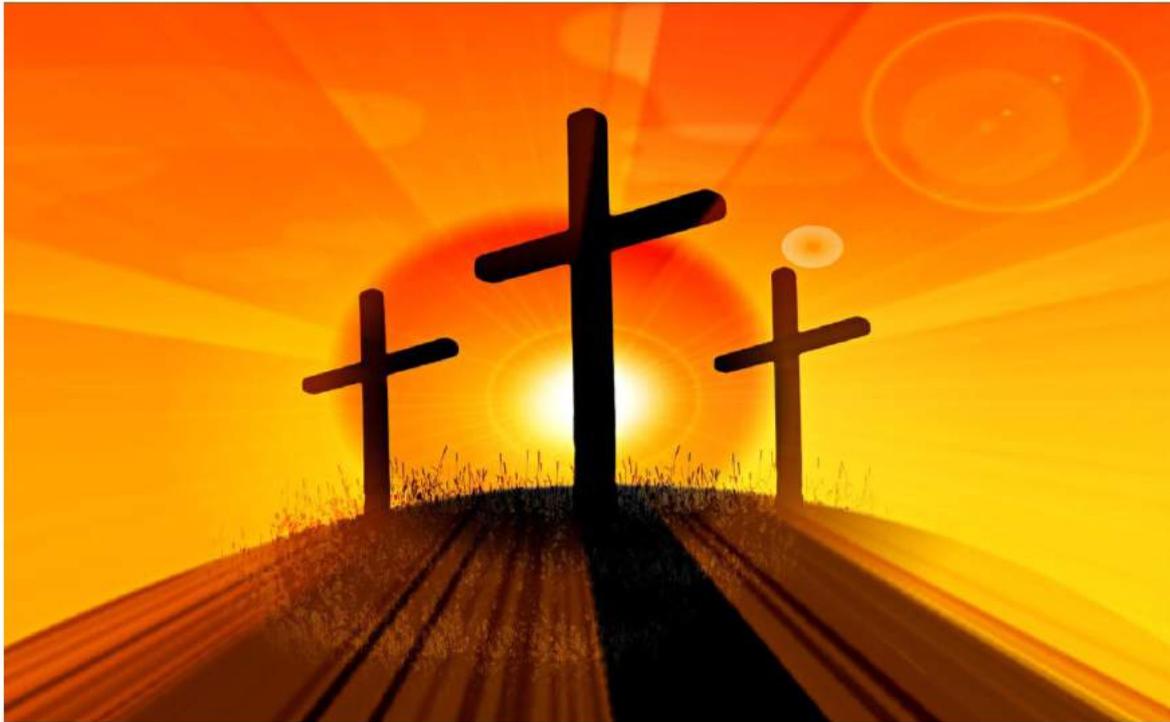




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Welcome to the April Edition

Well Summer is almost over and now the days will be getting cooler. Don't forget to turn back you clock this month and enjoy the extra hour in bed if you can. The footy has started and many other winter sports start this month including hockey. So if you are supporting your favourite teams, friends or family make sure you wrap up warm!

This month also sees the Easter Bunny/Easter Bilby popping by and leaving eggs for young and old to take part in an Easter Egg hunt. Just make sure you don't overdo the chocloate or you could be on a sugar high for a few days.

Once again our editor is travelling in April so we kindly ask all contributors to supply their adverts and/or articles by the 10th April.

Finally, please remember the previous email addressed was decommissioned in September 2018. Please ensure all correspondence is sent to the email address below:

email@theromseyrag.com.au

Also check out the new website, where you can download this and previous editions:

<http://www.theromseyrag.com.au/>

WHAT'S ON in & around Romsey

4th April - Romsey Women's Bowl - Three player Stableford.

6th-22nd April - Autumn School Holidays.

6th April - Women in Business workshop 9am - 12:30pm Barringo Food and Wine Co.

7th April - Daylight Saving End, turn your clocks back 1 hour.

25th April - Anzac Day: Ceremonies Romsey Cenotaph at 7a.m Main Service and March Lancefield Cenotaph at 8.30am

5th May - Gilbert & Sullivan's Patience, Romsey Uniting Church Hall at 1:30pm.

Meet the Romsey Rag Committee of Management - Our Editor

In 2017 Shauna joined the steering committee to help ensure the production of the Romsey Rag continued. Then in July 2018 she took on the roll of Editor. Shauna

- Was born in Melbourne.
- Has lived in the UK.
- Before coming to Romsey, lived and worked in Western Australia.
- Studied Geology at Camborne School of Mines, University of Exeter.
- Has been working in the mining industry since 2006.
- Her current job involves working with geological databases and providing guidance and training to staff onsite. This often means Shauna travels to Queensland, Tasmania and Peru regularly throughout the year.
- Spare time is taken up with hockey, as a goal keeper, both in the Womens Senior and Masters leagues for two different clubs.
- And, to add to her busy life, she has just started a Graduate Diploma in Data Science.

With such a busy schedule it is amazing she finds time to get the Rag finished on time each month! Shauna welcomes any feedback or ideas for improvement, but asks this be communcated via the Rag email.

Next month we will chat with another member of the Committe of Management.



Romsey Mechanics Institute



Our efforts to improve the storage at the RMI have hit the bureaucracy and we are now waiting on a letter of approval from DELWP before we can go through the planning permit process with MRSC. Hopefully, we will get our letter in the near future and works will be able to begin later in the year.

Our Community Markets' trial was not as successful as hoped with it proving difficult to attract community members to the open space at the rear of the RMI. We will be holding a meeting with the stall holders and "Ray White" real estate to see if there is any way we can improve and again hold the markets. Our thanks to Deb Dacks who was the driving force behind our four trial markets.

On March 12th the RMI held its Triennial General Meeting. A detailed report of the activities of the RMI CoM was presented and then forwarded to DELWP. The election of the executive and general committee was chaired Kevin Dunn.

Our 5th Annual **Antiques Fair, Sat Mar 16th** was quite

a success. The 15 stall holders all reported steady sales and many community members left with a new treasure. Collecting post codes for the Door Prize also showed that there a large number of visitors from well out of town. The CWA again provided an excellent menu and many community members were able to sit down, enjoy a scrumptious morning or afternoon tea and have a chat.



Our web site gives a good idea as to what we have to offer. Bookings and all inquiries can be made at; rmibookings@gmail.com, or via the web site. We are more than happy to discuss your function, show you through the hall or supper room and explain the hire process.



Romsey Region Business & Tourism Association (RRBATA)

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

Romsey Online Remember Don't forget, ANYONE CAN BE A REPORTER! Whether it is sporting results, photos, reports on events etc, the website is waiting for your "news".

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

RRBATA Update

Romsey Local Business Marketing Program

Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Economic Development and Tourism unit is supporting RRBATA in the formulation of a marketing program to promote our wonderful local traders. A recent meeting of 30 business operators was held to explore the way forward for this initiative. RRBATA member businesses will participate in a campaign that will use social media, Romsey online and print media to build awareness of Romsey's businesses and what they have to offer. Stay tuned via RRBATA Facebook, Instagram and Romsey Online for business profiles, promotions and special events.

Romsey Streetscape Project - Lighting Works Update

Much of the lighting component of the Romsey Streetscape Project has been completed. Whilst the lamps will not be installed until April, the "underground" elements have been installed. Up lighting of trees has been installed at the south west and south east aspects of the Murphy/Main Streets intersection. This will compliment the illumination of the Mechanics Institute, fountain precinct, former Commercial Bank/Shire Office

building (the white one at the Hub) and the Five Mile Creek pedestrian bridge.



Romsey Issues and Opportunities Paper

Another reminder to please take the time to peruse (www.mrsc.vic.gov.au) the Romsey Issues and Opportunities Paper which outlines discussion points to be considered when developing Romsey's development strategy for the future. It is a very important step towards helping Council plan Romsey's long term growth needs and town character. This paper is the pre-cursor to development of Romsey's new Town Structure Plan which will replace the current strategy document, the Outline Development Plan. Please take the time to view the document in anticipation of the next step of the process. <http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/Build-Plan/Planning-For-Our-Future/Town-based-Projects/Romsey>

Clean Up Romsey Day 2019 POSTPONEMENT

Due to unavoidable circumstances, Clean Up Romsey Day, which was to be held on **Sunday 17th March 2019**, has postponed. At the time of the Romsey Rag going to print, a new date had not yet been finalised. Please watch RRBATA Facebook and Romsey Online for details of the new date.

Christmas In Romsey (CIR) 2019 - Volunteers needed!

Arts Culture Events working group (ACE) is looking for

volunteers to assist with CIR 2019. In particular, a volunteer to assist coordination of the Main Street Christmas Trees element of the festival is urgently required. The range of other tasks is many and varied with some needing just a small commitment of time. If anyone can assist, please contact Sandra Chestnutt (0407 24189 and schestnutt@rocketmail.com).



The Mount Players

Presents

12 Angry Men by Reginald Rose



An 18 year old, coloured boy's life is on the line after being convicted of murdering his father. Two witnesses attest the fact – a cut and dried case.....or is it? This powerful and moving drama about an American murder trial, takes place in the jury room of a court house. 12 men deliberate the conviction or acquittal on the basis of 'reasonable doubt', forcing the jurors to question their morals and values. The play explores the difficulties encountered among this group of men whose range of personalities adds to the intensity and conflict. It also explores the power one person has to elicit change.

A stellar cast directed by Frank Harvey and Leo Vandervalk is a must see! The season runs from Friday 3rd May – Sunday 26th May. To book tickets go to www.themountplayers.com

Karen Hunt



The Mount Players cast of Twelve Angry Men rehearsing an intense scene - one of many, where personalities clash and morals and beliefs are put to the test.



Romsey - Lancefield Probus

Welcome to Friendship

Our club provides an opportunity for retirees or semi retired people to relax and enjoy the welcoming company of those at the same stage of life.

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

Meetings are held at St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey.
The April meeting will be on Thursday 18th April 2019 (due to Anzac Day on 25th)

After the meeting, people so inclined, have lunch at a nearby restaurant.
There are many activities members can be part of (including Trips and Outings); some being regular, and others planned from time to time.

Join us for coffee at one of the venues in Romsey or Lancefield every second Friday;
or join the ten-pin bowling group for a bit of fun on the alternate Friday.
Or form a group with others of similar interests at a time that suits.

We are a friendly welcoming group from diverse backgrounds and with a variety of interests, and we'd love to meet you!

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

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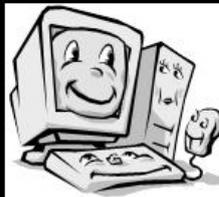
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What's on for your business in April

Local business owners and entrepreneurs looking to skill-up on Facebook are invited to one of the following workshops that aims to make marketing easy on the social media site.

Facebook for small business simplified

Want to learn how to use Facebook to grow your business?

Register for the Facebook for small business simplified workshop on Thursday 4 April from 9.30am–12.30pm at the Gisborne Administration Centre, 40 Robertson Street, Gisborne.

The session will explore:

- the benefits Facebook can offer small business
- setting up and customising a Facebook page for small business
- effectively using and managing a Facebook business page
- using a Facebook business page to target audience and build a following
- create and share effective content
- Facebook tips, etiquette and functionality.

This workshop is part of the Australian Small Business Advisory Service (ASBAS) Digital Solutions program.

Participants who sign-up for the yearly program pay \$55 and have access to workshops, tailored mentoring, webinars and an online learning portal throughout the year that explore topics such as social media marketing, Facebook advertising, Instagram and more.

Advanced Business Facebook workshop

Designed for existing Facebook users, participants at this interactive workshop will learn how to:

- use organic and paid advertising to reach business objectives
- create videos through Facebook's Video Creation Kit
- develop a database using Facebook messenger
- use Facebook updates such as augmented reality ads and the self-serve brand uplift tool
- explore messenger bots.

The session is being facilitated by the Macedon Ranges Women in Business networking group, with social media specialist Zali Garrety, Director of The Online Wordsmith.

The workshop is being held on Saturday 6 April from 9am–12.30pm at Baringo Food & Wine Co, 283 Station Road, New Gisborne.

The cost is \$55 for Macedon Ranges Women in Business members, and \$85 for others.

Places are limited, and bookings are essential.

Many of the events in our program are being held in partnership with the Australian Small Business Advisory Service, Melbourne Innovation Centre, Australian Taxation Office, Macedon Ranges Women in Business, Small Business Victoria and the Kyneton Community and Learning Centre.

For more information on our 2019 program, or to book your place, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-events or call 5421 9616.

The influenza season is coming – Think about a flu vaccination!

Last year's flu season was one of the most severe we've experienced in some time. There were 250,000 cases of flu across Australia with nearly 4,000 children affected and 745 deaths. Many of the people badly affected by flu were over 65 years of age. This year, new stronger and more effective vaccines will be provided for this group. To reduce risk to you, your family and community of another season of severe flu we encourage everyone to consider influenza immunisation this year.

Government will fund vaccination for the following groups who are at a higher risk of complications of flu:

- Seniors over 65 years of age
- Children between 6 months and 5 years of age
- People with long term illness – please ask your GP if you qualify
- Pregnant women
- Most Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders

Flu vaccination will be available for Romsey Medical Centres in May at no cost to the groups listed above
Private patient fee = \$20 administered by qualified health professionals via one of our daily flu clinics.

Flu vaccinations offer the best protection in the first 3 months after the injection and the flu season peaks in August most years. You will get the best protection if you have your vaccination in May or June rather than earlier in the year.

It is never too late in the season to have your flu vaccination.



99 Main Street, Romsey – ph: 54295 254 www.romseymedical.com.au

Register now for our award-winning mental health program

Learn how to help young people experiencing mental health problems by participating in one of Council's award-winning Youth Mental Health First Aid courses.

The 14-hour program teaches participants first aid skills to give initial help to young people who are in a mental health crisis situation or in the early stages of a mental illness.

The course covers topics such as anxiety, depression, psychosis, alcohol abuse and other drug issues and eating disorders.

The cost is \$30 for Macedon Ranges' residents and \$100 for others.

The program of dates for 2019 are:

When: 3 and 10 May, 9am–5pm (School staff)

Where: Newman Room, Kyneton Town Hall, 129 Mollison Street

When: 7, 14, 21 and 28 May, 6.30pm–10pm (men's only course)

Where: Leadlight Room, Holgates, High Street, Woodend

When: 15, 18 and 25 June, 9am–5pm (15 June) and 6pm–9.30pm (18 and 25 June)

Where: Gisborne Administration Centre, 40 Robertson Street, Gisborne

When: 3, 10, 17 and 24 September, 6pm–9.30pm,

Where: Newman Room, Kyneton Town Hall, 129 Mollison Street, Kyneton

To find out more information or book your place, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/live4life, call Loren Polzot on 5422 0275 or email lpolzot@mrsc.vic.gov.au

2019 funding program opening 1 April

Local groups and organisations with a great idea for a project or activity are encouraged to consider applying for financial assistance via Council's new and improved Community Funding Scheme, opening on Monday 1 April.

The Community Funding Scheme is Council's annual grants program for not-for-profit community groups and organisations of all sizes, and offers financial assistance of up to \$12,000 for a variety of projects and activities.

Applications are invited that align with one of the following funding streams:

- Community and cultural development projects
- Enhancing the effectiveness of local community groups
- Supporting local environmental priorities
- Enhancing community places and infrastructure (this stream has been previously known as the Places for People funding program).

The aim of the recent merge of the Places for People funding program into the Community Funding Scheme was to improve consistency, achieve efficiencies in resources and streamline the process for applicants.

Applications for the program open on Monday 1 April and close Tuesday 30 April 2019.

For more information on the Community Funding Scheme, guidelines or application forms visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/Community-Funding-Scheme or call 5422 0206.

Grant writing workshop

A free grant writing workshop to assist community groups and organisations in preparing their application will be held on Thursday 28 March at 6.30pm at Kyneton Mechanics Institute, 81 Mollison Street, Kyneton.

This workshop will be delivered by external consultants who provide training and resources for the not-for-profit sector, with Council staff available to answer questions.

To attend the workshop, contact Kerry on 5422 0337 or kmoore@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Get your free mulch at Council transfer stations

Council's transfer stations in Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend are offering free mulch while stocks last.

The mulch is produced from garden organics dropped off at Council's transfer stations, and is used on Council gardens and open spaces.

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

The amount of mulch available at transfer stations may vary.

For locations and opening hours, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/transfer-stations

Learn how to save money and energy at retrofitting workshop

Did you know that most of the energy you use in your home goes in heating and cooling?

Come along to a free workshop on retrofitting and find out what you can do at home to reduce your environmental footprint and save money.

The information session on retrofitting is being held on Thursday 4 April from 7.30pm–9pm at Woodend Neighbourhood House, 47 Forest Street, Woodend.

For more information on Council's environment events or to book, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events or call 5421 9660.

Plenty of family-friendly fun on offer these school holidays

Sculpture, swimming, dance and more - we've got a jam-packed program of activities on offer these school holidays whatever your child's age or interests.

Bring the kids to experience Strange Garden (sculpture workshop)

Established artist Eliza-Jane Gilchrist leads this unique workshop for children that will get them building stunning sculptural installations out of cardboard.

Sessions are being held at Kyneton Town Hall on Wednesday 10, Thursday 11 and Friday 12 April at 9.30am–11am, 11.30am–1pm and 2pm–3.30pm. The cost is \$10.

Each workshop will see children drawing, decorating and sticking unusual plant shapes together to create a wondrous, magical garden.

For more information or to book your place, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets or call 1300 888 802.

Let the little ones explore animation with Friendly Forest (animation and technology workshop)

This interactive workshop, suitable for children of all ages, blends art, craft and technology to tell stories.

Artist and game designer Josh Salmon leads participants through the process of creating an ever-evolving nature sequence, incorporating augmented reality and stop-motion.

Sessions are being held at Kyneton Town Hall on Monday 15, Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 April at 9.30am–11am, 11.30am–1pm, and 2pm–3.30pm. The cost is \$20.

For more information or to book your place, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets or call 1300 888 802.

Sleep under the stars at Hanging Rock

Pack your tent, sleeping bag and pillow and head out to Hanging Rock on Saturday 6 April for a camping experience like no other.

For one night only a limited number of campers can pitch their tents, enjoy a night under the stars and experience the mystery and magic of Hanging Rock from a whole new perspective—by moonlight!

Bookings are essential, with a limited number of places available on a first in, first served basis.

Book online at mrsc.vic.gov.au/CampOut or for more information, call 5421 1468.

Camping fees are \$23 per adult, \$13 per child and \$59 per family. School and organised groups are also welcome to attend. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Dance program at Buffalo Stadium, Woodend

Hip-hop, acro, singing and acting are all on offer these school holidays at Buffalo Sports Stadium in Woodend.

Dance classes are being held on Monday 8 April, Tuesday 9 April and Wednesday 10 April.

Time: 9–12pm all sessions

Cost: \$66 for all 3 days

Age: 6–13 years

For more information or to book, email buffalo@mrsc.vic.gov.au or call 5427 3411.

Activities and games at Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre (KTSAC)

Two school holiday activity days will be held at KTSAC for primary school-aged children from 10am–3pm on Thursday 11 and Tuesday 16 April. The day will consist of:

- 10am–12pm: stadium activities including sports and craft
- 12pm–1pm: lunch (to be provided by participant)
- 1pm–3pm: pool activities including inflatable and games.

Bring clothes suitable for stadium activities, bathers and a towel, lunch and snacks, and a drink bottle.

Cost: first child \$40, second child \$37.50 and third child \$35 (discounted rate for siblings only).

Bookings are essential by calling the centre on (03) 5421 1477

Pool inflatable fun in Gisborne and Kyneton

Gisborne Aquatic Centre

When: Monday 8 to Friday 12 April and Monday 15 to Thursday 18 April

Time: 1pm–3pm

Cost: \$5.10 per child (pool entry).

Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre

When: Monday 8, Wednesday 10 and Friday 12 April and Monday 15 and Wednesday 17 April

Time: 12.30pm–2.30pm

Cost: \$5.10 per child (pool entry).

Intensive Learn to Swim program

Give your child the chance to improve their confidence in the water and build on their swimming skills during the school holidays by enrolling in an intensive Learn to Swim program in Kyneton and Gisborne.

4 or 5 day intensive

The 4 or 5 day intensive swim lessons run for 30 minutes and are held over consecutive weekdays. Children can improve their swim skills and confidence during an intensive Learn To Swim program. Classes are suitable for children aged three years and over.

2 day intensive

These classes will run in the afternoon for an hour both days and are aimed at further developing your child's swimming and water safety skills.

Gisborne Aquatic Centre

When: Classes will be held Monday 8 to Friday 12 April (5 days) and Monday 15 to Thursday 18 April (4 days).

Cost: \$79.50 (5 days) or \$63.60 (4 days)

Bookings are essential. Contact Gisborne Aquatic Centre on (03) 5421 1452.

Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre

When: Monday 8 to Friday 12 April (5 days), Monday 15 to Thursday 18 April (4 days), Tuesday 9 to Thursday 11 April (2 days), Tuesday 16 and Thursday 18 April (2 days).

Cost: \$79.50 (5 days) or \$63.60 (2 and 4 days)

Bookings are essential. Contact Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre on (03) 5421 1477

Don't forget to check out your local Library for Activities.



Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens Bendigo Bank Monthly Bus Trips

Come and join us on our monthly bus trips on the first Wednesday of the month. Our trips are to a variety of places and include morning tea and lunch and only cost \$40 (entry fees included).

Last month our trip to Castlemaine Mill was swapped for a trip with the Kilmore Senior Citizens travelling to Lotus Gardens at Yarra Junction. The weather held off and we had a very enjoyable day discovering the gardens.

This month we will be visiting the **National Wool Museum in Geelong**. The museum tells the timeless story of Australian wool, fibre and textiles. The trip is on **Wednesday 3rd of April**. We will be stopping at Bacchus Marsh on the way down for morning tea. We will be having a 2 course lunch at the Geelong RSL. **Please note earlier pick up times.**
Depart: Lancefield Post Office – 8.45am
Romsey Mechanics Institute– 9am – out the front.

Future trips will be:
1st May Rochester – to visit the Silo Art
5th June Harcourt – to visit Harcourt Perry & Cider Makers.

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

Hope to see you soon.

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



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Better Big Bank Night Off – a Family Movie Night in Romsey

Over 150 local residents gathered at the Romsey Mechanics Institute on 23 February to enjoy an afternoon of family activities, food and fun.

This community event was hosted by the Romsey Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank and was supported by Romsey Neighbourhood House, Romsey Ecotherapy Park, Romsey Junior Football Netball Club and Romsey CWA.



Piggy with the team members from the Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank branches

Members of the community enjoyed fantastic musical entertainment by local artists, Fourth Ember, Cowboys & Angels Dance Academy and The Naturally Cool Big Band. It was clear that we have some incredible local talent. There was also a guest appearance from the one and only Piggy, who enjoyed taking photos with the kids and even busted

out some dance moves.

The venue for the movie was the Romsey Mechanics Institute Hall and we're excited that the RMI Committee is planning to continue to use the Hall in this way going forward.

Suzie Ewart, Chair of the Company that operates the Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank® branches of Bendigo Bank, said it was a pleasure to not only support the event financially, but also that so many of our branch team members volunteered to help with the event logistics. "This inaugural movie night was a great success. It was wonderful to see so many local families and friends coming together for what was a fun and festive family evening. We look forward to seeing the RMI Hall used more often for large local gatherings, and our showing of The Greatest Showman was a good way to kick start this initiative in 2019."

We hope everyone who attended enjoyed themselves and we thank the other local groups involved for their support.



A few words from Ken Allender, General Manager of the Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank branches, before the movie starts

Romsey Get Snapping Competition Briefing and Romsey Walk.

"People In and Around Romsey ... people doing things, in the town you live in"

For the second year we are running the Romsey Get Snapping Competition which will run over the next several months, closing on 30th September, 2019.

The competition is open to all and is designed to encourage young and beginner photographers as well as the more experienced, using anything from phone cameras to SLRs. Photos should centre around the topic "People In and Around Romsey ... people doing things, in the town you live in".

Images will be able to be uploaded to a new website which will be launched soon or to a Facebook page. Entrants will need to provide contact details and either upload or save images of sufficient quality for printing.

For more information and a walk around Romsey, taking photos join Lance:

When: 13th April, 2019 at 10:00am

Where: Outside Romsey Library

For: Q&A on the competition, walk and shoot and coffee after-wards

Queries: Lance on 0447 412838 (lannash@hotmail.com)



Practical Jokes at the

Darraweit Guim Hall

By Peter Mitchell

Back in the days of the horse and jinker, at a dance at the Darraweit hall, people tethered their horses in the hall grounds. One Saturday night, much to the disgust of the horses' owners, whilst dancing was in progress, somebody swapped the horses from one jinker to another. Imagine the confusion when the dancers came outside.

In the 1950s at the same hall, the three Tom brothers, William, James and Douglas, who were known as the strongest men in the district, brought four empty 44 gallon petrol drums to the hall grounds, and with the help of Jack Dawson, another local farmer, they lifted Dinney Forbes' red MG sports car up onto the top of the drums. Dinney Forbes was horrified when he came out of the dance hall and discovered where his car was parked. I can't recall how he got his car back on the ground.

Are you in Romsey or Lancefield and interested in shaping how mental health and wellbeing is supported in your community?

We define mental health as:

“ a state of wellbeing in which every individual realises his or her own potential, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to her or his community ”

World Health Organisation, 2014

Cobaw Community Health is partnering with Swinburne University on a community wellbeing project in Romsey and Lancefield.

The project will work with members of the Romsey and Lancefield communities to identify what is already being done and what else could be done to promote mental health and wellbeing in these communities.

The project will:



We are seeking participants for four action planning workshops, followed by three community events to raise awareness and share the results.

You may participate as an individual community member, or as a representative of a local service, community group, organisation or business.

To register your interest in participating, or to be kept informed about the project, please complete this short expression of interest survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RomseyLancefieldCommunityWellbeingEOI>



For further information, please contact:

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2019 Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank® Scholarship Winners

Our commitment as Community Bank® branches of Bendigo Bank is to help build a stronger framework within our local community. We achieve this by sponsoring local sporting clubs and events, and by providing grants to community groups to fund local projects.

Much of this commitment is focused on our youth and we are extremely proud to share our 2019 scholarship recipients with our community. The Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank® branches Scholarship Program aims to assist high achieving and highly motivated local students who have been offered a full-time place at an Australian university, TAFE institute or college for the first time to study at undergraduate bachelor's degree/first year level and are experiencing financial and/or social challenges.

This year, our Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank® branches will support two students, who were selected from a field of exceptional candidates. The task of narrowing them down was extremely difficult.

Congratulations to this year's worthy recipients:

- Thomas Durston is the winner of our 2019 University Scholarship of \$2,500 per year for three years – a total of \$7,500
- Tara Sleeman is the winner of our 2019 TAFE Scholarship of \$1,500 per year for the duration of her course

Tom has always lived in Romsey and he attended Braemar College. He is one of five boys and acts as a positive role model for his younger brothers. Tom has chosen to study Commerce at the University of Melbourne. Tom excelled academically, receiving an ATAR of 95.75, but was also involved in leadership and community roles at school and with local groups, such as the Romsey Junior Football Netball Club. Funds from our scholarship will help Tom to purchase text books and a laptop, and will assist with transport to and from the city.



Tom was thrilled to receive a scholarship to assist with the costs of attending university. He is pictured here accepting his award with members of the Romsey Community Bank® Branch team.

Tara recently moved to Romsey after living in Yuroke for many years and attending Hume Anglican Grammar. As a Buddhist, she is a firm believer in the philosophy to care for others more than yourself. Tara would like to do a Bachelor in Design and she can take this on if she excels in her chosen TAFE course of Certificate IV in Information Technology (Web Design and Development). Tara's longer-term aspirations are to have an IT focus to her work, but with a community involvement. Funds from our scholarship will help Tara to study full-time and live on campus.



Tara and her parents, Deb and Nick, were delighted to meet with Senior Branch Manager, Michael O'Gorman to accept her award.

Suzie Ewart, Chair of the Company that operates the Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank® branches of Bendigo Bank, said the Scholarship Program was launched because the branches believed local students deserved every opportunity to achieve their dreams.

"An investment in education yields great long-term dividends and by helping young people gain access to tertiary education, the returns to the student, their families and the local community are significant.

"It is a pleasure to reward two hard working local students in this way – Tom and Tara are very deserving of these scholarships and we wish them the best of luck as they begin an exciting journey toward achieving their goals."

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Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke Baba Ghanoush



From time to time my good neighbours, the Rohde's, leave home-grown fruit and vegetables in our letterbox. The missus grows the produce, the bloke is the delivery boy. Anyway, this latest cornucopia was made up in part by Aubergines.

Aubergine - eggplant - melenzana - they are all the same thing as we all know. But did you know melenzana derives from melon insana - the insane melon?

The Ancient Greeks ate, as blotting paper, the wild (growing everywhere) fruit after downing a bellyful of retsina. Next morning when they woke feeling crook with a hangover, "It must have been something I ate" they'd mumble and blame yesterday's bad behaviour on the innocent fruit. So the name was born - 'melon insana'.

Baba Ghanoush, of course, is principally Aubergine plus cumin etc. The traditional Syrian (actually Levant) recipe is below. I've added (below the below) a few flavours of my own. And instead of the blender, mashed the flesh of the Aubergine once I'd scooped it out of its skin which I'd softened in my microwave - that's the large fruit, the small fruit's skin, once softened, was mashed with the flesh.

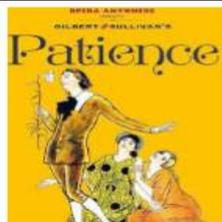
I stirred in the traditional ingredients as per the recipe, including finely chopped salad onion and Gorgonzola. I served that lot with a heated Chorizo - that really made a tasty dish - and a fiery one too.

Baba Ghanoush. 3 large aubergines; 4 cloves garlic; 180 ml

tahini paste; juice of 3 lemons; 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin; 3 tablespoons finely chopped parsley; black olives for garnish.

Cook the aubergines under the grill until the skin blisters. Peel them. Put the aubergines, crushed garlic and a little salt into a blender and blend until the mixture is smooth and creamy. Add the tahini, lemon juice and cumin alternately, a little at a time, blending for a few seconds in between each addition. Taste and add more garlic, tahini, salt, lemon juice and cumin to suit your taste. Pour the baba ghanoush into a bowl, sprinkle with chopped parsley and black olives and serve as an appetiser with a basket of Turkish bread alongside.

Additional flavours: Finely chopped salad onion; Gorgonzola cheese; Chorizo sausage.



Patience



The Romsey Uniting Church
*Invites you to join us for an afternoon of music,
fun and laughter*
from Gilbert & Sullivan's "Patience"
performed by the Singularity Choir
Sunday, 5th May, 2019 at 1.30pm in the
Romsey Uniting Church Hall, 25 Pohlman Street Romsey
followed by afternoon tea
Cost: \$20.00 Concession \$15.00

The Story... All of the maidens in the village are besotted with Reginald Bunthorne, a moody and handsome poet, but he has eyes only for the simple milkmaid, Patience. The problem? Bunthorne's artistic ways are all just an act to attract women to him—he doesn't even like poetry! Besides, Patience is in love with her childhood sweetheart, who happens to be a real poet named Archibald Grosvenor, but feels she cannot marry him because he is just too perfect.....

RSVP. Before 28th April, 2019

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Or mail to P.O. Box 264, Romsey. 3434.



Romsey Lancefield RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC DAY 2019 Thursday, 25 April 2019



Historical Overview

Though the fighting on the Western Front ended on 11 November 1918, under the terms of the Armistice; the formal peace settlement was not concluded until 28 June 1919. That settlement is known to history as the Treaty of Versailles. To the English economist John Maynard Keynes, the Treaty was 'too cruel'; many French, like historian Jacques Bainville, said it was 'too kind'. Some historians agree that harsh terms of the Treaty were the seeds of discontent that helped precipitate World War II. Others saw the 1914-18 and the 1939-45 war as one continuation war with a cessation of hostilities for twenty years; akin to the three Punic Wars of Rome and Carthage (264-146 BC).

It is one hundred and five (105) years since the Great War commenced and historians still debate and ponder the causes of the outbreak. The peace settlement is almost 100 years old and debates continue about the settlement and its impact on the world order. An insightful book is Adam Tooze's (2014) *The Deluge*.

What is forgotten is that the United States government did not sign up to the Treaty of Versailles, it was rejected by the Senate on 19 December 1919 and again on 19 March

1920. Finally, a separate US - Germany peace treaty under the *Knox-Porter Resolution* signed in 1921; formally ended the war.

Australian troops were repatriated back home during 1919.

Lest we forget our servicemen and women of all conflicts.

Please join us for the

**2019 ANZAC DAY COMMUNITY SERVICE
Thursday 25 April 2019**

**Romsey Cenotaph, Main Street , Romsey 7a.m
Main Service and March
Lancefield Cenotaph, High Street Lancefield, 8.30am**

Followed by refreshments in the Lancefield Mechanics Hall, proudly supported by Lancefield Neighbourhood House

ALL WELCOME

RSL enquiries, membership and member assist phone the Romsey Lancefield RSL Sub Branch Secretary Vanessa Meredith m: 0498 170 993

About Anzac Day

What does 'ANZAC' stand for?

'ANZAC' stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. On the 25th of April 1915, Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the allied expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula. These became known as Anzacs and the pride they took in that name continues to this day.

Why is this day special to Australians?

On the morning of 25 April 1915, the Anzacs set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula in order to open the Dardanelles to the allied navies. The objective was to capture Constantinople (now Istanbul in Turkey), the capital of the Ottoman Empire, and an ally of Germany.

The Anzacs landed on Gallipoli and met fierce resistance from the Ottoman Turkish defenders. Their plan to knock Turkey out of the war quickly became a stalemate, and the campaign dragged on for eight months.

At the end of 1915, the allied forces were evacuated. Both sides suffered heavy casualties and endured great hardships. Over 8,000 Australian soldiers were killed. News of the landing on Gallipoli and the events that followed had a profound impact on Australians at home. The 25th of April soon became the day on which Australians remember the sacrifice of those who had died in the war.

The Anzacs were courageous and although the Gallipoli campaign failed in its military objectives, the Australian and New Zealand actions during the campaign left us all a powerful legacy.

What does Anzac Day mean today?

With the coming of the Second World War, Anzac Day also served to commemorate the lives of Australians who died in that war. The meaning of Anzac Day today includes the remembrance of all Australians killed in military operations.

What happens on ANZAC Day?

Anzac Day remembrance takes two forms. Commemorative services are held at dawn – the time of the original landing in Gallipoli – across the nation. Later in the day, ex-servicemen and women meet to take part in marches through the major cities and in many smaller centres. Commemorative ceremonies are more formal and are held at war memorials around the country.

A typical Anzac Day ceremony may include the following features: an introduction, hymn, prayer, an address, laying of wreaths, a recitation, the Last Post, a period of silence, either the Rouse or the Reveille, and the national anthem. After the Memorial's ceremony, families often place red poppies beside the names of relatives on the Memorial's Roll of Honour, as they also do after Remembrance Day services.

Rosemary is also traditionally worn on Anzac Day, and sometimes on Remembrance Day. Rosemary has particular significance for Australians as it is found growing wild on the Gallipoli peninsula. Since ancient times, this aromatic herb has been believed to have properties to improve the memory.

Sourced from <https://www.army.gov.au/our-history/traditions/anzac-day>

Fun for the Children!

Easter Word Search

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Animal Corner - Thought about keeping Guinea Pigs?

Does your lifestyle call for a lovable, quiet companion? Guinea pigs live happily indoors and are always up for a cuddle. These little guys crave attention and want to be involved in family activities. If you choose to keep your guinea pigs indoors, it is important to make sure all wires and cables are secure and not easily available to use as chew toys. Tight spaces should also be blocked to prevent your little furry friends from becoming trapped.

Guinea pigs love to run around so giving them plenty of space to run and stretch their legs is recommended. Whether your guinea pigs live indoors or outdoors, a secure cage that is out of direct sunlight and drafting winds is a must. However, they should not be left in the cage 24 hours a day, at least once a day they should be let out free to roam under your supervision.

Guinea pigs love to have fun so providing them with plenty of toys, such as a stuff sock full of newspaper or a fluffy teddy. You should also use PVC tunnels for them to run through and rocks to help them keep their claws in check. For cooler nights a good tip is to get an old sock, filled with raw rice grains, placed into the microwave for no more than 1 minute, so they can snuggle up to it and keep warm. The bedding in the cage should be soft and absorbent i.e. hay.

There is suitable food available from your local pet store, but this can be supplemented with dark leafy greens, carrot tops, celery and bok choy. If you let them out on your lawn in an open bottomed cage, so they can help you with the mowing. Just don't forget to move the cage around regularly or you will end up with a bald spot in your lawn!

If you decide on keeping guinea pigs but need more advice you can contact your local pet store or vets to discuss any questions you may have.



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



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For many years John Laing has hand mown the tees and surrounds of the greens. As he approaches his 85th year John has decided it is time to hand this task on to another RGC volunteer. John, our thanks for your many years of hard work, who knows not pushing the mower three to four days a week may see the golf improve?

Fri March 8th saw the 3rd of our four six-monthly deep hollow-tyne verti-draining of the greens. This process cuts finger sized plugs out of the greens and fills the space with sand, seed and fertiliser. Getting sand over 120mm into the greens results in better uptake of water and sees the greens' grass extend its roots deeper and further way from the extreme heat of summer. The 4th of these works will be on the Thursday before Grand Final in September. Twelve members also worked on other projects across the course

The 2019 Romsey Challenge Bowl will be played on Thursday April 4th. This event will see golfers from

RGC Weekly Competition Results:

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| Feb 13 – Summer Cup Rd 2B | J. Hartley - 95/23/72, J Harver - 118/45/73 & L Robb - 109/34/75 |
| Feb 16 – Summer Cup Rd 3A Stableford | A Lakey (22) – 43 pts, M Nicholls Jnr (16) – 41 pts, B Robb (32) – 40 pts & M Squire (7) – 36 pts |
| Feb 20 – Summer Cup Rd 3B | J Hartley – 39 pts, E Scanlon – 31pts & B Cole – 29pts |
| Feb 23 –Summer Cup Rd 4A Monthly Medal | K Hocking – 103/30/73 H Drummond – 94/20/74 & M Nicholls Jnr – 90/15/75 |
| Feb 27 – Summer Cup Rd 4B | D Baker – 91/19/72 J Hartley – 93/20/73, W Gosden – 104/31/73 |
| Mar 1 – Algie Mitchell Qualifying - Stroke | J Laing – 94/29/65 L Gaunt – 81/8/73, M Nicholls Snr – 95/22/73 & J Freestone – 95/21/74 |
| Mar 9 - Ambrose | L Gaunt/D Richardson/R Baker; 67/8.6/58.4, B Dwyer/B Robb/D Baker; 76/14.3/61.7 |

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

all over Dalhousie as well as clubs from other districts assemble at Romsey for the teams' stableford event.

The Flatstick Roofing Summer Cup was held during February. The event has four weekly rounds but golfers may play on both Wed and Sat giving them two goes at each round. The final round saw a close battle with Jenny Hartley coming out on top.



2019 FlatstickRoofing Summer Cup winners - 3rd A. Lakey 20pts, 1st J. Hartley 26pts, 2nd M. Nicholls Jnr 21.5pts

REMEMBER THE WALTZING

by Jim Haynes

She was Tilly, the funny old lady,
She lived at the end of our street -
And I'd always stop
When I went to the shop
And she'd give me a smile and a treat.

One day we sat in her kitchen,
I asked why she lived alone.
That was when she
Showed his photo to me,
And read me his last letter home.

Remember the Waltzing Matilda?
Remember the old one-two-three?
A barn dance and then a Varso Vienna,
Remember your arms around me?

'Remember the Waltzing Matilda?
And if this war ever should end,
The very first chance,
The first Town Hall Dance,

I'll waltz my Matilda again.'

He never returned from Kokoda
To dance in our little Town Hall.
She never went there,
She couldn't bear
To see his name up on the wall.

Tilly, the funny old lady,
She lived a lifetime alone -
Reading the page,
Watching them fade,
The words of his last letter home.

Remember the Waltzing Matilda?
And if this war ever should end,
The very first chance,
The first Town Hall Dance,
I'll waltz my Matilda again.'

LEST WE FORGET our servicemen and women of all conflicts



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PASTOR'S PARABLES
EASTER and The Importance of the Cross



We will all eventually die. If the Bible is correct, there is an afterlife with judgement, heaven and hell. What is our plan to reach heaven?

Many say: 'Well, I'm a relatively good person – when I die I'll just hope for the best. Others add: 'I've been baptised, had communion, plus I give regularly to the church and charities – I think I've ticked all the boxes.' It's ironic that many people, including many Christians, think getting to heaven depends on what they do. When asked about the relevance of Jesus Christ and the Cross, most scratch their heads; they don't see a connection between their going to heaven and what Christ did on the Cross.

Many people consider the cross simply a symbol of Christianity – a story told at Easter how a good man was wrongly crucified and miraculously rose from the dead. Fact is, if we could earn our way to heaven by good deeds or religious rituals, Christ died

needlessly on the Cross. If we could save ourselves by our works, there would be no point for Jesus to die for our salvation (John 3:16).

The Bible states: we can never be good enough to save ourselves (Ephesians 2:8-9) – our works are filthy rags in God's sight (Isaiah 64:6) – that we need to be born-again (John 3:3) – and become a new creation in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17).

To enter the kingdom of heaven we need to have God's **PERFECT** uprightness, decency, integrity and morality. This is the whole point of Jesus being crucified on our behalf. If we accept the gift of salvation by believing in Christ we receive His **PERFECT GOODNESS** and are instantly adopted into the family of God. Alternately, if we are hoping our good deeds or religious rituals will save us; sadly, we are in for a very rude shock.

We need the Cross. Christ is our salvation – He is the only door and way into heaven.

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is a gift of God not of works, lest anyone should boast. Ephesians 2:8-9.

Pastor Marilyn Hunter



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MASS TIMES

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month:
8:00am Lancefield and 10:00 am Romsey
2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday of the month:
8:00am Romsey and 10:00am Lancefield
1st Saturday of the month:
10:00am Romsey – Healing Mass

Reconciliation available from 9:30am

COMMUNION SERVICES

Tuesday 9:00am Romsey Church
Saturday 10:00am Romsey Church

ROSARY

Saturdays 9:45am Romsey

RECONCILIATION

By arrangement.

BAPTISMS

2019 – Romsey Church – April 7th, June 2nd, August 4th, October 6th & December 1st.
2019 – Lancefield Church – May 12th, July 14th, September 8th & November 10th.
For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

SACRAMENTS

Registrations are now open for all Sacraments to be received in 2019. Please send your details to the secretary at lancefield@cam.org.au to register your child.

ST. MARY'S DROP-IN: First Thursday of each month, 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey. All welcome to come for a game of cards/ chat and free lunch.

ST. MARY'S - EASTER SERVICES - 2019

Lenten Reconciliation – Fr. Martin
Tuesday 16th April – 7:30pm Woodend Church **OR**
Wednesday 17th April – 7:30pm Romsey Church

Holy Thursday – Fr. Daryl
Thursday 18th April – 7:00pm Lancefield Church

Good Friday – Fr. Daryl
Friday 19th April – 2:00pm – Stations of the Cross – Romsey Church
3:00pm - Passion of the Lord – Romsey Church

Holy Saturday – Fr. Daryl
Saturday 20th April – 7:00pm Easter Vigil – Lancefield Church

Easter Sunday – Fr. Daryl
Sunday 21st April – 8:00am Lancefield Church
10:00am Romsey Church

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Romsey Church Services & Activities during April 2019

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

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

Sunday 7th 10.45am. Combined Worship Service and Holy Communion at Lancefield.

Conducted by Annette Buckley

Wednesday 10th 1.30pm. UCAF

Sunday 14th 9am. Palm Sunday Worship Service conducted by Carol Toy

Friday 18th 9am. Good Friday Service conducted by Peter Cannon followed by Ecumenical walk at 10.15am from the Romsey Uniting Church

Sunday 21st Easter Day 10.45am. Combined Worship & Holy Communion at Lancefield.

Conducted by Peter Cannon

Sunday 28th, 9am. Worship Service conducted by Trevor Turnham

During April we are in the period of Lent which leads into Easter and the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his Resurrection.

It is a time to renew and deepen our faith. It calls for generosity of spirit, compassion and graciousness towards each other.

Advance Notice:

On Sunday May 5th at 1.30pm we will again have the *Singularity Choir* performing at the Romsey Uniting Church.

They will perform Gilbert & Sullivan's '*Patience*'.

Please see further information regarding this performance in this edition of the Romsey Rag.

VICTORY

"I DID IT MY WAY" was a song made popular by the late Frank Sinatra. It is so true - many of us choose to do it 'our way' instead of following God's way. We all have choices to make. So did Jesus. The human side of His nature shrank from the way of the Cross and three times He prayed to the Father that this cup of suffering and humiliation might be taken away from Him. But it was not to be! He accepted the path that lay before Him, saying, "Yet, not my will, but yours be done." (Matthew 26:39). Our finite minds, unenlightened by the Holy Spirit, cannot comprehend the great gulf existing between we sinful, fallen human beings and the Holiness of God. Because of His great love for us He sent Jesus, His Beloved Son, to bridge that gap by the Way of the Cross.

From, "12noon - 3pm there was darkness over the land" (Matthew 26:45) when Jesus cried in anguish, "My, My God, why have you forsaken me? It was because He was bearing the great load of mankind's -our- Sin, from the beginning of time until the end of time. This load of sin separated Jesus from the Father as it separates us. At the end of three hours, He cried with a loud voice, 'IT IS FINISHED.'

THE WAY OF THE CROSS led to victory over sin and death. He died that He might make atonement - at one moment between us in our sin and God in His holiness. On the third day following, God raised Jesus from the dead to live for evermore in glory and power. When we ask Jesus to come into our hearts, minds and wills to be our Saviour and Lord, we will be walking in the Way God has planned for us. Forgiveness of our sin and power over sin and a future with Him throughout Eternity is promised.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

"On the third morn He rose again, Glorious in majesty to reign; O let us swell the joyful strain. ALLELUIA

Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free, That we may live and sing to Thee.

ALLELUIA" Rev. F. Pott.

Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to our Harvest Thanksgiving and to Betty Dansey for delivery to Anglicare. Also thank you to Glenice for making our Mothering Sunday 'Simnel Cake'.

APRIL 2019 DIARY

Tues 2nd 10am. LENTEN REFLECTIONS Christ Church Lancefield. Rev. Judi Pollard. Until 16th April.

Thurs 11th 2pm. Anglican Men's Society meets Snooker afternoon. Ring Tom for details 5429-6060.

Thurs 18th 7pm. MAUNDY THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION ST. PAUL'S ROMSEY

Fri 19th 9am. GOOD FRIDAY Liturgy ST. PAUL'S ROMSEY

10:15am. Meet at Romsey Uniting Church Pohlman Street for Combined Churches Walk of Witness.

Sun 21st EASTER DAY Holy Communion 9am. St. Paul's Romsey 10.30am. Christ Church L/Field.

A warm welcome to all to join us for these special services at this special time of the year.



The Uniting Church in Australia

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God comes to us, each and every one.
God bless you every day.*



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Celebrating a Successful Relay!



The 17th annual Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life was held at Lancefield Park on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd March.

Despite the heat, community members turned out in large numbers and joined together to celebrate local cancer survivors, patients and carers, while remembering those who are no longer with us.

The Relay For Life committee would like to thank the Macedon Ranges community for another successful event.

A total of 19 teams registered for the event, with ~\$90,000.00 raised – taking the total to over \$1.5 million over 17 years.

Congratulations to our seven teams who each received a Research Award. These teams are Clarkefield and Friends, Friendship, Lindenbury Lappers, Lynne & Wendy's Walkers, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Team Cutajar and The Lions Hearts.

Research Awards are a chance to fund a specific type of cancer research, which means that Relay For Life teams who raise \$5000 or more can choose a type of currently funded cancer research project.

Teams are also given the opportunity to name the Research Awards, perhaps in memory of a loved one.

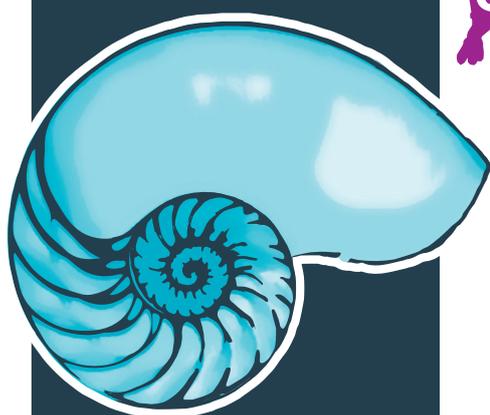
Congratulations to the highest fundraising team, Friendship who beat their fundraising total from last year with an impressive \$13,502.



Helping hope live: The seven teams to receive Research Awards were Clarkefield and Friends (represented by Chris Shanahan in picture), Friendship (represented by Dianne Weatherly), Lindenbury Lappers (represented by Lynne Boyce), Lynne & Wendy's Walkers (Jenny Jackson), Macedon Ranges Shire Council (Mayor Janet Pearce), Team Cutajar (Trent Mizzi, currently in remission for tongue and thyroid cancer) and The Lion Hearts (Tyson and Sarah Dale).

Thank you to all local businesses, schools and community groups who sponsored and supported this year's Relay. A special mention and thank you to the 2019 Spirit of Relay award winner, Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank Branches of the Bendigo Bank for their support of Relay for the last 17 years.

For more information about joining a team or volunteering please email lancefieldrfl@cancervic.org.au, call 1300 656 585 or visit the Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life Facebook page or http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR/RelayForLife/CCVIC?pg=entry&fr_id=5699



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