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## Welcome to the September Edition

Spring is officially here, those bulbs you planted early winter should now be popping up, bringing some much needed colour to your gardens!

Winter sports have either finished or coming to an end this month. If your teams have made finals, good luck and hopefully they will get the result they want.

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

**[email@theromseyrag.com.au](mailto: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 Sept** - Senior Citizens "Magical Mystery Tour".

**5-6th Sept** - Garden Lovers' Fair, 10:00 - 4:00pm. Tickets from: [www.gardenloversfair.com.au](http://www.gardenloversfair.com.au) and are \$12 for adults, or \$20 for a weekend pass, children under 15 years are free.

**14th Sept** - CWA shopping tour, open to all, contact Wendy on 0409 175 667.

**15th Sept** - Sustainable House Day, for more details go to [www.sustainablehouseday.com](http://www.sustainablehouseday.com)

**18th Sept** - Inclusive Practice Training for Healthcare Professionals. 6.30 to 8.00pm at the Macedon Ranges Hotel & Spa

**30th Sept** - Entries close for the Romsey Get Snapping Photo Competition. [www.romsey-getsnap-ping.org](http://www.romsey-getsnap-ping.org)

## Meet the Romsey Rag Committee of Management: Margaret Mitchell

I grew up and went to school in Melbourne and moved to Romsey in 1961 when I married Peter Mitchell (a farmer who was born and bred in Romsey and who incidentally wrote the history of Romsey). We have a son and daughter and two grandchildren.

For over 40 years I was a relief teacher in Romsey and surrounding areas and also taught Sunday School at the Uniting Church for 14 years. I was on the original committee which started the first kindergarten in the Romsey Anglican Church Hall. Our son was in the first group of children to begin there. I was also a member of the committee which raised money to build the Lancefield Swimming Pool.

My association with the Romsey Rag began soon after its beginning in the old Romsey Primary School and included delivering the Rag and was part of the collating team, which continued until the Rag was printed by Kilmore press recently.

Other committees I was part of included Primary School Mother's Club, Romsey Health Centre and Ladies Auxiliary of the CFA. I played tennis and golf and was a member of the Romsey Walking Group.

I love living in Romsey and am almost a local after 58 happy years in a lovely caring community.



## Romsey Mechanics Institute

One of the major problems at the RMI has always been storage. Just where do you put ~20 tables and over 200 chairs as well as large display boards and other items necessary for the RMI to operate? In 2018 the CoM were successful in an application to the Bendigo Bank for a much needed upgrade to the small, worn-out storage room on the south side of the main hall. Plans were drawn up, quotes obtained and the planning permit process begun with the MRSC. Talks with the Planning Department would indicate that we will have a planning permit in the very near future so these much needed works should be able to commence before the end of the year

The Upstairs South Room has not been open for use for over ten years. The CoM has used our own funds and a grant from the Bendigo Bank to make the roof water tight, to repair



*Upstairs Sth Room ready for renovations*

the chimneys and to instal a reverse cycle heater/cooler. It was about time we got on with bringing this room back into action. The old carpet

and underlay have been taken up and disposed of, all nails and smooth edge pulled out, the old sink and kitchen cabinet removed and both sides of the fireplace cleared of old cupboards.

We have applied for a grant under the "Building Stronger Communities" program. This is a dollar for dollar grant. If we are successful this room will be a home base for the both the RMI CoM and the Romsey Rag CoM. It will also be available for use by community groups.

The Committee for the Economic Development of Australia (CEDA), an political group who brings many and various ideas and concerns to the attention of business and government has recently moved offices and could not take any of their possessions with them. The RMI is a beneficiary of this move with CEDA donating items including a fridge, four four-drawer filing cabinets, a microwave, chairs & crockery/cutlery. Our sincere thanks to CEDA, these items will make furnishing the Upstairs South Room much cheaper and see it back in action much quicker.





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

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## C.W.A 2019 STATE THEMES:

<b>THEME :</b>	<b>Linking Hands in Friendship</b>
<b>Product/Resource :</b>	<b>Sustainable Seafood</b>
<b>Country of Study :</b>	<b>Iceland</b>
<b>Thanksgiving Fund :</b>	<b>Batten Disease</b>
<b>State Project :</b>	<b>Disaster Assistance</b>
<b>Social Issues Focus :</b>	<b>Social Isolation</b>

CWA is not just for older women; it is for women of any age wanting to be involved in their local community and also be connected to a world-wide organisation of friendship and community care. We have a lot of fun and laughs while being creative and raising funds for community projects. CWA is a volunteer organisation. Our friendly monthly meeting occurs on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 10.00 am to approx. 12.00 noon.

Our fun craft days occur on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 10.00 am to approx. 2.00 pm; both meetings are held in the supper room (side entrance) of the Romsey Mechanics Institute, Main Rd, Romsey. Examples of crafts we do are: knitting, sewing, crochet, cooking, beading, paper-craft.

Our shopping tour this year is to be held on Saturday 14th September. This is open to members and non members. Anyone interested can contact Wendy on 0409 175 667.

Also just a reminder one of our members Robyn is working on the history of our branch which has been around for over 80 years. If you have or know of anyone that may have any information that can be included eg newspaper cuttings, awards etc Robyn would love to hear from you.

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



## The Mount Players Happenings



The Mountview Theatre enjoyed a wonderful season through August with their 2019 musical, Rock of Ages and no doubt sent people home with their favourite '80's hits still playing in their heads. Congratulations as always to the cast & crew for their months of hard work and dedication.

Our fourth and final production 'The Graduate' has been cast and now in rehearsal. Director, Robert Wallace promises a strong and very creative version of the classic movie we all remember which starred Dustin Hoffman and Anne Bancroft. This will open on Friday 1 November - so lots more

about this play next edition. To book tickets go to [www.themountplayers.com](http://www.themountplayers.com).

The Players were thrilled to have received \$6,000 from Macedon Ranges Shire Council's 2019 Community Funding Scheme. This money will be used to install much needed heating/cooling in the theatre's dressing rooms. A huge thank you to MRSC.

See you at the theatre.

*Karen Hunt*



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## 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 August meeting will be on Thursday 26th September, 2019 at 10am

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.rlprobus.org.au](http://www.rlprobus.org.au)**

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

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### **Have Your Say on Managing Septic Systems**

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is keen to hear from property owners and residents with a septic system to help plan future wastewater management.

Council is seeking feedback on the draft Domestic Wastewater Management Plan 2019 plan, which is currently on public exhibition.

The streamlined new plan has been prepared in line with state regulations requiring councils to develop a management plan, in consultation with water authorities and the community, every five years.

As part of the proposed plan, Council and Coliban Water

will each provide \$20,000 to implement a new program where septic systems close to waterways, and those in high density areas within water catchment areas, will be inspected proactively.

There are around 8000 septic systems within the shire and 4,500 of them are located in declared drinking water catchments.

The draft plan will be open for public comment until Sunday 13 October 2019. Feedback can be provided at [mrsc.vic.gov.au/your\\_say](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/your_say), emailed to [mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au) or submissions can be posted to PO Box 151, Kyneton, 3444.

For more information, or to ask specifically about septic systems, contact Michael Dyt in the Environmental Health unit on 5422 0333.

### **Help Us Find a Solution to Recycling Crisis**

Residents are being asked to remove glass from recycling bins as Council works on innovative solutions to the current recycling crisis.

Council and its waste contractor, Four Seasons Waste, have been looking for alternative options for processing of the shire's recycling following the closure of its processor SKM Recycling. An alternative processor has been identified, but this processor will only accept recycling loads which do not contain glass.

Council is asking residents to not place glass in recycling bins, effective immediately, so it can explore this option

further.

Shards and small pieces of glass can become embedded in paper and cardboard in recycling bins and contaminate the other recyclables.

Residents can take glass free of charge to Council's transfer stations in Kyneton, Woodend and Romsey. As a last resort, glass can be placed in general rubbish bins (red lid). Lancefield residents who are currently taking part in the current glass recycling trial will be able to place glass in the special 'glass only' bins which have been provided to participants.

Council will consider long-term options regarding recycling at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 28 August.

### **Planting Program to Green the Neighbourhood**

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is continuing its green street initiative as the annual street tree planting program progresses.

Hundreds of trees have already been planted on nature strips throughout towns in the shire, as part of the annual street regeneration program.

The tree planting program is conducted between May and September as this is the optimal time for planting and gives the trees the best chance of survival.

The semi-mature trees are a mix of native and exotic species and are more than 1.5 metres tall.

Before planting, all street tree planting sites are inspected to check that the trees are a suitable species for each location.

Council staff will care for and maintain the trees during the first two years to ensure they mature into healthy and structurally sound trees.

A regular watering program will be conducted and residents will be encouraged to help maintain and water the trees in hot weather. In those streets where the trees are planted, Council will provide the residents with buckets and brochures on how to care for the trees.

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

### **Survey Reviews Council's Performance**

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has shown improvement in key areas according to the results of the 2019 Customer Satisfaction Survey of residents.

The Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey is an independent annual phone survey which measures residents' perceptions of the performance of their local council. The independent survey is conducted by Local Government Victoria on behalf of councils across Victoria and participation is optional. Results are benchmarked against a state-wide average and similar local government areas, with Macedon Ranges classified as a large rural shire.

The 2019 Macedon Ranges results are generally positive, with favourable results in a majority of individual service areas. Across the 24 individual service measures, improvement has been noted in 14 areas, and Council is ranked significantly higher than other large rural shires in relation to waste management.

The survey is one of a number of opportunities every year for Council to receive feedback from the community.

The full results are on Council's website: [mrsc.vic.gov.au/community-satisfaction-survey](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/community-satisfaction-survey)

**New Program Offers Ball Skills for Kids**

Would you like your children to be more active and learn correct ball skills from an early age?

The Active Kids' Sports Program, for two to five year olds, will introduce youngsters to the correct techniques and learn the correct ball skills to ensure they get the most out of all types of sports.

An Active Kids' Sports program free trial will be held on Wednesday, 11 September at Buffalo Sports Stadium, 29 Forest Street, Woodend.

The full program will be held on Wednesday mornings during school Term 4.

To book, phone 54273411 or email [buffalo@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:buffalo@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

The 30-45 minute active sessions will be conducted in a structured environment with trained instructors.

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

**I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud (Daffodils)**

*by William Wordsworth*

As an Ode to Spring.  
I wandered lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o'er vales and hills.  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host, of golden daffodils;  
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.  
Continuous as the stars that shine  
And twinkle on the milky way,  
They stretched in never-ending line  
Along the margin of a bay:  
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,  
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced: but they  
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:  
A poet could not but be gay,  
In such a jocund company:  
I gazed – and gazed – but little thought  
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie  
In vacant or in pensive mood,  
They flash upon that inward eye  
Which is in the bliss of solitude;  
And then my heart with pleasure fills,  
And dances with the daffodils.

**Notice of Annual General Meeting**

The 2019 Annual General Meeting for the **Romsey Ecotherapy Park Incorporated** will be held on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019** commencing at 7.30pm at The Old Courthouse, 18 Stawell Street, Romsey.

**Ordinary business** of the annual general meeting is as follows:-

- (a) to confirm the minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting;
- (b) to receive and consider:-
  - (i) Annual Report of the Committee on the activities of Romsey Ecotherapy Park Inc. during 2018-2019 financial year; and
  - (ii) 2018-2019 Financial Statements of Romsey Ecotherapy Park Inc.;
- (c) to elect the members of the Committee;
- (d) to confirm or vary the amounts of the annual subscription and joining fee.

**Members and Guests Welcome.**

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

In person: 47 High Street, Kyneton

## Inclusive Practice Training for Healthcare Professionals

Healthcare professionals from across the area are invited to an evening of diversity and inclusion training. Aimed at GPs, nurses, counsellors, allied health professionals, frontline staff and anyone else who works in a healthcare setting, the training organised by Cobaw Community Health, examines best practice in LGBTIQ+ disability access and inclusion.

The presenter of the training, Jax Jacki Brown, is a disability and LGBTIQ+ writer, public speaker, advocate and educator. Jax uses emerging research, best practice models and lived experience to address the disadvantages people with disabilities face, particularly LGBTIQ+ people with a disability. Jax will provide powerful insight and guidance on how to make services and workplaces more accessible with suggestions on tools to better embed LGBTIQ+ access and inclusion into your work practice.

If you want to make an inclusive difference in the way in which you work, your registration is welcome.

The training is taking place on Wednesday 18 September from 6.30 to 8.00pm at the Macedon Ranges Hotel & Spa, 652 Black Forest Drive, Macedon. A light meal will be provided.

Registrations for this free event can be made by contacting [admin@cobaw.org.au](mailto:admin@cobaw.org.au) or calling Cobaw on 1300 026 229 for more information.

## Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke 'Damper'



Recently the Dog which sat on the Tucker Box 5 miles from Gundagai (or 9 miles as the song says) has been in the news due to vandals attacking the monument. I therefore asked the radio station The Sounds of the Mountains - a Snowy Mountains station for whom I speak on air every Friday - "What is actually in the Tucker Box?" This led to my giving my version of the contents.

Those of our ancestors who lived in the bush had a hard life. Therefore our ancestors were, through necessity, a hardy lot. The bloke of the family was often away fixing fences or droving stock. And he was away for weeks on end (sometimes months). In their saddle bags they carried their tucker (anything that wouldn't go off without refrigeration) - flour, salt and an onion. (The onion will last for ages and when it does start to deteriorate it does so ring by ring).

Anyway, dear reader, you will have realised he had the ingredients for damper - all he needed was water. Therefore the creeks were the place to boil the billy and make a damper. If they had been lucky enough to catch a rabbit, that was roasted on a green gum stick and any juice that dripped from the bunny 'wet' the damper. Or they'd tickle a trout to 'expand' the damper. You, of course, can get smoked trout from your local supermarket.

### DAMPER

4 cups self raising flour;  
3 tablespoons butter;  
3/4 cup of water;  
3/4 cup milk;  
1 teaspoon salt.

Have the butter at room temperature and rub it into the flour and salt until it's the texture of breadcrumbs. Make a well in the centre of the mixture and pour in the water and milk. Mix together well. This is where you add any other dry ingredients. Knead on a floured board till smooth, form into a loaf shape and put it on a floured baking tray. Bake in the oven at 180 deg.C for 45 minutes.

To cook on an open fire - put the loaf on top of, or under the hot coals to cook. Then rub off the ash before serving. Or you can wrap the dough around a stick, rest it on the side of the fire and turn it around every now and then. It's cooked

when there's a hollow sound when you tap the bottom.

To make rolls - shape the dough into small balls (about 8 from this recipe) and bake them as you would the loaf.





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"The Magical Mystery Tour is coming to take you away".

But where to? This month is a Mystery Tour and as with all mystery tours it is a surprise. Come and enjoy the adventure. It will include sightseeing and a beautiful two course lunch. It will be held on Wednesday 4th of September.



Depart:

- Romsey Mechanics Institute, 9.00am out the front
- Lancefield Post Office, 9.15am

Future trips will be:

- 2nd October Cranbourne Gardens – with Kilmore Seniors.
- 6th November Kyabram – to visit a Camel Farm and home via Rochester Silos.
- 4th December Christmas Breakup – at the Highlands Hotel.

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.

For further information, please contact Helen on 0409 064 303 or Rae on 0408 338 759.  
Hope to see you soon.

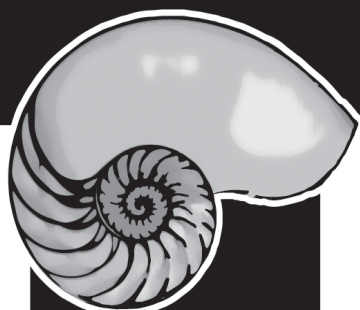
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## Library News

### What's On at Romsey Library in July:

**Make, Take, Bake, Thursday 4 July from 10:30am – 11:30am (School Holidays)**

Get crafty with polymer clay! Make jewellery, bag tags and fridge magnets or create your own design. Craft will require baking at home (instructions provided). Ages 8-12. Bookings required.

**Drop In Craft, Monday 8 July and Tuesday 9 July, 10am – 12pm (School Holidays)**

Drop in and design a badge or create a

rainbow sand bracelet. Find a great book to take home too! For school aged children. Bookings NOT required.

**Old Time Music Hall, Thursday 18 July from 2:30pm**

Warm up with an old-time singalong with local artist Gabriel Macgura. Featuring songs from Cole Porter, Frank Sinatra, Vera Lynn and others. Light afternoon tea to follow. Bookings required.

### What's On at Romsey Library in August:

**Wednesday 4 September**

**Indigenous Literacy Day**

To celebrate this special day, pop into the Library to see our range of indigenous children's stories.

**Thursday 19 September**

**Author talk with Glenna Thomson at 2pm.**

Glenna Thomson lives in northeast Victoria on a cattle property. She portrays her experiences on the farm, and in her extensive garden, vividly in her writing. Glenna has written two novels inspired by her experiences as a blueberry orchardist and her work in overseas aid and business. Book sales and signings. Bookings required via Eventbrite on our website: [www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au](http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au) or by calling the library on 54293086

**Thursday 19 September**

**Reading Circle public reading with Vicki Wells at 3:30pm**

Rediscover the pleasures of listening! Sit back, relax and hear a beginning, a middle and an end.

For more information: [www.toturnapage.org.au](http://www.toturnapage.org.au). No bookings required. All welcome.

**Term 3 School Holiday Program:**

**Thursday 26 September at 10:30am**

Celebrate National Biodiversity Month with a talk for junior naturalists, ages 5-10. Get acquainted with Phascogales, Owls, Dunnarts, Snakes and Sugar Gliders. See our naturalist display and hear the stories behind each item. Bookings required via Eventbrite on our website: [www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au](http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au) or by calling the library on 54293086

### New Release DVDs recommended by Library Manager, Trish Gauci



#### The Children Act

As her marriage flounders, eminent High Court judge Fiona Maye has a life-changing decision to make at work - should she force a teenage boy, Adam, to have the blood transfusion that will save his life? Her unorthodox visit to his hospital bedside has a profound impact on them both, stirring strong new emotions in the boy and long-buried feelings in her.



#### Boy Erased

The story follows the plight of a young man questioning his sexuality in a staunchly religious household. After a traumatic event, he is 'outed' by his college crush to the horror of his God-fearing parents. His parents decide his only hope is being sent to a gay conversion camp in order to reverse his assumed sexuality. Highly recommended!

**Staff Profile: Introducing Rae, Children's Services Officer with Romsey Library:**

Rae shares with us this is untrue! her story of working with Goldfields Libraries and what makes her tick! This is what she said:

I started working at Romsey Library just over 5 and half years ago, in the role of Children's Services Officer. Having been a serial attendee at Story Time sessions across the Macedon Ranges for many years, I was encouraged by an existing staff member to apply for the position when it came up and I was successful - yay! With a background in Primary Teaching, a love of books and a head full of songs and nursery rhymes, I was well suited to the role. Ironically, when I left University after my first degree (in Arts), I considered studying to be a Librarian but I was deterred by the idea of having an episode of A Handmaid's Tale.

to be a quiet person working in a quiet environment. I know now of course, that I enjoy a girl's night out and camping with my family.

**On what Rae loves about her role:** I love the relationships that I have built over the years with regular library patrons, particularly with children and their families. I love watching all the little people I meet grow in confidence and I have read so many amazing books that it is hard to name just one. In terms of impact though, I once briefly lived and worked in a tiny town in South Korea. The people I came in to contact with on a daily basis, spoke limited English and I had no access to the internet, a phone or a television. I had one book with me in those first weeks and it became my only link to language and my only way to unwind. The book was Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte and it was my lifeline at the time.

**On where Rae would be right now if not working at Romsey Library:** Maybe teaching, but I would be very stressed!

**On a movie or book, that has had the biggest impact on Rae's life:**

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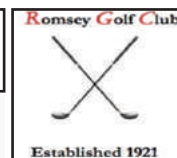
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# Romsey Golf Club, Men's & Women's Reports

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Winter is always a time to review and plan for the future. The Greens' Committee has been hard at work looking at immediate, short term and longer term works that need to be addressed. Over the past two years the club has embarked on a bi-annual deep-hollow tyne verti-draining. This sees cores of about 100mm taken out of the greens and sand brushed in. The sand allows better water penetration and encourages the roots of the grass to follow the water down giving the grass better protection on the many very hot days of summer. In September we will complete this program and over 30 tonne of sand will have been added to our greens. A credit to the club's financial management and to the many volunteers who do so much work on the course and across the whole of Romsey Park.

In 2015 Mt Macedon GC, Romsey GC and Drummond Golf got together to organise an annual challenge golf day. This year Mt Macedon will be hosting. The Stableford event, Sat September 21st, is open to any golfer and it is always a great

day.

For many years the 3rd green has been badly effected by fungus and mould. This is partly because of the shade from the large pine trees and also because of poor drainage. We will build a temporary green and the use a turf cutter to lift the turf off the green then reshape it, dig drainage channels and build a base of 75mm screenings and sand before replacing the turf. A big job but with good planning it will be a success.

Even though we have had many cold days and nights the grass has continued to grow, about 25mm a week. Spring is just around the corner and the whole park will burst into life. Steve Wilkins is to be congratulated for the hard work he has put in to mow the whole park during the 2nd week of August. This will give us a real head start in coping with the heavy spring growth

## RGC Weekly Competition Results:

<b>Aug 10 - Stroke</b>	M Mottram – 90/10/80, A Lakey – 100/19/81 & S Abdel-Sayed – 106/24/82
<b>Aug 3 - Stableford</b>	A Lakey (20) – 36 pts, M Squire (5) – 31 pts C vanDerVliet (27) 31 pts & K Hocking (29) – 30 pts
<b>Jul 31 – July Medal</b>	J Hartley – 109/21/88, K Jekabsons – 122/29/93 & W Gosden – 122/27/96
<b>Jul 27 – July Medal</b>	D Wright – 72/3/69 <b>July Medallist</b> ; s Gaunt – 81/7/74, B McLennan – 90/13/77
<b>Jul 24 – 4BBB S/ford</b>	B Robb/H Williams – 31 pts c/b, K Jekabsons/D Baker & J Hartley/W Gosden- 27pts
<b>Jul 20 – 4B Multiplier Stableford</b>	L Gaunt(7)/M Atlas(12) – 63 pts, M Nicholls Jnr 16)/P Chisholm(13) – 46 pts

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

## Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club

THURSDAYS AT THE ROCK.... OCTOBER....VISITORS WELCOME  
As from Thursday 3rd October play will be as in past years at the Ian Castle Shelter Area at Hanging Rock from about 4:30 with our traditional BBQ and the commencement of our Summer Star Weekly Competition A great opportunity to meet with friends and make new friends ...plenty of help on how to play plus Club Booklet available to all guests

### AGM TUESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

At Woodend Neighbourhood House from 6:00 pm Want to attend ring Acting President Chinka 0427 272 826

MONDAYS AT SWIMMING POOL CAR PARK FROM OCTOBER  
Club is trialling Monday's at this location from October . A no frills approach to our game come along an experienced player will help guide you on the basics and a Club Booklet setting out any helpful hints will be available also. So pop along one Monday from 5:00 pm onwards in October and November When the Pool is in operation times will start at 6:30

### STATE COACH AT ROCK THURSDAY 24th OCTOBER

State Coach Lindsay Kinghorne will in attendance to help new and experienced players with tips on playing the game and increasing your enjoyment Non-members or brand new players are welcome

### STRATEGIC PLAN

A Members Afternoon Tea Workshop-was held at Woodend

Tennis Clubrooms on 11/8 ...we all remember the day as the day the snow arrived in Woodend

A lively discussion took place the Final Draft will be presented to September Committee Meeting prior to formal Presentation at AGM

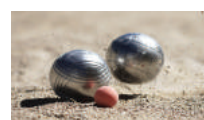
A huge word of thanks to Local Resident Mike Rowland for his fantastic work and his generous donation of his time to Club after our State Grant Application was unsuccessful

Mike's return to Club Activities is after his great contribution to the organization of the 2006 Nationals at The Rock hosted by your local Club

A true friend of the Club and long-time contributor to the local Community having been along serving President and Committee Member to the now Kyneton Hanging Rock Race Club where he continues to be active

### QUOITS

As part of the 11th August Activity we conducted a Quoits Competition to ease the formality and to help work of the very generous Afternoon Tea provided by the Committee The first WHRPC Quoits Competition Results joint winners Shirley Marshall and Graham Richards, congratulations to them both.





## Animals - Don't get sprung by spring!

Isn't it wonderful to finally see all the leaves and colour returning to the trees and plants in our backyards? But be aware there could be dangers lurking in and around the garden that could prove fatal to pets. Knowing what to look out for can help you keep your pets safe from harm. Garden dangers to protect your pets from:

**Snail and slug baits** – Relatively common form of poisoning seen in pets, and is both distressing and dangerous. Dogs especially can be attracted to baits in pellet form as they look similar to dry dog food.

**Poisonous plants** – Many indoor and outdoor plants are toxic including lilies, castor bean and castor oil plants, and Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow plants (especially the berries).

**Tree or plant stone fruits** – Dogs may eat fruit stones, berries and seeds, and this can lead to serious intestinal blockages and obstructions, which can be fatal. Some fruit stones, berries or seeds may also contain toxic compounds which can be poisonous to your pets too.

**Fertilisers** – Fertilisers may be in liquid, granular or solid form and can include additives such as herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, iron, zinc and copper. Certain fertilisers may also contain bacterial or fungal toxins which can have serious side effects if ingested.

**Insecticides** – Insecticides are readily available for home and commercial use and are highly toxic to pets.

If your pet has consumed a toxic product, they may show symptoms such as vomiting, diarrhoea, excessive salivating, muscle tremors, staggering or muscle weakness and seizures.

If you suspect poisoning, it's vital that you act as quickly as possible. Don't try to treat your dog or cat at home – contact your veterinarian immediately to seek emergency medical help.

Sourced from : <https://www.rspca.org.au/blog/2017/don%E2%80%99t-get-sprung-spring-%E2%80%93-protect-your-pets>

### Fun Facts

- No piece of normal-size paper can be folded in half more than 7 times.
- Blueberry juice boosts memory
- When cats are happy or pleased, they squeeze their eyes shut
- The elephant is the only animal with four knees
- Every human spent about half an hour as a single cell
- Each year, about 500,000 detectable earthquakes occur in the world. About 100,000 of those can be felt and about 100 of them cause damage.
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### A personal relationship with your Father



Generally, to say we love someone when we know little about them is foolish. Yet young children rarely know much about their parents, but still they love them. The reason is simple; children know instinctively three very important facts: their parents unconditionally love them, support them and protect them.

For Christian growth, it's very important to learn about God – the more we know about our heavenly Father, the greater will be our love for Him. However, as we study and mature, we often forget the simple fact that Christianity is like the life of a child.

We must remember Christianity is essentially a very personal relationship between us and our Heavenly Father. The simplicity

of our relationship with God can be easily overshadowed as we learn advanced doctrines and busy ourselves with many Christian commissions. But when difficulties and adversities push us around, we should remember the simple fact that we have a Divine Father who unconditionally loves, supports and wants to protect us. He patiently waits for us to run to Him with all our difficulties.

No matter how we have failed, the mistakes we have made or when the world overwhelms us, we can confidently rush into the comfort of Father's open arms and fearlessly poke our tongue at all of our problems.

In life, we will always be dealing with bad circumstances and bullies, but when we place ourselves in God's all powerful arms we can relax and enjoy peace-of-mind, confident that all things will work together for good, (see Romans 8:28).

***"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!.." John 3:1***

Our aim is to Encourage one another to be all we can be, in Life and in God.

If you would like to know more about faith in Jesus Please contact Pastor Marilyn or our Church office Ph 5429 6327



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### SEPTEMBER 2019 DIARY

Nothing special is planned for this month.

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## T R A N S F O R M A T I O N

Change is always around us! Imperceptibly we are gradually changing from the moment we are born.

Later in his life St.Paul points this out - "Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day." (2 Corinthians 4:16).

The dead brown bulb planted in the earth in spring is transformed into a beautiful daffodil or crocus. The dead looking trees are covered with fresh green leaves and blossom. All this is happening slowly but surely through the forces of Nature. As in the Earthly order so it is in the Spiritual order.

The Holy Spirit is quietly at work transforming our inner being into the likeness of Jesus. When we open our hearts and minds to Him and determine to do His will, by His grace, this change takes place, and we become not the person we used to be. Especially should this be so for Christians as they meet in worship Sunday by Sunday.

Do we want to be transformed into the likeness of Christ? It is our choice! In a world which is forever changing, there is one constant. GOD.

"Change and decay in all around I see,  
O Thou, Who changes not, Abide with me.  
Henry Francis Lyte ...1793-1847

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Thank you to all who contributed to the car loaded with helpful goodies for Anglicare, for distribution to Melbourne's needy. Anglicare provides a wide range of helpful services to those who are struggling with life. Thanks too, to our members who staffed the successful Sausage Sizzle Stall at the Farmers Market last month.

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**Vale: Sandra Strack 19th March 1945-27th July 2019.**

On Wednesday, 7th August the family and many friends gathered together to farewell and celebrate the life of Sandra Strack.

Sandra was a much loved dedicated member of the Romsey Uniting Church. Sandra overcame her disabilities with courage and cheerfulness. Her strong faith in God sustained her throughout her life.

*"I will lie down in peace and sleep, for though I am alone,  
O Lord, You will keep me safe." (Psalm 4:8)*

### Prayer:

*I said a prayer for you today and know God must have heard.  
I felt the answer in my heart although he spoke no word.  
I didn't ask for wealth or fame, I knew you wouldn't mind.  
I asked him to send treasures of a far more lasting kind.  
I asked that He would be near you at the start of each new day.  
To grant you health and blessings and friends to share the way.  
I asked for happiness for you in all things great and small.  
But it was for His loving care I prayed the most of all.*

Anon

### Romsey Church Services & Activities during September 2019

Sunday 1st 9am. Worship Service.

Monday 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 2pm. Coffee Get-together at Romsey Uniting Church.

Wednesday 4th. 7.30pm. Church Council meeting in Meeting Room.

Sunday 8th 10.45am. Worship Service & Holy Communion at Lancefield UC.

Sunday 15th 9am. Worship Service with Barb Davis, GSC Chaplain.

Sunday 22nd 9am. Worship Service & Holy Communion.

Sunday 29th 9am. Worship Service.

### 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 – October 6th & December 1st.

2019 – Lancefield Church – November 10th.

For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

### ST. MARY'S DROP-IN:

First Thursday of each month,  
10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – St. Mary's Church  
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Fri 27.th September AFL Grand Final Friday

Tues 5th November Melbourne Cup

Weds 25th December Christmas Day

Thurs 26th December Boxing Day

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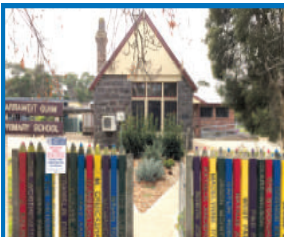
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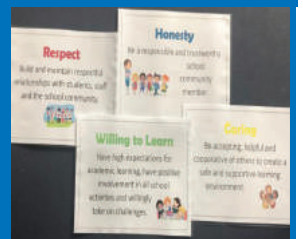
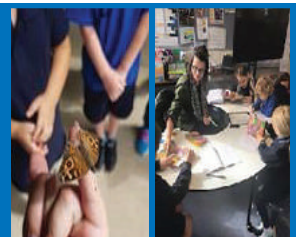
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