together about **water**, **food**, **energy** and more!



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Scan the QR code to find us on Facebook or email Meg at transitionstreetsromsey@gmail.com
Find out more about Transition Streets at www.transitionaustralia.net

Community Bank Connections

2021-22 Community Investment Program

Newham Fire Brigade - \$1k Emergency Services Donation – Newham Fire Brigade were one of eight local emergency services groups that received a donation of \$1000 as part of our 2021-22 Community Investment Program. Senior Branch Manager, Michael O’Gorman and Customer Relationship Officer, Lisa Day recently met with Brigade Capt. Steve Flounders, Secretary Allan Chiong and member Valerie Hornbuckle to discuss how the donation will be used to provide vital infrastructure in the Brigade’s operations.

Romsey Basketball Association (RBA) – Basic Development Pathway Program – We are pleased to be the major sponsor of one of Romsey’s newest sporting associations, having provided \$4500 in funds towards equipment and training programs for players aged 8 to 18. The RBA is focused on providing education and training programs for their players and coaches (who are volunteer parents of the athletes), in a fun, friendly and inclusive environment. The RBA welcomes new members, and will be running free clinics to help children learn the game and skills involved with the sport. (see photo)



Romsey Region Business & Tourism Association - Christmas in Romsey Event Sponsorship – For the sixth year running, Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey is proud to support this spectacular community festival with a grant of \$6500. This year’s festival is set to shine, with up to 100 trees decorated by business & community groups, Main St landmarks illuminated, and a Home & Business Lights & Decorations competition. Everyone has the opportunity to be involved, especially at the Community Carols event scheduled for the 18th December. Bendigo Bank’s “Piggy” may even put in an appearance!

Lancefield Dreaming Documentary on SBS

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 Sunday 12th December at 5pm*, and thereafter available on SBS OnDemand.

The film explores how the populace of a modern small rural town can learn from the first peoples about nurturing and preserving community values. Congratulations to locals Paul Carter, Harry Nanos, Jon Nanos and Mike Jones who produced the film.

Defib For Life Community Gift

Regrettably, our plans for a community event this year in celebration of the 20th year opening of our Lancefield branch were cancelled due to Covid. In recognition of this wonderful achievement, plans are underway to install defibrillators which will be available 24/7 at both our branches as a gift back to our communities - stay tuned!

Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards

Congratulations to all the finalists in this year’s business awards. The Awards Night will be held on the 26th November and as the sponsor of the People’s Choice and Young and Professional Awards we look forward to celebrating some great local businesses.

Scholarships 2022

Applications are invited from eligible students who require assistance with education costs in 2022. There are six scholarships up for grabs – two for Bachelor Degree studies, two for TAFE studies, and two financial bursaries for either tertiary or TAFE studies. Head to www.communityenterprise.foundation.com.au and search for Lancefield & Romsey Community Scholarship to apply.

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ZONTA SAYS NO
TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Zonta says NO to violence against women

The “16 Days of Activism” is an annual international awareness and call to action campaign supporting the elimination of violence against women. Why 16 days? Because the campaign runs from 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women to Human Rights Day on 10 December.

In Australia, one in three women has experienced physical violence since the age of 15, and intimate partner violence is the leading contributor to death, disability and illness in women aged 18-44. But violence against women is preventable.

The Zonta Club of Kyneton is working with other community organisations, through Macedon Ranges 16 Days of Activism Working Group, to raise awareness of gender-based violence and encourage community support for those living with violence.

Orange is the globally recognised colour to symbolise the 16 Days. We invite you to join us in supporting this worldwide initiative by wearing something orange during the 16 days. You might like to organise a group to meet for morning or afternoon tea at a café near you and

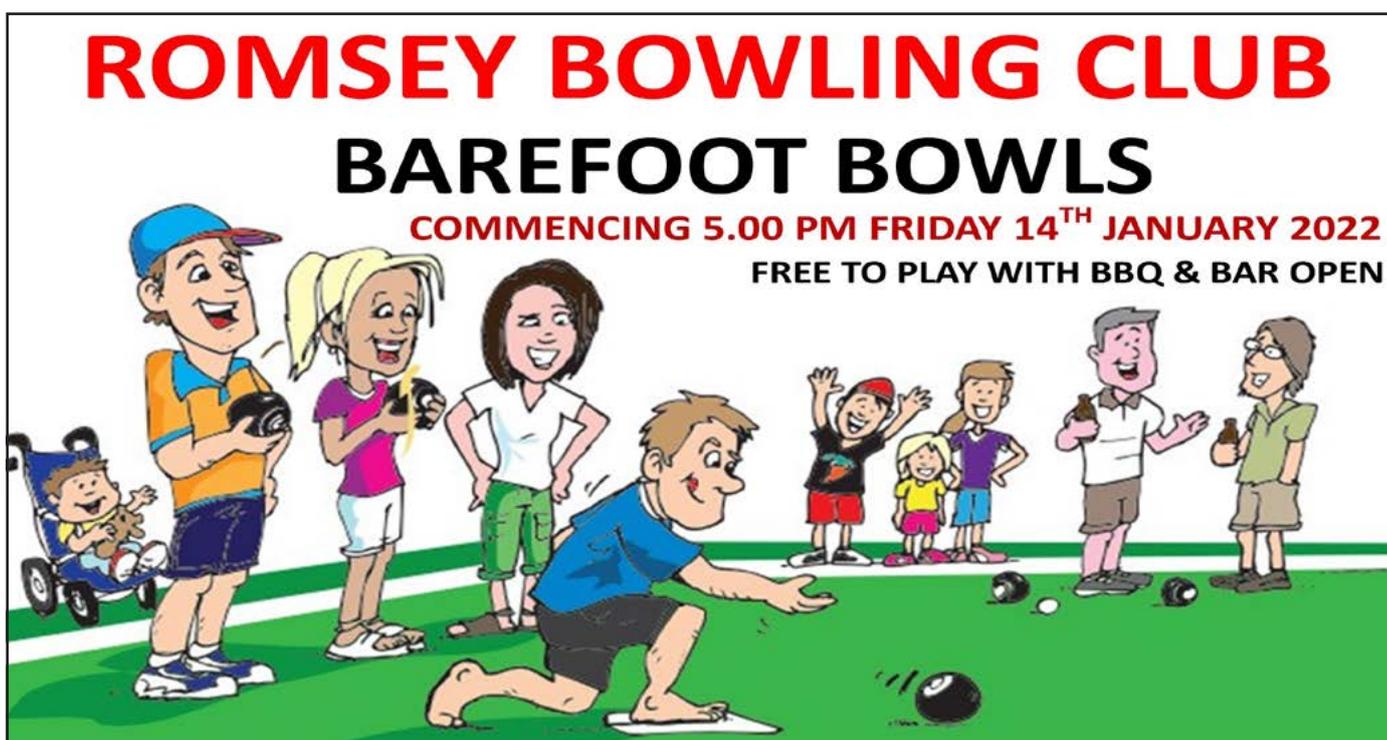
encourage everyone to wear a touch of orange: earrings, shoes, socks, scarf, hair or hat? It's up to you.

On Wednesday 25th November, and through the 16 Days of Activism, wear orange and say NO to violence against women.

| Ronda Walker for the Zonta Club of Kyneton Inc.

If this information raises issues for you, please contact:

- Orange Door, Loddon - 1800 512 359
- Orange Door, NE Melbourne – 1800 319 355
- Centre for Non-violence - 1800 884 292
- 1800RESPECT - 1800 737 732
- Men's Referral Service - 1300 766 491 (for men who wish to change their behaviour)



ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB
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The poster features a colorful cartoon illustration of a bowling event. In the foreground, a man in a blue shirt is barefoot and in a crouching position, ready to bowl. To his left, a woman in a pink shirt and white shorts is holding a bowling ball. Further left, a man in a blue cap and orange shirt is also holding a ball. In the background, a group of people, including children and adults, are watching the game. One man is holding a beer. The scene is set on a green bowling green with white lane markings.



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The Primary Reason For Christmas

It's Christmas time again! Yay! I think most people in Victoria are longing to celebrate this Christmas more than ever BEFORE. To be with family and friends, presents, festivities, holidays. Thank God we can look forward to Christmas. But have you ever thought about the fact that if there was no Jesus, there would be no Christmas?

Christmas most IMPORTANTLY reminds us of God's love for each of us in sending Jesus to demonstrate what Heaven is like, as he healed the sick and raised the dead and offered love in place of fear, hatred and worry. He also revealed what our Heavenly Father is like and consented to die in our place to pay the price of our sins so that we could, one day, go and live in Heaven with Him for Eternity.

So, could we spend just a moment this Christmas Season to read a "Christmas Version" of 1 Corinthians 13 to truly understand what Christmas is really all about?

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights, and shiny balls; but do not have love, I'm just another decorator. If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies,

preparing gourmet meals, and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime; but do not have love, I'm just another cook. If I work at a soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home, and give all that I have to charity; but do not have love, it profits me nothing. If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels, and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties, and sing in the choir's cantata; but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child. Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the spouse. Love is kind, though stressed and tired. Love does not envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens. Love does not yell at the kids to get out of the way but is thankful they are there to be in the way. Love does not give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who cannot. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. Love never fails. - **The bible tells us that Jesus (who is God) is love. - 1 John 4:8**

Toys will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust; but giving the gift of love will endure. **When we understand this fact, then we are really understanding what the Primary reason of Christmas is.**



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Christ Church Anglican Lancefield with St Paul's Church Romsey

Sunday Services:

Regular weekly Church Services are:

- **Romsey Church Service**
9am each Sunday.
- **Lancefield Church Service**
10:00am each Sunday.

The Anglican, Catholic, Encourage & Unity Churches are working together to create a Christmas Theme for the Romsey Town Christmas Tree display. The 150th celebrating of St Pauls Romsey will be postponed until early 2022 owing to the delay caused by continued Covid lockdowns. We Pray everyone in Romsey & Lancefield and the wider communities stay safe. We wish everyone in the Lancefield & Romsey communities a safe and Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year for the year ahead.

St Paul's Romsey Op Shop open on:

- **Friday 12:30 - 4:30pm**
- **Saturday 10:00am - 1:00pm**

The Op Shop will close for the Christmas break on Saturday 18th December and re-open 21st January 2022. Items of clothing, Bric & Brac, craft & books can be left after the Christmas Break on Friday afternoon and Saturday mornings during open hours. Owing to regulations we cannot accept electrical good, prams, baby cots, mattresses furniture or children's toys. Your support and donations is appreciated.

Christmas Services:

- **Christmas Eve will be at Romsey at 11.30pm**
- **Christmas Day will be at Lancefield at 10am**



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*Let the peace of Christ rule
in your hearts and homes.*

*Let the word of Christ
dwell in you richly.*

*God comes to us, each
and every one.*

God bless you every day.

| Romsey Uniting Church

Worship during December 2021 -
January 2022 subject to Covid-19 rules

December 5th, 12th, 19th. 9am Sunday
Worship Service.

Christmas Day: 9am at Lancefield Uniting
Church.

Who would have thought?

"...And Mary gave birth to a son, her first-born.
She wrapped him in his swaddling clothes, and
laid him in a manger, because there was no
room for them to lodge in the house." Luke 2: 7.

I wonder what they were thinking, Lord.

Mary, with her conviction that this her first-born
son was born to be someone special... Joseph,
watching fondly, wondering what lay ahead...

The shepherds, drawn here by some strange
force beyond their understanding...

Who would have thought that this tiny,
helpless child would one day command
such a following... That his life would touch
the lives of so many others and his death
would stir men's minds for ages to come.

Who would have dreamed that Christmas
would come to mean so much – and yet so
little... That church bells would ring, only to
be drowned out by the jingle of sleighs and a
thousand cash registers; as salesmen say, it's

Sunday 26th - 10am. Partnership
Worship Service & Holy Communion.

January 2022: Combined services with
Romsey and Lancefield:

Lancefield 2nd, 16th; Romsey 9th; 23rd.
All services at 10am.

the best thing that ever happened, and they go
to their parties with never a thought of you.

Who could have known that so long afterwards,
Lord, and in such far away places, people
would gather glad to be reminded –

That to a world that preaches self-
indulgence you came to show concern for
the needs of others; that in a world torn
by hatred and strife a message of peace
and goodwill proclaimed your birth.

Lord, as I seek you out this Christmas time, it
is not to pay homage to a helpless babe. But to
sign up for another year of service, seeking to
follow the way you trod – a way of justice and
mercy and peace and compassion and love.

*Members of the Romsey Uniting
Church wish you a safe and peaceful
Christmas and New Year*

Ministers:

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Current Mass Times

Sunday Mass: Celebrated at 9am and will alternate between Lancefield & Romsey.

Romsey: 1st & 3rd Sunday

Lancefield: 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday.

Saturday Healing Mass: Celebrated at 10am in Romsey on the 1st Saturday of each month.

Extra Saturday Masses: As restrictions have reduced attendance, there has been an extra Mass scheduled on Saturday mornings in Romsey at 10am. Please contact the office for details and to make bookings.

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

Sacraments: Bookings are now open for parish children to register for 2022. Reconciliation available to Yr3 and above; Eucharist available to Yr4 and above, and Confirmation available to Yr6 and above. Please contact the office if you would like to register. Should a parishioner want to go to Reconciliation, please contact Fr. Martin directly at Woodend on 5427 2690 to make arrangements.

Christmas Masses: As the last change to Covid restrictions wasn't scheduled until late November we weren't able to set Mass times prior to this edition going to print. For the most up to date information please contact the office on 5429 2130 or visit our website at <http://pol.org.au/lancefield/Home.aspx>

Advent Reconciliation

- Wed 15/12/21 in Romsey at 7:00pm
- Wed 22/12/21 in Woodend at 7:30pm

Mass Bookings: As Mass numbers are restricted at this time, attendance is registration only. Contact the Secretary at lancefield@cam.org.au or by phone on 5429 2130 to reserve your place at the next available Mass. Hygiene protocols and QR code sign-in are in 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.

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



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Mental Health in Primary Schools Program (MHiPS)

We are very fortunate to have been successful in securing a position in the Mental Health in Primary school's pilot program. This will allow RPS to employ a fulltime teacher to support all our students, teachers and families with their mental health, their wellbeing and their general wellness. This is a very exciting time for Romsey Primary School and it will be a great innovation for all of our students, teachers and families. This program will commence in 2022.

5/6 Camp

Our Year 5 and 6 students will wind up the school year by spending the last three days of term on camp. This has been a long time coming – camp was cancelled last year due to Covid, and postponed from earlier this year. We are so happy that they are not missing out on this great adventure and hope they have a great time! This will be the last official school event for the graduating Year 6 students, and we wish them every success as they move on to the next part of their educational journey.

2022 Enrolments

We need all enrolments for 2022 as soon as possible. With growing numbers, it is critical that we have a clear picture of our class structures, as additional unexpected late enrolments have a crucial bearing on how many classes we will need to operate next year.

Marking Remembrance Day

Our students gathered in our new auditorium on November 11th to commemorate Remembrance Day by watching a live stream of the service from Melbourne and observing one minute's silence to reflect on the meaning of the day. Our school leaders joined the RSL and others at the war memorial in Main Street to lay a wreath on behalf of the school. We are very proud to have them representing our school on such an important occasion.



Pets Corner

If you have some pics and a short story about your pet please send them to us



Gus has been kept inside due to a sore leg so he decided to read the newspaper to pass the time.



This Is Hattie a black Australorp and Daphne a White Leghorn. Both hens are past their best egg laying years but are valued and loved members of our home. Hattie does have a special skill, she crows, not unheard of in hens but definitely unusual.



Bushfires and your mains water supply

As we approach fire season, Greater Western Water is reminding customers in the Macedon Ranges that they should not rely on their mains water supply if there is a bushfire in the region.

During or after a bushfire, customers may experience issues with their water pressure or water quality. In extreme circumstances, the water supply may be cut.

In the lead up to the bushfire season, Greater Western Water prepares the network and water storages in high-risk areas. They also have emergency plans ready to support the CFA.

Despite these preparations, water supply issues can still be caused by power outages, damaged equipment, or extreme demand for water during firefighting.

It's important to remember this summer that bushfires can impact the mains water supply. The CFA advises the safest option is to leave early.

Girls & Boys Junior Cricket is back



After the unfortunate end to the winter sport season, it's time to head outside again and enjoy Community Sport. Girls and boys from 5 to 15 years are invited to junior cricket at Romsey for 2021/22.

The season kicked off late in November. After a wet start, playing spaces are still available at all levels. We welcome new faces to the club and have places available in the following teams:

- *Under 13 Boys (Saturday Morning Games)*
- *Under 13 Girls (Friday Night Games)*
- *Junior Blasters Program (a clinic based program over 6 weeks in the summer, for those up to 10 years old)*

Fixtures align with school term dates. Junior grades are designed to have fun with friends, learn early skills and enjoy the friendliness of community sport.

Cricket is a great way to round out the week with the family - in the park watching junior cricket in a friendly environment. If you've never played cricket, don't be concerned - rules are designed so every player has the chance to have play and be part of the team.

To register your interest or for further information about the junior program contact either:

- Tim McCarthy - 0403 036 654 - tim@sagegroup.com.au*
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