



The Romsey Rag

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CHRISTMAS IN ROMSEY

30th November

CHRISTMAS IN ROMSEY
LAUNCH NIGHT

4th December

CHRISTMAS IN ROMSEY LIGHTS AND
DECORATION COMPETITION

14th December

CHRISTMAS IN ROMSEY
COMMUNITY CAROLS NIGHT



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Welcome to the November Edition

Welcome to the 2019 penultimate edition of the Rag, now is the time to get in quick for the December Rag as it will all be in colour at no extra cost! Pages are limited so get in quickly or miss out...

This month you can don your best dresses and fascinators, suits for men if they wish, for the Melbourne Cup. Good luck to all that have a little flutter, me I take 10 horses a dollar each way - last of the big spenders!!!

Now's the time to dust off your Christmas lights and decorations so you are ready to light up the town. I know I will be off to Bunnings to stock up shortly...

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

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

5th Nov - Melbourne Cup Day (Public Holiday).

6th Nov - Romsey Lancefield Seniors monthly bus trip to Kyabram.

9th Nov - Redgum and Lost Souls Fundraiser Dance, Romsey Mechanics Institute \$20.

10th Nov - Romsey Swap Meet & Car and Motorcycle Show at Romsey Recreation Reserve. \$10 per vehicle and participating driver. Cost of entry \$5 for members of the public, children free stallholders \$20. Contact Ged on 0417 356 896 for more details.

11th Nov - Remembrance Day Services at Romsey and Lancefields Cenotaphs at 10:45am.

14th Nov - Annual General Meeting for the Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association Incorporated, 7.30pm at former Romsey Courthouse, Stawell Street (entry via rear of building).

17th Nov - Romsey Art Show, Romsey Mechanics Institute, 9:30am - 3:00pm Free Entry.

24th Nov - "Graeme Clement Romsey Open" - Romsey Golf Club, entry forms at www.romseygolfclub.net

Meet the Romsey Rag Committee of Management: Anthony Lakey

Both my parents were born in the 1920s, dad on a farm in Shelbourne and mum in Nth Melbourne. In 1942 dad was captured at Singapore and spent the next 3 ½ years in POW labour camps in Thailand and Burma. Mum trained as a nurse before marrying and heading to the Red Rock Soldier Settlement to begin our family. Despite what dad had gone through he never taught us to hate. Like all the older members of our large family I spent my youth stooking and carting hay, crutching and shearing sheep, fencing and carting rocks, so many rocks! Mum, 91, still lives on the farm where we crop, have a vineyard and run sheep and cattle.

All my schooling was in Sunbury before I left home to attend Bendigo Teachers' College, three fantastic years.

For the next 39 yrs I taught in large, small and very small schools and played cricket and football all over the state and in metropolitan Melbourne. In 1980 I travelled overland to Europe and the UK. Travel, possibly the most addictive thing on Earth; so much to see so many people to meet and talk with. In 1987 my wife, Kathy and I bought a block of land in Romsey and we built our home, moving in on Aug 28th '1988. Both our children, Alex & Jessica, attended Romsey P. S. and Kyneton S. C. before gaining tertiary qualifications.

I became involved in the Romsey Rag in July 2017, since then I have seen our Committee of Management work hard to solve many problems, set up a web site & produce a high-quality community publication.

Romsey is a very attractive town, Main Street with its large claret ashes and beautiful old buildings has the potential to become a thriving centre for business and social life. Romsey Park is unique in holding all of the town's sporting clubs. Living in an established small town such as Romsey provides a wonderful opportunity to become part of the community. To join one of the many groups who work quietly (or not so quietly) behind the scenes to make the town better, to improve the facilities and to make us an attractive destination for the many newcomers who have arrived over the years. These community groups & sporting clubs assist people to get to know each other and to work together.

At the Pont Du Gard near Montpellier, France.



Romsey Mechanics Institute

Our plans to demolish the old lean-to storage room and replace it with a larger, far more secure building - progress still very slow.

The 2019 Art Show, an activity run in conjunction with the Romsey Neighbourhood House, will be held on Sunday November 17th. We hope that many community members will come along, enjoy a scrumptious afternoon tea and see just what our local artists have to offer. Entry to the Art Show will be **free**.

The Upstairs South Room has been out of action since 2011. Once we made the building weather-proof it took quite a while for the unused room to dry out. Once the room had dried



Our equipment just waiting for a finished Upstairs Sth Room.

CoM members stripped out and disposed of the carpet and underlay and removed delapidated cupboards. The room is now bare and waiting for work to begin.

Earlier in the year we received a small grant from DELWP to have the floor repaired, sanded back sealed and polished. We now have quotes for repairs to plaster and painting works,



necessary plumbing works and purchase and installation of a small kitchenette. In September MP Rob Mitchell contacted numerous community groups asking them to apply for funds under the "Building Stronger Communities" grant. The RMI CoM applied and we have now completed a supplementary application to Canberra. We are hopeful of receiving our grant and getting the works underway in the very near future. This room will utilise all the materials donated by CoM members and CEDA.

The Romsey/Lancefield Senior Citizens' Club will turn 50 in December and a celebratory luncheon has been organised for Dec 2nd. **We would like to thank** MHR Rob Mitchell and MLA Mary-Anne Thomas for their donations of \$150 each towards the cost of the event. Invitations will soon be going out.



C.W.A 2019 STATE THEMES:

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

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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.

Well spring is in the air and the daffodils are out. So it was time for our members to attend the Annual Daffodil Festival at Kyneton with other branches from our Central Highlands Group. It is always a great fund raising event for our branch with lots of cakes, slices, craft items etc. for sale.

It was great to see 2 new ladies attend our August meeting. I am sure they enjoyed the day and will continue to be a part of our club.

Craft days are always fun with lots of laughs and you may even learn something. At October craft day we are hoping to have a "learn to crochet day". So if you would like to learn to crochet come and join us. Craft days are free to members and only \$5 for non-members.

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



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Business Networking Event will Focus on Customers

Do you want to know what the customer of the future could be like?

Find out at the annual business networking evening in November, with keynote speaker Simon Kuestenmacher.

Mr Kuestenmacher is an expert in data management and insight and will talk about what is working and what needs improvement in the world of work.

He will offer valuable insights on the way the Australian workforce is growing and developing and will explain how and why some jobs are disappearing and how other jobs

are being created.

The business networking evening will be held from 6.30pm to 9.30pm on Thursday 21 November at the Gisborne Golf Club, 25 Daly Street, Gisborne.

The event will be a great opportunity to network with other local businesses, make valuable contacts and explore ways to collaborate.

Tickets are \$50 with an early bird price of \$40 until Monday 11 November 2019.

For more information or to book a place, call (03) 5421 9616 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-events

Sustainable Design and Materials is Key to Building

Sustainable design is a priority in building as it helps protect the environment, secures today's living standards and future-proofs the community against rising energy, water and waste disposal costs.

Council provides a free sustainable design advice service for residents in the shire who are planning to build or renovate their home, including information on site analysis and pre-planning, cross-flow ventilation and access to natural light, renewable energy generation and how to use environmentally friendly products and energy and water-efficient appliances.

For further information, call (03) 5421 0829 or email environment@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Session offers advice about building on a bush block Council is providing support for those contemplating building in a bush environment with a 'Building on a bush block' information session.

The session will offer information about native vegetation, planning processes and requirements, and sustainable building design.

It will be held from 7.30pm to 9pm, on Thursday 14 November at the Woodend Neighbourhood House, 47 Forest Street.

For more information and to book, call (03) 5421 9660 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/events

Rock on at geology workshop For people wanting to learn more about the geology of the region and its various rock types and formations, a special tour will be held on Sunday 24 November.

The event will begin at 10am with a talk by geologist Neville Rosengren, followed by lunch and a bus tour to visit geological sites in the region, concluding about 3pm.

The bus will leave from the Lancefield Neighbourhood House, 78 High Street, Lancefield. For information and to reserve a seat, call 5422 0333 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events

Reptiles of the Macedon Ranges As summer begins, Wildlife Gone Walkabout is taking steps to teach people about the reptiles of the Macedon Ranges, including the various species of snakes and lizards.

This family-friendly information session will be held from 11am to 12.30pm on Saturday 30 November at Kyneton Library, Baynton Street.

For further information, call 5421 9660 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events

Prepare Your Property

Preventing fires is everyone's responsibility and a well maintained property will help to reduce the risk of fire to local communities.

Our Fire Management Officers have begun their annual inspections and will issue a fire prevention notice to properties that present a fire risk. The notice will outline works that must be completed by the due date.

Grazing stock and fire prevention. Properties with stock are still required to undertake works as requested on a notice.

If you can show that the number of stock will reduce the overall risk, the notice may be varied.

You must contact our Fire Management Officers prior to the due date to do this. If not, you must complete the requested

works by the due date.

Baling for hay If you're planning to cut and bale hay and you receive a fire prevention notice, you must still contact our Fire Management Officers prior to the due date on your notice.

You may be required to complete an application for extension which will give you extra time for the works to be carried out.

Our Fire Management Officers are here to work with residents to ensure that their property is fire ready. So if you receive a fire prevention notice and have any concerns or queries, please give us a call on 5422 0333.

And remember, preparing for fires is everyone's responsibility.

For more details, call (03) 5422 0333, email mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au

Drop Off Your Glass in New Public Recycling Bins

The first glass-only public place bins have been installed in the shire to assist residents in removing glass from recycling bins.

Glass-only drop-off bins have been installed at the following locations:

- Gisborne (Sankey Reserve)
- Lancefield (old court house, Chauncey Street)
- Malmsbury (corner Mollison Street and Ellesmere Place)
- Tylden (town hall).

A number of factors were considered when deciding upon the type of bin in each town and locations. These included public safety, distance to the nearest transfer station, ease of access for the community, and access for collection trucks.

The glass-only 10m³ skip bins and 240 litre bins will continue to be installed at other locations in the shire in coming weeks, including Macedon (JD Clifford Reserve), Riddells Creek (behind the Scout Hall) and Darraweit Guim (location to be confirmed). The bins will provide a convenient and central place for residents to drop off glass after it is removed from household recycling bins.

Residents can also drop off glass free of charge to Council's transfer stations in Kyneton, Woodend and Romsey for recycling. As a last resort, glass can be placed in general rubbish bins (red lid).

Council has identified a recycling company which will process the shire's recycling going forward as long as glass is removed from recycling bins (yellow lid). Shards and small pieces of glass can become embedded in paper and cardboard in recycling bins and contaminate the other recyclables.

Council has been working to find innovative solutions to the current recycling crisis, and removing glass from the recycling stream is an important first step. At its Ordinary Council Meeting on 23 October, Council will consider long-term solutions including possible introduction of a fourth glass-only bin service for the shire. To view the minutes of the meeting, see mrsc.vic.gov.au/minutes

Council currently has a trial underway where 650 residents in Lancefield have been provided with a separate 'glass-only' bin, which is collected monthly.

For more details, call (03) 5422 0333, email mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/glass



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 November meeting will be on Thursday 28th November, 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.rlprobud.org.au

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

Full Colour Edition for December

This year The Romsey Rag will be publishing the entire December edition in colour. The edition will be limited to 24 pages, so if you wish to have something published, please get in quickly it will be on a first come, first served basis!

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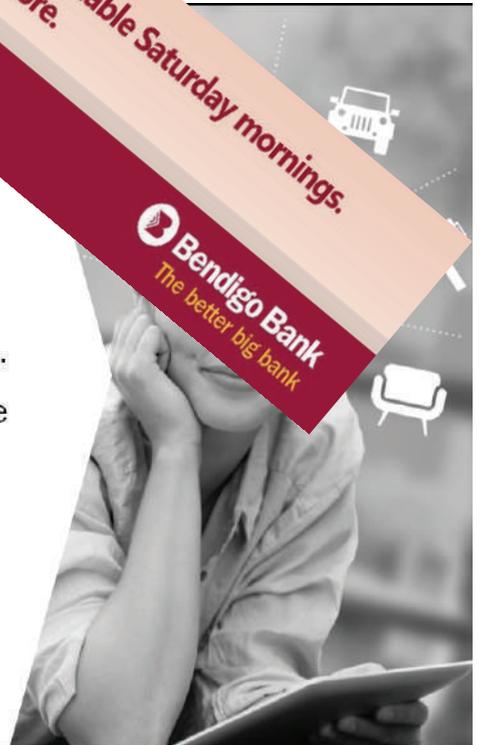
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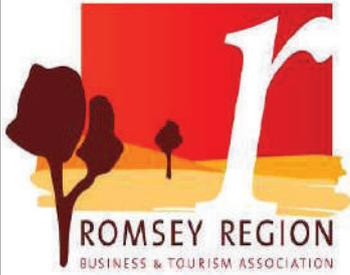


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Romsey Region Business & Tourism Association (RRBATA)

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

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

RRBATA 10th Annual Business Breakfast Work Catch Up Night

Glen Erin at Lancefield hosted the 10th Annual RRBATA Business Breakfast on Thursday 10th October. With more than 70 guests from across the region present, guest speaker Michael Drapac spoke passionately about the need for communities to be special places and the vision that needs to be generated from within those communities to make it happen. He also talked about the ongoing challenge for racing authorities and racehorse owners to address the re-purposing of thoroughbred racehorses post racing career. Ken Allender (General Manager Lancefield and Romsey Community Financial Services Ltd) reminded the audience of the importance of community banking. Coinciding with World Mental Health Day, Greg Bland spoke of the Romsey Men's Shed project and the need for community support as it works with Council towards



the realization of this important community asset. This was an incredibly successful event, with a strong presence from Council, local businesses and the broader community. RRBATA is most grateful for the support of this event from the Romsey Community Bank branch of the Bendigo Bank.

CHRISTMAS IN ROMSEY

SPECIAL EVENT
Christmas Wreath-Making Master Classes with Lorna Holmes (Rue De Fleur)

All materials supplied. At the end of a fun-filled evening of laughter and creativity, you will take home a beautiful wreath made by you!
NUMBERS ARE LIMITED!

WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2019
WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2019
7PM ROMSEY COMMUNITY HUB
\$20 PER PERSON

BOOK EARLY BY CONTACTING SANDRA CHESTRUTT (0409 724189).

CHRISTMAS IN ROMSEY

XMAS TREE ELVES NEEDED!

Do you have a ute or trailer and some free time in October and/or November?

Help is urgently needed to deliver 100 Christmas Tree frames to community groups, businesses and families in October for decoration. The trees will then need to be collected in late November ahead of their placement in the spectacular Romsey Hardware Main Street Xmas Tree installation.

IF YOU CAN HELP WITH EVEN A SMALL PLEDGE OF TIME, PLEASE CONTACT -
SHANE PETTINGILL PH. 0409 803801
EMAIL: SHANEPETTINGILL@GMAIL.COM

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The 2019 Annual General Meeting for the *Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association Incorporated* will be held on **Thursday 14th November 2019**, commencing at 7.30pm at former Romsey Courthouse, Stawell Street, Romsey (entry via rear of building).

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 RRBATA during 2018-2019 financial year; and
 - (ii) 2018-2019 Financial Statements of RRBATA;
- (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.

Enquiries: Jenny Stillman
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To the Romsey Community

- ❖ Do you value advocacy for the Romsey region with Local, State and Federal governments/agencies and other stakeholders?
- ❖ Do you value the Christmas In Romsey festival?
- ❖ Do you value the development of a local Romsey Business Marketing Campaign?
- ❖ Do you value efforts to improve our town amenity and its livability?
- ❖ Do you value promotions local businesses, economic development and the positive effects of the visitor economy

All of these are RRBATA (Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association) initiatives and/or objectives.

If you answered YES to any of the above, you need to be aware that after 14th November 2019, RRBATA's capacity to continue is in serious doubt unless a minimum of 4 people (business operators or general community member) are prepared to undertake a committee of management role as per Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) regulations. Current long standing committee members have indicated their **definite** intention to resign at the Annual General Meeting.

Unless their positions are filled, RRBATA will no longer be able to legally exist as an incorporated association which is the status which enables it to receive project/event funding.

The governance roles are minimal as most of the projects are undertaken at working group level with other community members.

RRBATA WILL CEASE TO EXIST if no one is prepared to step up and assist with its governance!

If you can help or would like further information, please contact:
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Library News

Upcoming Programs at Romsey Library

KANOS for Kids

Coding for a computer is one thing, but how about building it first?

Come along and build a special KANO computer, then use it to learn basic coding skills to modify and hack games and create digital art – all at your own pace and interest level. Best suited to complete beginners ages 7 – 12 years.

****ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED AT ALL 4 SESSIONS:**

Monday 11 November

Monday 18 November

Monday 25 November

Monday 2 December

BOOKINGS REQUIRED by calling Romsey Library on 54293086 or by booking on Eventbrite via our website: www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au

WORLD KINDNESS DAY

Wednesday 13 November

Need a pick me up? When you pick up a book over the World Kindness Day period, pick up a warm fuzzy from the Kindness Jar and help us shower our libraries in good things!

SING LIKE WE USED TO

A Community Singing Event

An hour of old-time songs to song along to followed by afternoon tea

Friday 29 November from 1:30pm – 3pm.

BOOKINGS REQUIRED by calling Romsey Library on 54293086

****Please note that transport is available via the Romsey/Lancefield community car. Please advise us at time of booking if you need to use this service.**



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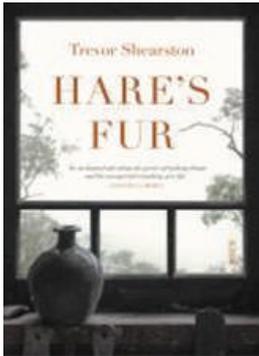
Thurs 9.30-6pm

Friday 9.30- 5pm

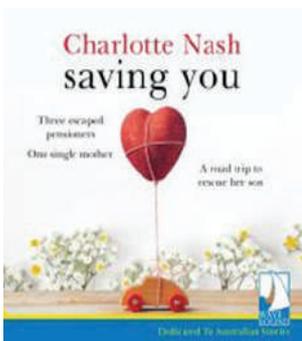
Sat 9.30am-12.30pm

Sunday Closed

Book Reviews by Marni Hickman



This is a very gentle book about a man called Russell who is a potter living in Katoomba, NSW. He is living alone after being recently widowed. On his daily walk by the river to collect clay for his glazes, he comes across a chocolate wrapper on the ground. Someone has invaded his space. As he searches for the culprits, he hears voices and find three teenagers who are hiding from social services and the police. They have escaped from a violent upbringing and have taken solace in the local area. Russell soon befriends the trio and his life takes on a new existence as he opens up his heart to his new friends. In fact, the friendships between them becomes mutually satisfying. Russell's loneliness dissipates and the teenagers enjoy learning life skills (not to mention ceramic skills). Both parties gain from their experiences



This is an amusing audio book about single mother, Mallory and her five year old son Harry. Mallory's wayward husband has left for the US to strike a new business deal. He actually has no plans to return to Australia, leaving Mallory and her son in the lurch. Mallory works at an aged care facility and is struggling to support her son. After being stood up at the airport by her husband, she decides to go the US to see what he is up to. Mallory is extremely naive and arriving in the US without a credit card and with one mishap after the next she finds herself alone and without enough money to continue her travels. To her surprise, three residents who have escaped from her aged care facility have also been affected by a volcano on the west coast making it impossible for them to continue to fly east. They decide to travel together in a rented car: Mallory to New York and the others to Memphis. The adventures and enduring friendships they experience on this unlikely trip is hilarious.

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Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens Bendigo Bank Monthly Bus Trips

Kyabram

A lovely day was had by all at Cranbourne Gardens last month. We had beautiful weather and enjoyed our trip around the gardens in the "little train".



Our next trip in November promises to be just as enjoyable. We will be travelling Kyabram to visit a Camel Farm, the only camel farm open to the public in Victoria. We will have a tour of the farm and

hear about and taste the products made on the farm. This will be followed by a 2 course lunch at the Kyabram RSL before coming home via the Silos in Rochester. This full day will be held on Wednesday 6th of November.

Depart: **Lancefield – 8.45am;**
Romsey – 9am

Future trips will be:

4th December Christmas Breakup – at the Highlands Hotel.

In December we will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary, 50 wonderful years full of great memories and wonderful friends. We will be holding a luncheon event on Monday 2nd of December in our rooms at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute at our usual time. A big thank you to Mary Anne Thomas, State member for Macedon, and Rob Mitchell, Federal Member for McEwan, for their support of this event.

Remember, we meet every Monday in the rooms at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute for lunch, some card games and a chat, for just \$5.00. Everyone is more than welcome. On the 2nd Monday of the month we have some professional cooks come in to prepare a two-course meal, costing only \$10.00. 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.

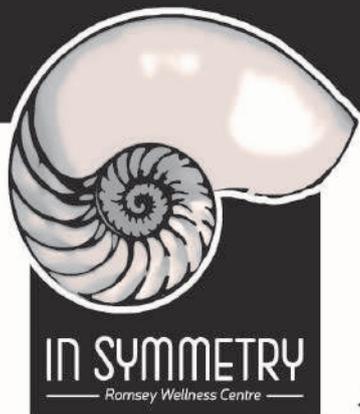
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INTERESTING FACTS

- Some Chinese believe that swinging the arms cures headaches.
- iPhones have sensors to adjust the light of the screen based on the surrounding light.
- The city of Portland in Oregon was named after a coin toss in 1844. Heads for Portland and tails for Boston.
- A queen bee lays 1500 eggs a day. 
- No president of the United States was an only child.
- Laughter is a proven way to lose weight.
- Just one cow gives off ~400 litres of harmful methane gas in a single day. 



REMEMBRANCE DAY 101st anniversary

MONDAY, 11 NOVEMBER, 2019.

**Services to honour the fallen will be held at the Romsey cenotaph.
A small wreath-laying service will be held at the Lancefield cenotaph
Timings: 10.45 am both venues**

Each year on this day, since 1919, Australia observes one-minute silence at 11.00 am in memory of our 60,000+ dead servicemen and women, the nation's 156,000 casualties; plus, the millions who died in the most traumatic world war in history (to that date).

The Armistice came into effect on this day 101 years ago. The citation was 'on the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day of the eleventh month'. It was proclaimed that it was the war to end all wars; but within twenty years it started all over again.

The Armistice ended four long years of hard fighting that claimed about 40 million lives, destroyed the social order ante bellum and precipitated the fall of the Romanov dynasty, the Ottoman Empire, the Austro-Hungarian Empire and though not in the armistice document it brought about in the final peace treaty the dismemberment of Germany's colonies.

Lest we forget our servicemen and women of 1914-18



Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke 'Avocado Ice-Cream Desert & Health Balls'



Crème Brûlée is considered (like Soufflés) to be extremely difficult to make.

Nonsense, my dear reader. They, in fact, are extremely easy. Simply follow the easy, EASY steps listed here.

Oh! You do need a flame thrower for super big Brûlées. But for family affairs a blow torch is all that is needed. And not one of those old kerosene pump models. Today you can purchase (at a myriad of shops) a container of butane gas to which you screw a unit which acts as a perfect blow torch for caramelising the sugar you've sprinkled on your Brûlée.

Anyway, try my Crème Brûlée with the addition of Smoked Salmon and Poppy Seed with a glass of chilled white wine for Sunday brunch.

CREME BRULEE WITH SMOKED SALMON AND POPPY SEED

100 g Smoked Salmon;
150 ml Cream;
100 ml Milk;
4 Egg Yolks;
Salt;
Freshly Ground Pepper;
5 ml Poppy Seeds;
20 ml Granulated Sugar.

Cut the smoked salmon into bite sized pieces and mix it with the cream, then stir in the milk. Whisk the egg yolks, add a little salt and pepper and stir them into the smoked salmon mix together with the poppy seeds. Divide the mixture between 4 small, shallow dishes (about 2 cm deep and 10 cm across) and bake in the oven at 90 deg.C for about half an hour.

Take them out of the oven, let them cool a little, then pop them into the fridge for a couple of hours to really cool.

Just before you serve them, sprinkle the tops with sugar and give them a burst with the crème brûlée torch to caramelise.



This Month In Your Garden by Melanie Kinsey

This month we bid farewell to Greg and Annette Webber – owners of Webbers Garden Centre. They have sold the business and are no doubt contemplating a well-earned retirement after many decades in the nursery trade. They started the nursery in their backyard, before it moved to its current premises on Kilmore Rd! The new owners are Macedon Ranges locals – Geordie and Charlotte Taylor and we wish them well in their horticultural and business endeavours. Henceforth the business will be called Riddells Creek Nursery.

Making a statement in my garden this month is *Toona sinensis* (formerly *Cedrela sinensis*) the Chinese cedar. The tall thin copse is covered in flamingo-pink leaves at the moment and it really stands out with the green thuja hedge behind it. Preferring a cool climate it is well suited to the Macedon Ranges. In a few weeks the leaves will turn yellow and then green. They turn yellow again in autumn before being shed. I would say it is drought hardy, but over the last few years I have noticed some branch dieback, so I suspect it might need more water than am I giving it (which is none). Having said that, it has done really well with minimal attention!

Lachie has finished spreading wood chips on the garden. In the end he spread 3 cubic metres which was a huge task completed over several days. I thought about buying another half a metre to cover the triangle bed, but in there I have the ground cover *Erigeron 'Elsie'* which has covered the bare soil with foliage which then (generally) suppresses the weeds. I will fertilise this with some good old blood n bone and water this in to encourage stronger growth to cover some of the bare areas. Lachie and I had a big surprise while weeding the other day – we came across three baby blue-tongue lizards! We carefully moved them out the way before finishing the weeding. How lovely to know that the local wildlife lives so close!



Toona sinensis

Trevor and I carefully deadwooded a small snow gum leaning over our fence from our lovely neighbour. She leant us one of those pruners/saw on a telescopic pole to remove all the dead growth from the tree. This is the same tree that looked half dead last autumn, so it received a good soaking when we emptied the dam and it immediately put on a burst of new growth! Hopefully it will do better now and flower, which will please the birds that dart around its foliage.

I was strolling through the garden just now and noticed a rose in full bloom! This is unusual for me because I never get roses until mid-November at the earliest. It was low down to the ground on a spindly branch that somehow missed being pruned during winter. I picked it and brought it inside. Its 'Abraham Derby' one of the David Austin roses in the most seductive shades of pink and apricot. As the rose reacted to the warm room it began to release its wonderful perfume while I typed away on this article. The joys of writing about gardening!

The Romsey Bandicoot Potato Festival

Supplied by Peter Mitchell

From the earliest days of settlement, the wonderful chocolate soil between Romsey and Lancefield grew large acreages of potatoes. Most farmers grew a mixture of crops, including Dann peas and cereal crops up until the 1930's. The district looked like a patchwork quilt with the crops at different stages, together with the ground which was fallowed for future crops. Large stacks of sheaf hay were all over the district and most produce was delivered to the railway station where a man was employed to help load and tarp the trucks.

In later years, due to the 'wool boom', farming in the area changed over to wool and fat lambs.

In 1976 the Romsey Shire Secretary, Brian Carne, and his wife Judy, were the instigators of a project to raise money to build a sports building in the Romsey Park. A potato festival called the Bandicoot Festival was arranged and was to be held at Easter. All the sporting clubs and other groups in the town became involved, and various events relating to harvesting potatoes, such as a race to pick up and sew a bag of potatoes, and then to carry the bag for a set distance, a sack race and other activities such as pony rides, a 'hole-in-one' competition and a polished pole pillow fight were held.

Potatoes were cooked in different ways, and roast lamb and pork were included, with dessert being blackberries and cream. The Bandicoot also ran in 1977 for the last time, as most people involved were spending all Easter working for the festival, so it was decided not to continue with the festival so people would not miss out on their Easter holidays.

The money raised from the Bandicoot Festival helped to build the existing multi-purpose complex and squash courts in Romsey Park.

Peace

Author Unknown

We seem to be sure about winning this war
It's winning the peace that's the worry.
We know that the last was a failure that passed
To die in a chaos of flurry.

When asked by the mites what we did in the fights,
Our boasting and tales never cease;
It's just as well they never face us and say,
'And what did you do in the peace?!

Would we wave it aside as it only applied
To parliament, mayors and kings?
Or be honest and say, 'My child, in my day
I failed in responsible things.

I could never see that the world was just me
In thousands and thousands of men,

And that peace-terms were born in the things that I scorn
As being too trivial then.

'What things? Oh, a shake of the hand for the sake
Of straightening quarrels and strikes,
And saying 'I'm wrong' to help things along,
For pride is the source of dislikes '

When boosting this strife we've made ev'ry life
A servant to national claim
And now ev'ry man must honestly plan
To make peace his personal aim

By facing his wife, his office, his life
From ill-feeling seeking release;
With an honest delight in setting things right,
Determined to hang on to peace.

Romsey Rag - Summer Children's Competition

Our final children's competition for 2019 will be on the theme of "SUMMER".

- What do you love about summer?
- How does summer make you feel?
- What special things do you and your family do during summer?
- How can you show the great events from summer's past?

Entries

Entries will be accepted in three age groups –

- Gr P/1/2,
- Gr 3/4,
- Gr 5/6.

Entries will be accepted in any medium –clay, painting, lithograph, construction, blackline or colour drawing, diorama etc.

Size

All entries must be no taller than an A4 portrait.
All entries must have a base no larger than an A4 sheet of paper

Drop off of Entries

Entries may be left at the Romsey Library from 9.00am Mon Nov 11th to 4.30pm Thurs Nov 14th

Display of Entries

Entries will be exhibited as part of the RMI/RNH Annual Art at the Romsey Mechanics Institute on **Sunday November 17th.**

All Entries can be collected at the end of the day, otherwise they will be disposed of.

Western Water Commits to Combat Climate Change

Western Water has pledged to become carbon-neutral by 2050 and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 10% below baseline emissions (an average of 2012-2016 emissions) by 2025.

Western Water's Corporate Plan 2020 identifies climate change and rapid growth as key factors which will influence their future operations.

According to the report, the impacts of climate change are already being observed across the Western Water service region, with reduced rainfall and increased temperatures in the area.

Western Water's Managing Director Jeff Rigby says that increased demand for its services from urban growth within its service region, alongside expected reductions in available supply, is one of the greatest challenges posed by climate change.

"In the face of climate change, it's clear we need to be more flexible in our approach and, as a climate-dependent service provider, we must show leadership," he said.

"Above all, we're committed to providing a quality service to our customers with minimal environmental impact from our operations".

Western Water intends to reduce its emissions using a range of sustainable practices, including the installation of large solar panel arrays, with construction underway on a 500kw system at Melton Recycled Water Plant.

Currently, the plant uses biogas, another renewable energy source, to power around 30% of its energy supply.

Western Water also plans to mitigate the effects of climate change using a series of waste reduction and resource recovery programs.

If you'd like to find out more about Western Water's environmental policies, please visit www.westernwater.com.au/environment



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NEWHAM COMMUNITY PIG SCULPTURE STOLEN

A bronze sculpture of a pig has been stolen from the wall outside the Newham General Store. The little bronze porker has graced the Newham village centre since 2010 and was removed some time during the night of Thursday 10th October. It appears thieves levered up a 200kg capstone to remove bolts anchoring the sculpture to the wall.

Nicknamed Chin-Chin, the pig was donated by local jeweller and wall builder Roy Martin as part of a program of streetscape improvements conducted by the community at that time, with the support of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council.



The little pig has attracted plenty of attention over the years, featuring in plenty of tourists' snapshots as they stop at the store and becoming a firm favourite with local children who play on the wall after school.

Anyone with information can **contact local police or Roy Martin on 0411 611 417.**

Romsey Get Snapping Competition Results

Judges decisions were made last week and the prize winners in this years Romsey Get Snapping Competition were announced at a reception held at The Hub on Friday 11th October. The winners were:

Open section

First prize: Danika Scott

Second Prize: Jaqueline de Jong

Third Prize: Lucy Lingard-Smith

Primary School Attendee Child's Prize

Lawson Fearn

People's Choice

Stephanie Hammond

There were 5 further entries selected by the Judges for Honorable Mention:

Jaqueline de Jong

Darlene Baker

Alice Carew (2 entries)

Caitlin Rowe

Macedon Ranges Students Complete Premiers' Reading Challenge

Students from across the Macedon Ranges have enjoyed hundreds of books over the past few months as part of the Premiers' Reading Challenge.

Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas visited schools from across the region to donate books to the students and congratulate them on completing this year's Challenge.

Schools to complete the challenge were:

- Bolinda Primary School
- Braemar College
- Gisborne Primary School
- Heskett Primary School
- Malmsbury Primary School
- Mount Macedon Primary School
- New Gisborne Primary School
- Our Lady of the Rosary Parish School, Kyneton
- Romsey Primary School
- St Mary's Primary School, Lancefield
- Taradale Primary School
- Toolern Vale Primary School
- Tylden Primary School
- Woodend Primary School

They were among the 113,000 students and children who completed the Challenge from 956 local schools, 1,367 early childhood services and homes across the state.

Together, they have read more than 4.3 million books. To complete the Challenge, students in Year's 3 to 10 had to read at least 15 books in the six months from March to September.

For students in prep, grade one and grade two, the Challenge was to read or experience 30 books.

This year, the Challenge ran its first ever reader's review competition, inviting secondary students in years 7 to 10 to write a book review of one of a selection of Premiers' Reading Challenge books for a chance to win free books and a visit to Penguin Random House publishing house in Melbourne.

Parents of young children were also invited to share their child's love of reading with the world through a new Little Reader Photo Share competition, to motivate other parents to read to their children before they start school.

Since the Challenge began in 2005, more than 3 million students in Victoria have read over 50 million books, which if you stacked the books would stretch past the international space station.

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For more information on the Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc



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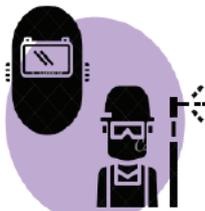
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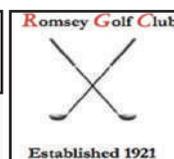
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Well, on 21st of Sept we headed to Mt Macedon G. C. determined to give a good account of ourselves in the 2019 Macedon Range Spring Cup but to no avail. Local knowledge again proved to be way too powerful and Mt Macedon G. C. again took the shield. Our thanks to Chris and the team at Niddrie Drummond for sponsoring this annual event. Next year it will be back at RGC and all golfers are welcome to come along and enjoy both the course and the event.

Our working bee, 26/27 Sept was very successful. We were able to complete just about all our projects and Romsey Park and the golf course will be much the better for the efforts of the golf club members. A more detailed report can be found at; <http://www.romseygolfclub.net/thurs-26th-fri-27-october-coring-greens-2019-working-bee/> Golf over the following weeks was very challenging with plenty of sand/core holes on the greens and, to let the grass grow. no mowing for two weeks.

RGC has entered a team in the Cancer Research fundraiser "The Longest Day". If anyone would like to find out more

The Thurs 26th team enjoy lunch



and possibly donate to a member or the team please go to; <https://www.longestday.org.au/fundraisers/Old-Bull-Golf>

The 2019 "Graeme Clement Open" will be played over the weekend of Nov 23/24. Sat 23rd will be a 4BBB stableford event, pairs any combination. Sun 24th will be the 24-hole stroke men's championship. More information and entry forms will soon be available on the RGC website. We use "The Old Course" 12-hole layout for this stroke event. The 12 holes am & pm with a sit-down lunch in between has been very popular.

RGC Weekly Competition Results:

Oct 12 Par	Keith Hocking (20) +2 C/B from Mal Mottram (11) & Mick Nicholls Jnr (16) +1
Oct 9 Texas Ambrose	12-hole "Old Course" - Jenny Hartley/Darlene Baker – 33 pts, Kath Jekabsons/Wendy Gosden 31 pts
Oct 5th Texas Ambrose	Kev Dunn (27)/Shannon Wright (10)/Mick Nichols Jnr (16) – 86 pts from Lis Manktelow(24)/Sherif Abdel-Sayed (24)/Chris Manktelow(35) – 81 pts & Jim Patton(20)/Mick Squire(5)/Pat Chisholm(13) – 79 pts
Oct 2 Ambrose	Darlene Baker/Elaine Scanlon/Sherif Abdel-Sayed - 78/12/66 from Jenny Hartley, Kath/Jekabsons/Wendy Gosden – 80/13.5/66.5
Sept 25 Medal	Jenny Hartley - 98/22/76, Wendy Gosden & 111/28/83 & Kath Jekabsons 112/29/83.
Sept 18 - Par	Jenny Hartley (22), -4 Darlene Baker (19), -6 & Wendy Gosden (27) -9

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



Get Involved & Join in the Fun with Relay For Life

Saturday 29th February & Sunday 1st March 2020



The Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay for Life is back bigger and better in its 18th year and community members are being asked to pick up the baton in the fight against cancer.

An overnight event, the Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life has raised more than \$1.5 million, helping the 269 people diagnosed with cancer in the shire every year.

Relay for Life isn't your traditional marathon event, there's something for everyone and you can take part however you like – whether it's by walking, jogging, running, wheeling or dancing – it's your Relay For Life!

There's lot of fun and games to be had, but more importantly Relay for Life is a celebration of hope. Relay provides our community a chance to join together and acknowledge local cancer survivors, patients and carers, while honouring those who are no longer with us.

With 16 teams already signed up to participate, the

committee would like to acknowledge the amazing support from the Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank Branches of the Bendigo Bank who are providing \$2200 in sponsorship.

This funding helps with the cost of marquees and prizes for the Bendigo Bank Sun Smart Race, the Bendigo Bank tug-of-war and early bird registration.

If you're thinking about starting a team or joining one then now is the time to register for the 2020 Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life with early bird registrations costing only \$25 for a child, \$35 for an adult or \$75 for a family. If you're interested in registering a team, 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

By getting involved with Relay For Life, you too can help fight back against cancer in the Macedon Ranges.

Woodend Hanging Rock Pétanque Club

PÉTANQUE ORIGINS... SIMPLICITY.. 50,000+ years in Australia

Many games in many countries have origins that are very similar to modern pétanque or lawn bowls or bocce but pétanque retains it's basic simplicity a solid boule (ball / round rock) aiming 6-10 meters away at a smaller Jack (stone preferably coloured) on gravel /sand /dirt).

Many varieties of indigenous games are similar one WEME even plays over similar distances and scores to pétanque.. others include Apwerte (Reference Yulunga Traditional Indigenous Games Sport Aus / AIS).

So maybe 50,000 to 120,000 years on this land simple games aiming to be closer to a smaller object ... ours remains simple..come and try it on a Monday or Thursday

WHY PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION

The indigenous history of Hanging Rock as a meeting place of three tribes surely had a sporting element to it. We play at Rock each Thursday.

Geburrh Centre is the indigenous name for Mt Macedon and the working group behind the Woodend Cultural Community Precinct where we are now playing pétanque on Monday evenings (near Pool) and are planning a big Community day in March 2020

SAVE THESE DATES AND WHY

Sunday 24/11/19. Our Mixed Triples Event 10:00 AM to 4:00 at Rock see some of Victoria's best players come along visit scoring table for a pleasant surprise.

Friday Evening 31/1/20 our second Pizza n Pétanque evening in the WOODEND Cultural Community Precinct.

Saturday 28/3/20 Presidents Celebration Community Day for all comers pétanque/music/jumping castle/food/coffee/food stalls in the Precinct

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PASTOR'S PARABLES

Something to Think About



Computers operate via a series of coded instructions called programs. Although few of us ever meet the originators responsible for these programs, we don't delude ourselves thinking computers programmed themselves without an original programmer.

How do birds know how to build a nest? How do bees know how to make honey? How do beavers know how to dam a river? How do spiders know how to design a web? How can certain fish and birds migrate thousands of kilometres then return each year with satellite accuracy? How do blind, miniscule, newly born kangaroos know how to wriggle their way from the birth canal all the way to the mother's pouch to suckle milk? There are so many inexplicable natural phenomena swept under the carpet with the word, 'INSTINCT'.

Do we delude ourselves thinking everything in nature has programmed itself?

In fields such as engineering, academic minds continue to learn complex lessons from nature. Shouldn't we be asking where nature learnt these lessons, or will we casually say - given time they happen by themselves?

For anyone who believes in the "BIG BANG" the Challenge for you is to satisfactorily answer the questions found in Job Chapter 38 of the Bible.

The Bible declares that in nature, everything is created by God. Therefore, He is the Original Programmer who wrote the coded instructions we call instinct.

We are a Family Church and genuinely care about the people of our Community.

We offer Life Groups for Adults; Young Adults; Youth and Children. mainly music is held on Wednesday mornings for babies to pre-school aged children and we also run the Kidzone Before and After School Nationally Accredited Program. WE are a progressive Church with a live band as part of our Worship team. If you have needs we would welcome you to join us on a Sunday morning and connect with someone who can help you or just drop in enjoy the music, friendship, and have a barista coffee on us.



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NOVEMBER 2019 DIARY

Sun 24th 10am: COMBINED SERVICE at Christ Church Lancefield. Celebration of CHRIST THE KING. Parishioners take note!!!! THE CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING in hall after the Service.

Sat 30th Nov: ST. ANDREW'S DAY PARISH CHRISTMAS STREET STALL 9 am Outside I.G.A. ROMSEY . Homemade cakes, jams, pickles, sauces and a variety of goods. Raffle.

THE LAST DAYS

"Countdown to World Disaster" - (Baslea Schlick) wrote in 1980. "The gathering clouds of a future so alarming that people are being filled with fear even children - rising suicides and the ever-increasing drug use and other social evils, are all taking their toll." Increasing natural disasters, because the forces of Nature are also in rebellion for what has come upon the earth. "It waits and groans for its redemption." (Romans 8:22)

We as a Nation are becoming morally bankrupt, a people with no fear of God before our eyes especially here in Victoria and the results are being seen in the violent and lawless acts being committed in our communities daily. But Jesus Christ predicted all this over two thousand years ago.

Saviour and Lord, to be spent in the glory of a new heaven and a new earth.

Punishment for those who have rejected the Gospel of Christ, (2Thess.1:8.9) and to reward those of His who have rendered faithful service. (2 Cor.5:10)

So, ADVENT points us to the judgment seat of Christ and warns us to be READY in heart and mind.

'Lo! He comes with clouds descending, once for favoured sinners slain;

Thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of His train!

Hallelujah! God appears on earth to reign." John Wesley.

Last month Maria Forde delighted us with her singing and was an excellent raconteur with her Irish musings.

\$880+ was raised for the Christ Church Restoration. Thank you to all who supported this afternoon.

Remember in our prayers Ken Cormick who is in hospital in Bendigo. Also Christmas gifts for Anglicare.

November ushers in the Season of Advent - advent - Latin for 'to come' - so while we remember Jesus FIRST COMING as the Babe of Bethlehem at Christmas: the message of Advent is also about His SECOND COMING. When He comes in great glory, in the clouds of heaven, to deliver JUDGMENT on Mankind.

"For we all must stand before the Judgment Seat Of Christ." (Romans 14;10). A new day has dawned - ETERNITY - for those who have put their faith and trust in Jesus, as their

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The Macedon Ranges Uniting Church Partnership has appointed a long-term Supply Minister. Rev. Linda Young.

Linda is an ordained Churches of Christ minister who has worked in Uniting Church congregations recently. Linda has gifts in music, leadership of worship and pastoral care and other ministries in the church.

Linda's position will be part-time (3 days a week) commencing from 7th October, 2019 for a period of 15 months. She lives in Woodend.

Follow the Star

This event will be happening again on **Tuesday 17th December, 2019.**

The Kyneton Brass Band will again be present, playing during the procession and also in the Romsey Uniting Church grounds. There will also be animals same as last year. We are looking for a couple who could be Mary & Joseph with a baby (up to 18 months old). They would only need to be seated in the Gazebo in the church grounds.

Please contact: Jay - 5429 6163; Jeni - 5429 5480; Carol - 5429 1305

Further information in the December Romsey Rag.

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Boxes.

Members of the Uniting Church and Romsey Walking Group are organising the Christmas Shoe Boxes to send to countries overseas.

Romsey Church Services & Activities during November 2019

Sunday 3rd 9am. Worship Service Romsey

Monday 11th, 18th, 25th, 2pm. Coffee Get-together at Romsey Uniting Church

Wednesday 6th 6pm. Church Council dinner meeting at Stracks

Sunday 10th 10.45am. Worship Service & Holy Communion at Lancefield UC

Sunday 17th 9am. Worship Service at Romsey

Sunday 24th 9am. Worship Service and Holy Communion at Romsey

Wednesday 27th 1.30pm. UCAF meeting

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 – 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 Hall, Romsey.

All welcome to come for a game of cards/ chat and free lunch.



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5429 5509

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Parish Secretary	Mrs. Tammie Dalgleish 5429 2130
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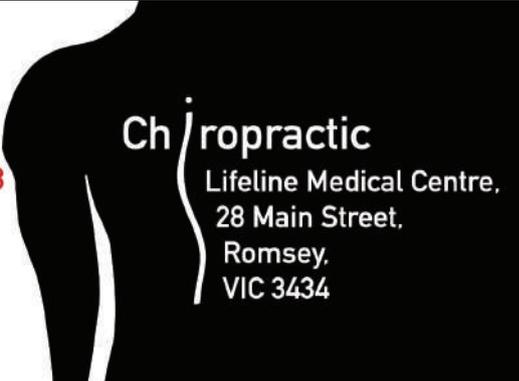
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