

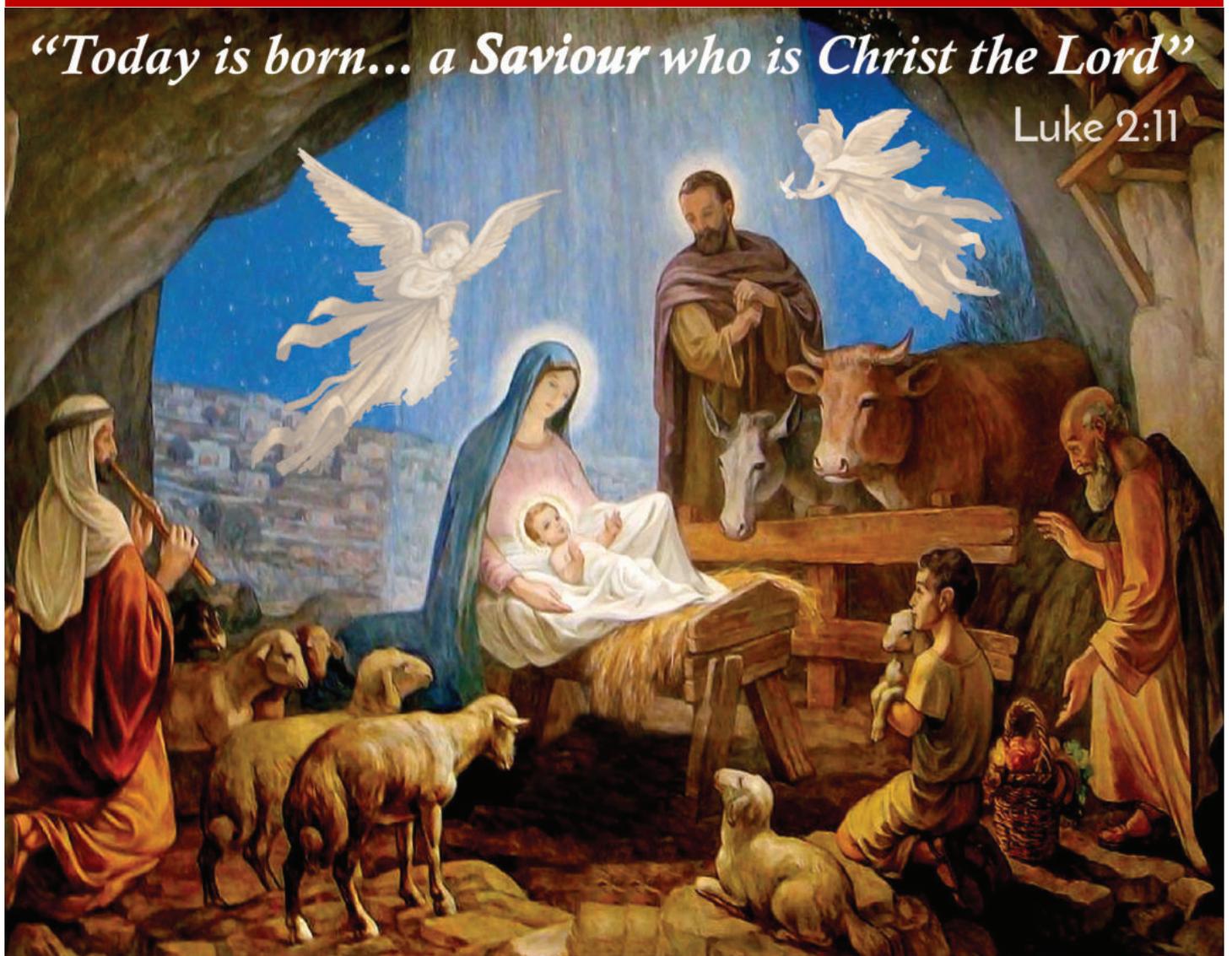


# The Romsey Rag



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*"Today is born... a Saviour who is Christ the Lord"*

Luke 2:11

**Christmas Services at the Anglican Churches of:**

**Christ Church, Lancefield**

Holy Communion - 24Dec @ 11:30PM

**St. Paul's, Romsey**

Holy Communion - 25Dec @ 10:00AM

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## Welcome to the December Edition



Welcome to the last editon for 2019 of the Rag, what a busy year it has been as the Committee have strived to make continued improvements througohout the year. Thank you to all of the community who have advertised and supported The Romsey Rag throughout the year.

On behalf of everyone at the Rag, we would like to send our best wishes to everyone and hope you all have an enjoyable Christmas with family and friends. Please remember people who may not have family close by, be neighbourly and keep an eye out for them, bit of kindness can go along way!



Finally, we will see you all in the New Year, no edition in January, back strong in February!

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

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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

**2nd Dec** - Senior Citizens 50th Anniversary, Club Rooms.

**4th Dec** - Senior Citizens Bus Trip to Highlander Hotel, Cragieburn.

**9th Dec** - Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon, Club Rooms.

**21st Dec** - Bethany Fisher's Christmas Spectacular, Romsey Mechanics Institute, 11am, tickets \$12.

**24th Dec** - Christmas Eve.

**25th Dec** - Christmas Day.

**26th Dec** - Boxing Day. Romsey Golf Club - Boxing Day Stableford 8am for 8:30am hit-off.

**31st Dec** - New Years Eve.

## Vale : Peter Mitchell

It is with sadness and appreciation that we acknowledge the life of long-term local identity Peter Mitchell. Besides being a highly respected farmer, talented sportsman and keen (and very productive) gardener, Peter was also an author of note. He wrote many local, historical articles for the community Newspaper "The Romsey Rag" and was a major contributor to two books on the local Shire and a detailed history of Romsey; "Romsey: A veritable Garden of Eden" and "When Memory Turns the Key"

In 1958, while assisting with harvesting on the Reynolds' farm at Bolinda Peter met Margaret who was up country visiting friends. They married in early 1961 and children David and Sally soon joined the family.



**Marg and Peter Mitchell**

Peter was an active member of the historical society, the former Romsey Shire Council (three terms as a councillor), the Romsey Water Trust, the Romsey Sewerage Authority, the Lancefield Cemetery Trust, the Rotary Club, Romsey Primary School, the Scouts, the Romsey Golf, Tennis and Bowls clubs and Romsey Uniting Church. Peter's work within the community was recognised numerous times, the most recent being the RSL "Anzac Spirit" award in October 2018

Peter was one of the many Mitchells (dad Algie, mum Phyllis, brothers, John, Stephen & Max & Aunt Margaret) who graced Romsey Golf Club & course. A player of great talent who possessed a wonderful temperament, Peter will also be remembered for his competitive nature, especially when the game was close. He was men's captain in 1959 and '60 and won the men's club championship six times; 1961, '62, '63, '66, '68 and '69. Peter was also a member of the club's winning scratch pennant teams in 1973, '78 & '81.



**The winning pennant team of 1973**

A shoulder injury curtailed Peter's golfing and he moved on to bowls where he again performed winning with distinction. Peter played bowls for many years also, becoming skipper in his second year. He won six Romsey bowls club championships 1970/71, 74/75, 75/76, 77/78, 78/79 & 89/90 and served a term as President of the Club (1982/83). Peter was in the winning team for the Massey Ferguson State Fours tournament, against the winners of tournaments from around Victoria, Tasmania and the Riverina. He won the triples tournament at Corowa from a field of about 8,000 and the Bateman's Bay pairs tournament. Peter also skippered the side that won the Central Highland Fours and he played numerous inter-association bowls matches.

Peter was a wonderfully positive man who saw the good in everyone, he will be greatly missed.

## December In Your Garden - Melanie Kinsey



*Ixia viridiflora*

It's a time of dramatic colour in the garden. The fresh green leaves growing up through last year's red painted stems of Miscanthus giganteus; the sunny yellow of the Jerusalem sage; the vivid turquoise of Ixia viridiflora and the bruised purple new leaves of Cotinus 'Grace'. My garden is not a place of shy colour or simpering plants! Also in full magnificent bloom is the rose 'Abraham Derby' an English rose in the most seductive shades of pink and apricot. I picked a bunch and brought them inside and as the blooms reacted to the warm room, they began to release their wonderful perfume.

It is now time for me to move all the succulents in pots away from the walls of the house to the edge of the veranda where they will receive more sun. They spend winter close to the walls so they won't get frosted. I have potted some of the bigger ones into large terracotta pots which are weighty enough that they won't get blown over.

Trevor and I carefully dead wooded 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.

Erigeron 'Elsie' is beginning to bloom and soon the triangle bed beneath the weeping apricot will be a sea of pale pink. I pruned the apricot straight after flowering and it is now throwing out a mass of new growth – more flowers for next year!



*Erigeron 'Elsie'*

## Romsey Mechanics Institute

Late last year we had concept plans drawn up for a refurbishment and expansion of the toilets. This is a major work and will need serious funds. We now have to get the plans scoped to give us a better idea as to exactly what costs will be and allow us to begin planning the funding of this project.

Our 2019 Art Show, was held on Sunday November 17th. We would like to thank the **Bendigo Bank** who supported this event greatly assisting us to run another very successful day. Also Noel Strawbridge who very generously donated an oil painting to be the day's raffle prize. The oil painting was won by local Elaine Scanlon. It was wonderful to see so many locals and quite a few from "out of town" enjoying a



Upstairs Sth Room, ready for the painter, floor next.

stroll through the artworks, listening to the various tutorials and enjoying a Devonshire tea in the supper room. The CoM did a sterling job serving the freshly brewed

tea/coffee, scones, jam and cream.

For many years the main hall, supper room and billiards room have suffered when there is both rain and wind. The



wind blows the rain up and under the peaked caps on the roof vents and we end up with wet, slippery floors. A few months ago we received a small grant from DELWP under the "Public Safety" program to have these vents sealed. Our thanks to Ben Sullivan, (Black Range Plumbing) for his detailed works to cap and repaint the vents and some of the ridge capping..

**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 and **the Bendigo Bank** for their donation of \$200. Invitations have gone out to the many people who have assisted the Senior Citizens over the last 50 years.

[www.romseymechanicsinstitute.com](http://www.romseymechanicsinstitute.com)

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### **Council to Introduce Glass Kerbside Collection in 2020**

Council will introduce a separate, glass-only bin collection service next year.

The 140 litre bins, which will be collected every four weeks and have purple lids, will be delivered to approximately 20,000 households in February 2020.

This decision comes after Council was one of 33 Victorian councils affected by the closure of recycling processor SKM Recycling earlier this year.

In the meantime, residents have been asked to remove glass from household recycling bins. A new recycling processor has been identified but only if glass is removed from the recycling bins (yellow lid). Shards and small pieces of glass can become embedded in paper and cardboard in recycling bins and contaminates the other recyclables.

Glass-only bins have been installed in public places across the shire to assist residents in removing glass from their recycling bins. The glass collected in the public place bins, and the glass-only kerbside bins when the new

service commences, will be processed and reused in construction materials.

Until the new service begins next year, residents are asked to continue to keep glass out of their recycling bins and to use the public place glass-only bins. For a list of locations, see [mrsc.vic.gov.au/glass](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/glass).

As a last resort, glass can be placed in general rubbish bins (red lid).

Council will also explore options to reuse glass locally as part of a feasibility study that will be considered by Council in April 2020.



### **Help Shape the Future for Macedon Ranges Children**

Would you like to help Macedon Ranges Shire Council develop a new plan to help the shire become more child-friendly?

The new Municipal Early Years Plan 2020-2025 will identify key priorities and look at how we can best support children and families in the shire over the next five years.

We'd like to hear from the community about your needs, aspirations and priorities, which will help inform the new plan.

Director Community Wellbeing, Karen Stevens said Council is committed to supporting families and children in our community.

"This is a great opportunity for community to tell us about

their aspirations for a child-friendly shire," Ms Stevens said. The plan will focus primarily on children from birth to eight years old but will also consider the important role that families and the broader community play in early childhood education and care.

"We want to ensure all children are valued, thrive, reach their potential and participate in the community now and into the future," she said. Council is running an online survey, workshops and pop-up activities over the next four weeks to gather feedback from the community.

For details on the dates and locations of these events, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay)

The consultation will run until 13 December. It is expected a draft plan will be available for community consultation early next year, with the final plan due for completion by June 2020.

### **Spotlight Shines on Kyneton Town Hall (KTH) in its 90th Year**

Council will celebrate Kyneton Town Hall's 90th year with a series of free retro film screenings highlighting its beginnings as a picture theatre in 1929 as well as its civic and community significance.

The curated cinema and film experience KTH Flicks will see classic movies, news reels, local content and notable events from the 1930s through to the 1970s played on the big screen at this remarkable venue. Step back in time, reminisce or enjoy for the first time, the classic films and iconic visuals of bygone eras.

The screenings will begin on Tuesday 10 December, highlighting the 1930s and 1940s. Wednesday 11 December will see classics from the '50s and '60s, while Thursday 12 December will feature short films and movies from the 1970s. Session times are 10.30am and 2pm.

Entertaining and insightful, KTH Flicks will depict life through the lens, portraying social, economic and cultural events that mark these decades.

To book your free ticket and attend the movie screenings, call the box office on 1300 888 802 or register online at [mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts-events](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts-events)

This special event is curated by Peter Luby (ACMI, Darwin deck chair cinema). KTH Flicks will take you on a cinematic journey, presenting classic cinema, news reels, local content and iconic movie visuals.

Kyneton Town Hall box office and candy bar will be open for the duration of the KTH Flicks event and discounted tickets to Council's arts and culture 2020 events will be on offer. So drop in, check out what's coming to town next year and receive up to 25 per cent off ticket prices.

## 2020 Arts and Culture Program Set to Delight

Macedon Ranges Shire Council will launch its 2020 Arts and Culture program at a gala event at Kyneton Town Hall, Mollison Street on Friday 6 December.

The official launch will provide a glimpse of what is on offer next year in music, comedy, drama, exhibitions, workshops and family entertainment.

The launch festivities begin at 5.30pm with complimentary drinks and food from regional producers and

entertainment from the 2020 performance line up, as well as generous ticket discounts and packages. Highlights include local comedians Jude Perl and Christian Bagin and jazz band, Sounds of Silent.

Copies of the 2020 season brochure will be available from Kyneton, Gisborne, Woodend and Romsey Council administration centres from Monday 9 December.

To book, RSVP by 4 December. Call 1300 888 802, email [ktickets@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:ktickets@mrsc.vic.gov.au) or register online at [mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts-events](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts-events). For more information, call 5422 0333.

## Help the Shire Become More Age-Friendly

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is developing a Positive Ageing Plan, and we would like your thoughts and ideas on how to make the shire more age-friendly.

We would like to hear from the community, especially residents 65 years and over, about their needs, aspirations and priorities as they grow older in the Macedon Ranges. We would also like to know what you think Council's role should be in supporting ageing people in the community.

There are many elements that contribute to healthy ageing, such as living independently for longer, remaining socially connected and having access to information, services and age-friendly public spaces. The Positive Ageing Plan 2020-2025 will consider all of these factors. Director Community Wellbeing, Karen Stevens said the plan would be developed with input from the whole community, but older residents

were especially encouraged to participate.

"It is essential that we hear from older people so the plan reflects their needs and priorities," she said.

"We want your ideas about how we can support you, encourage your continued involvement in the community and be an age-friendly shire." There will be a range of opportunities to have your say, including through workshops, a survey (online and in print), face-to-face interviews and group meetings.

For details on event dates and locations and to provide your feedback, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay) or contact the Healthy Ageing Engagement team on 5422 0333. The consultation will run until 13 December 2019. Council's Positive Ageing Plan will be developed alongside the Municipal Early Years Plan, and it is anticipated both will be finalised by July 2020.

## Respect Women: Call It Out

Council is urging the community to call out disrespectful behaviour that fuels violence against women during the upcoming 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence.

Council is taking part in a statewide campaign called Respect Women: Call It Out during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence from 25 November to 10 December. The dates are significant, as 25 November is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and 10 December is Human Rights Day.

The Call It Out campaign aims to raise awareness that bystanders can have a powerful role in helping change behaviour. Everyone has a role to play in calling out

disrespect towards women - we shouldn't wait for somebody else to do the right thing. The campaign is supported by Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) and funded by Respect Victoria.

During the 16 days of activism, Council will run a social media campaign encouraging residents to share their stories on how they call out disrespectful behaviour. Residents can comment on these social media posts or post a comment on a display board at Kyneton Sports and Aquatic Centre.

Those who post stories either online or in person will have a chance to win prizes, including a six-month gym/swim membership at Kyneton or Gisborne Aquatic Centre, a six-month pass to Hanging Rock or two tickets to see comedian Ross Noble at the Kyneton Town Hall. Winners will be drawn at random and announced on the last day of the campaign.

## Important Steps to Stay Safe This Summer

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is helping residents and property owners prepare for summer and the bushfire season.

The first step to staying safe is developing a bushfire survival plan and understanding your level of risk. Previous research has revealed that those living in high-risk areas under bushfire threat will leave it too late to make critical decisions. Leaving early is the safest option on high-risk days, particularly on Code Red, Extreme and Severe fire danger days.

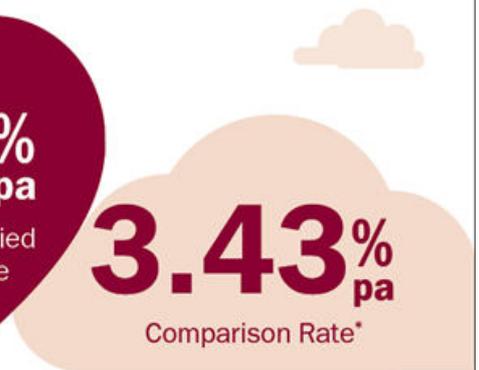
To help with your bushfire survival plan and to find out what you can and can't do during the fire danger period, download the 'Can I, Can't I?' brochure from the CFA website - [cfa.vic.gov.au](http://cfa.vic.gov.au)

To stay up to date with local fire danger ratings and total fire ban days, download the Vic emergency app to your smartphone or tablet device. Residents are also advised to consider:

- Where will you go if you leave?
- Have you packed an emergency kit?
- Includes the welfare of pets and livestock in your plan.

Take the time to consider what will happen to your animals as they can be extremely traumatised in the event of a disaster. Council's Facebook page is another helpful resource in helping you to prepare for and respond to an emergency in your town or region, such as fire, flood or heat wave. Search for Macedon Ranges Emergency Alerts and 'like' our page. Being fire ready is everyone's responsibility, so it is a good idea to take the time to prepare yourself, your family, your animals and your property to stay safe this summer.

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## Be prepared for fire season.

With the bushfire season fast approaching, it's timely to think about the protection of your home, contents or investment property.

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## Romsey Region Business & Tourism Association (RRBATA)

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## RRBATA Update

**Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association Inc (RRBATA) Committee of Management 2019-2020** RRBATA initiatives and representations this year include:

Following this week's Annual General Meeting, RRBATA is pleased to announce that a new Committee of Management has been formed for 2019-2020. Committee members are as follows:

- President - Jenny Stillman
- Vice President - Ged McLaughlin
- Secretary - To be filled
- Treasurer - Ken Allender
- General Committee
  - Hannah Sutton
  - Greg Powell
  - Cassy Borthwick
  - Wendie McLaughlin
- Romsey Streetscape Project – Feature Lighting completed.
- RRBATA Business Breakfast
- Business After Work Catch Up Nights
- Romsey Business Marketing Campaign (with support from Macedon Ranges Shire Council)
- Romsey Digital Interface Historic Plaques Project
- Christmas In Romsey
- Tourism Macedon Ranges Committee
- Economic Development Strategy Reference Group
- State Government Tourism Review Workshop
- Macedon Ranges Community Network Round Table

RRBATA would like to thank Danielle Findlay (Economic Development and Tourism Unit, Macedon Ranges Shire Council) for being in attendance and conducting the election of office bearers.

The Committee acknowledged the huge contribution of retiring long standing committee member, Benny Dyer. Retiring from the executive position of Treasurer after a decade in the role, Wendie McLaughlin's contribution was also acknowledged.

Whilst accepting the nomination as President, Jenny Stillman indicated her intention to transition away from the leadership role over the next 6 months to facilitate a fresh direction for the Association.

### RRBATA in 2019 – Another Big Year

RRBATA's ongoing advocacy for the Romsey region (eastern corridor of the Macedon Ranges) and the mantra of the "business supporting community to support business" have been the organization's overarching objectives for 2019.

RRBATA would like to particularly thank Macedon Ranges Shire Council (especially the Economic Development and Tourism Unit) for its ongoing support.

**RRBATA wishes its stakeholders and all in the Romsey Community a Safe and Peaceful Christmas with a Wonderful New Year ahead.**



## The Arts and Culture Space - How Might It Be Activated?



With the recent decision by Macedon Ranges Shire Council to allocate funding towards Romsey Ecotherapy Park's Arts Culture Space, it is perhaps timely to imagine the raft of possible ways this area of the park may be utilized. The Macedon Ranges has established itself as a centre for artistic excellence. Whether it be in the performing, visual or creative streams, this region of natural beauty and inspiration is home to a large artist community. Romsey Ecotherapy Park's Arts and Culture Space will be the perfect venue for Macedon Ranges' "makers" to display their artistic prowess. Imagine the ambience of strolling through an outdoors Artists Market at this historic site amongst the trees, sensory garden and nature-based play space.



With the focus on fundraising for some truly special artwork installations throughout the Park, there is much to look forward to as this significant local and regional asset continues to evolve.

### REP Team Out And About

The Romsey Ecotherapy Park committee (REP) has been busy doing the essential fundraisers which address the not for profit organization's essential expenses such as insurance and incorporation fees. This, in turn, allows the group to continue its "bigger picture" advocacy and fundraising. Most recently, REP conducted a food stall at the Romsey Swap Meet - a great local event run as a partnership between the Romsey Lancefield Lions Club and the Macedon Ranges Lodge (Freemasons Victoria). The week before the Swap Meet, REP committee members spent a day doing the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. REP would like to particularly acknowledge Romsey Supa IGA for its wonderful support of this essential fundraising initiative.



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## Library News

### Christmas Wrap and Chat

Wed 18 – Fri 20 December

During library opening hours

Join us for a festive time creating upcycled wrapping options and gift tags while we chat! Bring along your gifts to wrap if you really want to get ahead of the game! Thoughtful, sustainable and fun. All ages welcome. Bookings not required.

### Romsey Library Opening Hours

Romsey Library will close at 3pm on Christmas Eve, December 24 and reopen on Tuesday 4 January. Our external book return chute will remain open during this time.

Items borrowed on the 24 December will not be due until we re-open, so you will not incur fines.

Whilst we are physically closed, please remember our e-Library is open and accessible 24/7. If you are not already using the collection contained within our e-Library but would like to, and are unsure where to start, pop in and ask us at the library desk or give us a call on 54293086. We are always happy to show our community how to get the most out of the library and the services we offer.

### Fines Amnesty

All Goldfields Libraries are having a Fines Amnesty for the month of December, from 1st – 31st.

We encourage people with long overdue items to return them and we will waive your fines. *Please note this does not include costs incurred for lost or damaged items.*

### Membership

Over the summer period, Romsey Library/HUB is a cool place to relax. Use our free WIFI, build on our Lego table, contribute to a community jigsaw puzzle or be treated to a free icy pole!

You do not need to be a member of the library to enjoy our space, however, if you wish to join, please bring some identification with your current address on it. Membership is free and it only takes a few minutes to register. To find out what you can enjoy and have access to as a library member, visit our website: [www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au](http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au) or pop in and visit our branch. It really is lovely! 😊

### The year in review

We have had a terrific year at Romsey Library welcoming a whopping 16,800 people through our doors. Thank you to everyone that accessed our services through the myriad of ways we are present for the community. We love hearing your stories of how you like to use our space, what you enjoyed reading or watching and everything else in between! On behalf of the Romsey Library team, Rae, Laura, Marni and Trish, we wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and a happy and healthy new year! #Libraries Change Lives.



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Sat 9.30am-12.30pm

### Sunday Closed

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## Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens Bendigo Bank Monthly Bus Trips



### Christmas Lunches



Depart: **Lancefield – 11am;**  
**Romsey – 11:15am**

Our trip to the Camel Farm was very interesting. We tasted some camel milk, which some of us liked and others not so much. They also had a range of beauty products and hand-creams which we were able to sample and purchase.

Next month will be a busy one for us. We have our 50th Anniversary on **Monday 2nd of December** in our Club Rooms. A big thank you to Mary Anne Thomas, State member for Macedon, Rob Mitchell, Federal member for McEwan and Lancefield & Romsey Community Bank Branches for their support for this event.

Our monthly bus trip will be on **Wednesday 4th December**. We are off to the Highlands Hotel in Craigieburn for a Christmas Luncheon. Join us for a buffet lunch with all the trimmings.

This will be followed on **Monday the 9th of December** with our Christmas Lunch in the Club rooms prepared by our regular professional cooks.

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

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

Hope to see you soon.

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



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## 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.

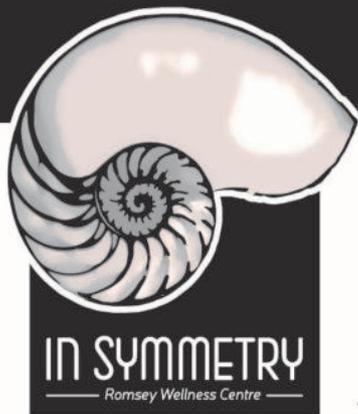
Our fun craft days occur on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 10.00 am to approx. 2.00 pm; both meetings are held in the supper room (side entrance) of the Romsey Mechanics Institute, Main Rd, Romsey. Examples of crafts we do are: knitting, sewing, crochet, cooking, beading, paper-craft.

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 December 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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**Sun Feb, 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020**  
*The "Old Course"*

## Four Player Ambrose

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**9.30 am for 10.00 am hit-off**

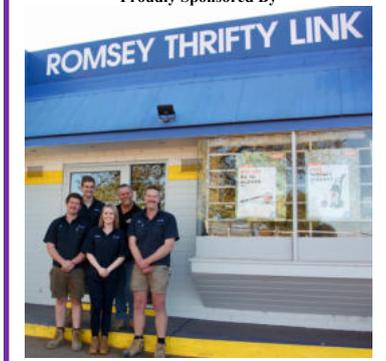
**Entry Fee;** \$100 per team (\$25 pp). Inc traditional Romsey Golf Club Lunch.

**Field limit - 22 teams.**

**Entries close;** Noon, Wed, February 19<sup>th</sup> (Entries on the day if field permits)

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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.  
We do not have a meeting in December or January.  
The first meeting for 2020 will be Thursday 27th February, 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.

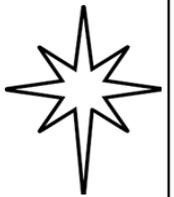
*We are a friendly welcoming group from diverse backgrounds and with a variety of interests, and we'd love to meet you!*

**Visit our WEB-Site: [www.rlprobud.org.au](http://www.rlprobud.org.au)**

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



## Follow the Christmas Star Tuesday 17th December



You are invited to meet outside St Paul's Anglican Church in Main Road, Romsey at 7.15pm to commence at 7.30pm to walk through the township of Romsey to the Romsey Uniting Church, 25 Pohlman Street, singing Christmas Carols.

Where will we go? Who will we meet on the way?

What will we discover at the end of the road?

We will be looking for a stable with live animals where we can sing Christmas Carols, accompanied by the Kyneton Brass Band and share some refreshments together.

Parents and children please join us.

**Time: Tuesday 17th December at 7:30pm**

**Dress Up:** Dress up as wise men, or angels, or shepherds or a person from Bethlehem if you wish. There will be costumes available to borrow (adult as well as child sizes).



Questions? Contact Jay Brooks 5429 6163 Jeni Clampit 5429 5480

## Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke 'Mango & Duck in Paper'



Every Thursday, my wife and I lunch with a raggle-taggle of larrikins. We're served, among an array of superb dishes, a large bowl of Okra (Lady Fingers) which are hidden in a sauce of many spices. This is done because Okra has no flavour of its own - or bloody little. Anyway, my gaggle of mates wax lyrical to the point of near climax, over the Okra. "God's gift to mankind," they swoon.

So I decided to create a recipe which didn't hide the "Oh-so-subtle" flavour of Okra. Then I decided it was a waste of time and that the Asians were right when they came to the same conclusion thousands of years ago, to add flavours to the flavourless.

Therefore I designed a Mango & Duck in Paper for the mob of mates to try. Two ladies come to the lunch, so if they make my Mango & Duck in Paper they can eat it using their lady fingers.

### MANGO & DUCK in PAPER

1 teaspoon Sichuan peppercorns  
1 teaspoon black peppercorns  
1/2 teaspoon garlic salt  
1/2 Chinese roasted duck  
8 round rice paper wrappers  
4 tablespoons plum sauce  
2 ripe mangoes, peeled and sliced  
50g snow pea shoots

Put both types of peppercorns and the garlic salt into a mortar and pestle and grind to form a coarse seasoning. Take the skin from the duck and cut it into thin strips with a pair of scissors. Shred the flesh.

Now soak the rice paper wrappers in hot water, one at a time, until they become soft, then remove them and pat dry with kitchen paper (paper towels).

Put some of the plum sauce onto each softened wrapper, then some duck flesh, duck skin, sliced mango, snow pea shoots and a sprinkle of the seasoning. Roll up, folding in the sides to make a neat parcel.

Cut the parcels in half and serve.

Forget the Okra.



## MACEDON RANGES TOY SHOP

**The Churches of Macedon Ranges are working together to distribute Christmas gifts to struggling families in our community**

**Help us to make sure every child opens a gift this Christmas**

### We Need You To Donate!

**Gifts are to be \$20 in value, new and for children aged 0-18**

**Please donate at;**

**Cobaw Community Health (Kyneton, Romby & Woodend)**

**Find us on Facebook**

**Or Contact: Georgina Harvey 0404 442 891**



## Vale : Annie Phelan

As tributes for the veteran star of the stage and screen flow from around the world, it's Annie's part in our own lives that we value so deeply. Numerous stories have been told about Annie Phelan but the ones that locals hold dear tend to be of Romsey, where she called home. While she played a larger than life role in the town, her many small gestures of kindness and concern spoke just as loudly to the connections she had with people across the community.

Annie was generous with her time and talents, especially when it meant championing a cause she felt strongly about. One of those causes was the Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life (RFL). As an event patron Annie instigated and was involved in various publicity opportunities. She shaved her head, posed nearly nude for a calendar and hammed it up for the news cameras with wigs and whatever silly props were on hand. Of course, she was in her element and never failed to get others caught up in the fun side of raising awareness of cancer and working towards a cure.



She was vigilant about skin and breast checks as well as pap smears and bowel checks. Her own cancer scare a few years ago reinforced her urgent message to all women and men to visit a GP or one of the many clinics and mobile services that conduct cancer screening tests.

She will be greatly missed at the 2020 and subsequent Relay For Life events. She shone so brightly while on stage whether singing or leading the Candlelight Ceremony; candles represented loved ones lost to or fighting cancer. Annie's favourite poem from the RFL (A poem by Robyn Poletti)

### The Little Flames

Those brave little flames;  
glowing, flickering, in the night;  
Each one personifying 'an individual',  
Loved by parents, sisters and brothers  
and by their children.  
The little flames,  
so exquisitely illuminated,  
each precious message;

Some written in haste, or anguish;  
Through tears, . . . or warm, smiling memories,  
to people beloved.

The little flames, . . .  
those candles, placed with such care, and love,  
are the memory I cherish  
from the Relay For Life.

Nadine Hartnett

## RSL Poppy Appeal 2019 - Many Thanks to the Community

On behalf of the Committee, members and affiliates of the Romsey-Lancefield RSL, I offer our thanks to the local community for its generous support for our annual Poppy Appeal and our Bar-B-Q, which was held outside the Romsey IGA on 9 November.

Ignoring the inclement weather over the selling days, the community supported our organisation with good humour and dollars. Some of us are still defrosting from the bitter winds that assailed us over the campaign days, especially those who were 'rostered on' outside the Romsey bakery.



A number of people snapped up the biros that were used by Abe Lincoln and George Washington and several brought the actual biro Ned Kelly used to write *the Jerilderie Letter*.

Despite the nonsense and jokes about the provenance of the alleged biros and the knitted \$10 poppies, 'made by a little old Frenchwoman', the veterans enjoyed meeting with the community and exchanging lots of banter and tall stories.

To the entire Romsey Primary school who attend our Remembrance Day service on 11 November, it was wonderful to have you in attendance.

To all who community folks who supported our efforts, many thanks.

Tony O'Brien  
President

## No Guarantee of Water Supply in Bushfires Warns Western Water

Western Water is warning customers in the Macedon Ranges that they should not rely on their mains water supply if there is a bushfire in the region.

"Water pressure, water quality and water supply cannot be guaranteed in the event of a bushfire," said Graham Holt, Western Water's General Manager, Customer, Community Relations and Operations.

Western Water also says large bushfires in the region could affect the quality of its drinking water.

"During and after a serious bushfire we recommend you boil your drinking water until Western Water confirms it is safe to drink," Mr Holt said.

Western Water works closely with the CFA during the bushfire season and has prepared staff and networks for extreme conditions.

Mr Holt says residents can also help the community to be prepared for fire season by 'adopting' a fire hydrant.

"You can help by keeping fire hydrants near your home free of debris and vegetation," he says.

If residents think a hydrant needs maintenance, they can contact Western Water by calling 1300 650 422 or by completing an online form at their website.

Customers can go to [westernwater.com.au](http://westernwater.com.au) to record their mobile phone number on our system. This allows Western Water to provide customers with direct updates via SMS if there is an issue with the water supply.

Residents are advised to plan ahead and consult their local CFA for information on preparing for a bushfire and recommendations for an independent water supply.

To find out more, visit [WesternWater.com.au/bushfires](http://WesternWater.com.au/bushfires)

# In a bushfire emergency you may have low water pressure or no supply.

## Please consult your local CFA about bushfire preparation for your family and home.

To find out more go to [westernwater.com.au/bushfires](http://westernwater.com.au/bushfires)

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## Monthly Social for LGBTIQ+ Adults

Cobaw's new Country LGBTIQ+ Inclusion Program (CLIP), is encouraging LGBTIQ+ adults to get together for a cuppa and chat on a monthly basis. Meeting on the third Thursday of every month, Social@ will offer a regular opportunity for members of the LGBTIQ+ community across the Macedon Ranges to get together and make new connections.

"Living in a rural area, LGBTIQ+ people are at higher risk of social isolation," says Belinda Brain, CLIP Coordinator. "This can have an impact on a person's mental and physical health as they are often left with little knowledge of services and groups that are LGBTIQ+ inclusive".

Cobaw's CLIP program was started earlier this year following an increased acknowledgement of the need for adult LGBTIQ+ support in the region. Social@ is one of the first initiatives to be started up by the program and there are hopes that it will grow each month and more opportunities for people to connect will come out of the monthly gatherings.

The first Social@ is on next Thursday 21 November, 11am at The Social Foundry, 86 Mollison Street, Kyneton.

For more information, call Belinda on 5421 1666.

## Christmas for a Cause

Local Romsey dentist and Australian children's entertainer, Bethany Fisher, is returning to Romsey to raise money for children's Autism charity "Keeley's Cause". Following a performance at the Romsey Mechanics Institute in July after winning "Best Kids Live Show", Bethany is back by popular demand with a Christmas show for the whole family.

Bethany is an ambassador for Keeley's Cause, established by 13-year-old Keeley and her mum Sharon, to provide iPads for children diagnosed with Autism and Intellectual disabilities. Money raised from Bethany's "Christmas Spectacular" in Romsey will be used to provide iPads through Keeley's Cause to eligible children. To find out more, including about their #iamicaniwill campaign, or to see if your child is eligible to apply for an iPad, head to [www.keeleyscause.org.au](http://www.keeleyscause.org.au)



A high energy, interactive, all singing and dancing Christmas show, Bethany's "Christmas Spectacular" will have both the young and young at heart up on their feet singing and dancing along. Bethany will be joined by her talented dancers and there will be opportunities for kids from the audience to join them up on stage. Dress up in your favourite Christmas outfit with prizes to be won for best dressed, as well as more prizes to be won throughout the show. There will be Christmas favourites the whole family will love, including Hi-5's "Santa Claus is Coming" and many more. A show guaranteed to have your toes tapping, hands clapping and leave a smile on your face long after the show has finished.

Bethany Fisher's "Christmas Spectacular" will appear at the Romsey Mechanics Institute on Saturday 21st December at 11am. Tickets are \$12 and in addition to the show include a free poster for all kids and a chance to meet Bethany and her dancers in their post-show meet and greet.

For tickets and more information, head to [www.bethanyfisher.com](http://www.bethanyfisher.com)

## Free "Toy Shop" Supported by Local Churches

For past nine years the Churches of the Macedon Ranges have organised a free Christmas "Toy Shop" for families living in the shire who might struggle to afford a Christmas gift for their child. This year is our tenth year!

The Toy Shop relies completely on the generosity of our community to donate gifts to stock the shop. Families are referred to us by local support and welfare agencies and are given a personal invite to attend the shop and pick out toys for their children. As we rely on donated goods, there is no cost to the families for these gifts. We also offer gift wrapping and a café style space to enjoy free tea and coffee and home baked goodies.

For families who are facing challenging times, Christmas can become an incredibly stressful, lonely and sad season. Unable to participate in many of the traditions that our culture has come to know as "normal" these families can feel even more isolated and marginalised.

The Toy Shop gives these families the opportunity to enjoy what others may take for granted – to choose something special for their child and be able to give it to them on Christmas morning. Many of these families would otherwise be unable to give their child a gift on Christmas morning, and many of these children would miss out on the joy of opening a gift that is just for them.

For our community, the Toy Shop is a fantastic opportunity for local people to embrace the true Christmas spirit, reach out in generosity and love to those in their own community who are facing a tough time. Whether you are an individual or a business, you can get into the Christmas spirit and give

some joy to local people who really need it.

The toy shop relies 100% on the goodwill and generosity of our community. We need your donations to make this important initiative possible. We require donations of toys for children aged 0-18. Gifts need to be new and valued around \$20. We also welcome donations of books, plush toys, \$20 food only vouchers and smaller items that would be suitable as stocking fillers. We particularly fall short in gifts for older children each year.

How to Donate:

Donations can be dropped into the offices of Cobaw Community Health in Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend Contact Georgina Harvey (0404442891) directly to arrange pick up of donations.

Donations of both gifts and money will be gratefully received. All financial donations will only be used to purchase toys to stock the shop. Gifts need to be received by Wednesday the 11th December to allow time for sorting and setting up of the toy shop.

We are also looking for businesses/organizations who would be willing to participate as a drop off point so that we can enable donations to be made shire-wide.

All Enquiries: Georgina Harvey, MR Toy Shop Coordinator.



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

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We were saddened to hear of the death of long-time member, past captain, six times club champion and three times winning scratch pennant team member, Peter Mitchell. Peter was a great sportsman & a wonderful man who always saw the best in everyone.

Over the last ten or so years Romsey Park has been visited by Long Billed Corellas. They usually arrive in early/mid-December and stay until mid/late-March. We have had up to 1,000 of these destructive birds scaring away all the other birds, digging up the golf course and almost destroying greens. Sadly, the birds have arrived in mid-November, a month early, so it looks like this summer could be one of heart break after all the work the members have put in



The damage the Corellas do cause

to improve the greens.

The club will hold its presentation afternoon after a round of Ambrose on December 21st. All the shields are updated and trophies purchased and engraved. We hope to see as many "retired" members and life-members as possible, a good day will be had.

RGC has entered a ten-person team in the Cancer Research fundraiser "The Longest Day". This event will see all team members play 72 holes in the one day, so, a 5.30am start with just a break here and there. As of Nov 15th the team had raised just under \$5,000, our thanks to all those who have already donated. If anyone would like to find out more and possibly donate to a member or the team please go to; <https://www.longestday.org.au/fundraisers/Old-Bull-Golf>

We would like to thank the **Romsey Cricket Club** for the use of their pavilion during the Saturday 4BBB event of the Romsey Open weekend, much appreciated.

## RGC Weekly Competition Results:

<b>Nov 9 Sford</b>	Les Gaunt (7) 41 pts (74 off the stick) from Scott Williams (17) – 36 pts, Pat Chisholm (13) – 36 pts & John Laing (29) – 36 pts
<b>Nov 6 Canadian</b>	Elaine Scanlon/Keith Hocking – 107/21.5/85.5 from Kath Jekabsons/Darlene Baker – 104/18/86 & Beryl Cole/Connie Cecys – 129/25.5/1
<b>Nov 5 Melb Cup Ambrose</b>	John Freestone/Andrew Laing/John Laing – 74/11/63 from Sherif Abdel-Sayed/Mitch Atlas – 79/11/68
<b>Oct 30 MM</b>	Jenny Hartley – 93/23/70, Elaine Scanlon – 106/28/78, Kath Jekabsons – 110/29/81
<b>Oct 26 MM</b>	Michael Squire – 82/5/77 from John Freestone – 99/20/79
<b>Oct 23rd Stroke</b>	Wendy Gosden; 105/27/78 from Darlene Baker; 98/19/79 & Jenny Hartley; 104/24/80

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

## Woodend Hanging Rock Pétanque Club

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More information phone Chinka 0427 272 826 or Louise 0438 302 218

RESULTS HALLS GAP

Joan Gladman Noel Gladman Chinka Steel finished fourth

overall missing the final when beaten by eventual winners

RESULTS SMYTHESDALE

Joan Noel and Chinka made Principal Again finishing equal fifth Social Winners Jill Shaw Ruth Giddings Peter Barry

RESULTS ANNUAL ROOTES CAR CLUB CHALLENGE

Again Rootes Car Club was the honourable winner in freezing conditions

STATE RANKINGS as at NOVEMBER

We hasten to add this is a computer driven system not a selection process but is based on attendance and performance.

WOMEN Shirley Marshall 18 Joan Gladman 29 Jenny Large 40 Louise Potter 43 Ruth Giddings 44 Jill Shaw 46 Marilyn Steel 49

MEN. Noel Gladman 52 Peter Wells 58 Chinka Steel 59 Lawrence Grech 63 Clive Potter 77

Phone Chinka Steel President 0427 272 826 for more information



## The Christmas Chook

By Charlee Marshall

'Tis Christmas Eve on Eularoo,  
The West is full of cheer:  
The children dream of Santa Claus,  
The stockmen dream of beer.  
I stand out by the chopping block,  
The axe I hold in check;  
I grip our rooster by the legs  
And focus on his neck.

'No more you'll break my morning snooze,  
You would-be Country Crier!  
No more you'll scratch my seedling out  
Beneath the rusty wire,'  
Delicious thoughts of breast and sage  
Begin to fill my brain;  
I grip the handle lower down  
And raise it up again.

But then I think about the drought-  
The cattle lying dead;  
The hungry sheep, too weak to stand,  
Beside the shearing shed;  
The kangaroos are dying out  
Around the salty bore.  
With death so rife, what right have I  
To seek to foster more?

I have a family to support,  
The girls are home from school,  
And chicken on the Christmas plate  
Has always been our rule.

No need to blink your shining eye,  
I shall not be remiss,  
Your father and your grandfather  
Were drumsticks, just like this.

I know you thought your life was hard  
With twenty nagging hens;  
I know you mostly hid away  
Behind the docking pens.  
But we're a pair, cock, you and me –  
I dare not spare your life;  
How could I face with empty hands  
My daughters and my wife?

Remember all those orphan lambs –  
You let them share your grain –  
Remember how you watched the skies  
And helped me call the rain?  
We've done it hard, cock, all our lives  
We've taken many a knock;  
I wish you wouldn't turn your head –  
Just keep it on the block.

The sun has lit the Western sky,  
It's time to go inside –  
There's Christmas pudding to be stirred,  
And presents to divide.  
'And is the rooster plucked and cleaned?'  
I know my wife has said:  
Ar-r, I'm sick of poultry all the time;  
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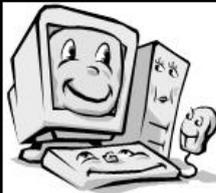
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## PASTOR'S PARABLES

### The Reason for the Season



The story of Christmas is a story of **humility**. A young, unmarried Jewish girl faced the prospect of being ostracized in her community. She was pregnant. Would her betrothed still consent to marry her? What would her family say? What would her friends say?

A census was commanded by Caesar Augustus for the little country. Each had to return to his ancestral home for the count. At nine months pregnant, Mary and her betrothed, Joseph made the long, arduous journey to Bethlehem. As they entered the little village, they longed for a place to lay their weary bodies. However, as they sought a room at an inn, there was none available – only a stable.

The entry of Mary's son into the world did not occur in a mansion with servants in attendance but in a place prepared for cows and donkeys. Her son did not have a soft feathered bed to greet him but a feeding trough.

The prophet Isaiah had proclaimed more than seven hundred years earlier:

"To us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called 'Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.'"

His birth and life were unique, and so was His

death.

To understand the total forgiveness of sins, we have to understand the value of the person Who sacrificed Himself on the cross for us.

He was the only man in history who willingly died to make the payment for ALL of your sins, so that you would never have to be punished by God.

This carpenter from an obscure village in Galilee? This man with no earthly possessions? Who would believe it? Yet many have, and do. As the Bible states of Him:

"...who though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form He **humbled himself** and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

This is the story of Christmas: God the Son coming down to earth as a little baby and taking on Himself the sins of the world. So that you can experience life abundantly and eternally in heaven with Him.

I hope you remember these things as we celebrate **The Reason for the Season**

You are warmly invited to attend our family Christmas Service on Sunday 22 December at 10am. There will be free gifts for children (primary age and under), free BBQ lunch, jumping castle and lots of fun

### THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS PRESENT

"He came down from earth to heaven Who was God and Lord of all" so goes the old carol. It is a mystery to our limited minds as to why God chose this solution to bring us back to Him, - separated from Him as we are by our sinful fallen natures. Such is His great love for us!

This is His perfect Christmas present to us - the sending of His beloved Son to be our Saviour and Lord. His two names as given to Joseph by the angel Gabriel highlight this - Jesus meaning - "Saviour" and "Emmanuel"- meaning "God with us." Jesus was born for us - that we might be born again. He became the child of Mary that we might become the children of God by adoption and grace. We are not alone, He, Emmanuel is with us.!

Jesus was born to die that we might live eternally. Such is the mystery of the Incarnation - God in the flesh.

There are three reactions to the invitation of Jesus - "Come to Me" - Reject: Neglect: Accept: - What is yours this Christmas?

"O may we keep and ponder in our mind Gods wondrous love in saving lost mankind; Trace we the Babe who has retrieved our loss from His poor manger to His bitter Cross; Tread in His steps, assisted by His grace. Till

man's first heavenly state again takes place." J. Byrom.

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Last month our AGM was held and now we prepare for another year of Worship, Fellowship and Service.

A car load of food and gifts has been delivered to Anglicare for some Christmas cheer to those in need. Thank you to all for your contributions and to Betty and team.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS STREET STALL – Sat 30th NOVEMBER 9am. Outside Romsey IGA. Home-made Cakes, Jams, Pickles, Bric-a-Brac etc.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES -:  
CHRISTMAS EVE 24th 11.30pm HOLY COMMUNION CHRIST CHURCH LANCEFIELD Chauncey St.  
CHRISTMAS DAY 25th 10am HOLY COMMUNION ST. PAUL'S ROMSEY Main Street.

The Rev. Judi Pollard and the Members of our Parish of Romsey & Lancefield pray that all in our Community will enjoy a blest Christmas and New Year of 2020.

Services as usual during January 2020.  
HOLY COMMUNION 9am St. Paul's ROMSEY.  
10.30am Christ Church LANCEFIELD.



### The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Lancefield and St. Paul's Romsey

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### DECEMBER 2019 DIARY

OP. SHOP NEWS CLOSES Sat 14th Dec RE-OPENS Thurs 23rd January. NB Please DO NOT LEAVE any goods for the Op. Shop over this holiday period.

The main gates will be locked. PLEASE do not DUMP any goods over the church fence.

Thank you!

### Macedon Ranges Uniting Church Partnership Contacts

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**Vale** The Romsey Uniting Church members were saddened by the death of Peter Mitchell. Peter was a long-time member and supporter of the Uniting Church. On Thursday 31st October, we had a great celebration of his life.

**Follow the Christmas Star** celebration will be held again this year on Tuesday 17th December commencing with a procession from the Romsey Anglican Church at 7.30pm and finishing at the Romsey Uniting Church where a short Christmas Service with singing of Carols will be held. Refreshments following. Please see separate poster in this edition of the Romsey Rag.

#### **Christmas Reflection**

One familiar part of Christmas is the nativity scene in which Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus are joined by the shepherds, wise men, and an occasional angel in the stable. It is said St. Francis of Assisi assembled the world's first living nativity scene in Greccio Italy in 1224. Local villagers played the human characters and real animals were used in the setting. It was to remind people of the first Christmas.

Nativities in stained glass windows, and carvings in wood and stone, can be found in many churches around the world. They have fashioned the Holy Family in their image, but it is the birth of the same Christ Child that is the focus of their worship.

Christmas is a time of Peace and Joy. What is your special joy at Christmas? How do you convey this joy to others at Christmas?

#### **Romsey Church Services & Activities during December 2019**

**Monday 2, 9, 16, 23, 30th, 2pm** 'Cuppa at the Church'  
**Sunday 1st 9am** Worship Service with GSC Chaplain  
**Wednesday 4th 6pm** Church Council meeting at David Strack's  
**Sunday 8th 10.45am** Worship & Holy Communion at Lancefield  
**Sunday 15th 9am** Worship Service  
**Sunday 22nd 9am** Worship & Holy Communion at Romsey  
**7pm** Carol Service

**January 2020**  
**Monday 6, 13, 20, 27th 2pm** 'Cuppa at the Church'  
**Sunday 5th 10am** Worship & Holy Communion at Lancefield  
**Sunday 12th 10am** Worship Service at Romsey  
**Sunday 19th 10am** Worship Service at Lancefield  
**Sunday 26th 10am** Worship Service at Romsey

**Sunday 25th 9am** Christmas Day service at Lancefield  
**Sunday 29th 10am** Partnership Service. Venue TBA

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#### **MASS TIMES**

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month:  
 8:00am Lancefield and 10:00 am Romsey

2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday of the month:  
 8:00am Romsey and 10:00am Lancefield

1st Saturday of the month:  
 10:00am Romsey – Healing Mass

Reconciliation available from 9:30am

#### **COMMUNION SERVICES**

Tuesday 9:00am Romsey Church

Saturday 10:00am Romsey Church

#### **ROSARY**

Saturdays 9:45am Romsey

#### **RECONCILIATION**

By arrangement.

#### **BAPTISMS**

2020 – Romsey Church – February 2nd, April 19th, June 21st, August 2nd, October 4th & December 6th.

2020 – Lancefield Church – January 12th, March 22nd, May 10th, July 12th, September 13th & November 8th.

For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

#### **CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASSES 2019**

##### **Advent Reconciliation**

Thursday 12th December – 7:30 p.m. Romsey Church

Thursday 19th December – 7:30 p.m. Woodend Church

##### **Christmas Vigil Family Mass**

Tuesday 24th December – Romsey Church 6.00 p.m. – Nativity

##### **Christmas Traditional Mass & Carols**

Tuesday 24th December – Lancefield Church

9.30 p.m. Carols

10:00 p.m. Midnight Mass

##### **Christmas Day**

Wednesday 25th December – Lancefield Church

9:00 a.m. Mass

##### **New Years Day**

Wednesday 1st January – Woodend Church

9:30 a.m. Mass



### The Uniting Church in Australia

#### Macedon Ranges Partnership

Romsey Congregation  
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 (P.O. Box 264)

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 Mr. Noel Shaw  
 5429 5509

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 Mrs. Jenifer Clampit  
 5429 5480

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

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

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

*God bless you every day.*



### St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey

27-29 Chauncey St, Lancefield & 85 Main Rd, Romsey

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School Website	<a href="http://www.smlancefield.catholic.edu.au">www.smlancefield.catholic.edu.au</a>

### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Weds 25th December Christmas Day  
 Thurs 26th December Boxing Day  
 Weds 1st January New Years Day

### OBSERVANCES

Tues 24th December Christmas Eve  
 Tues 31st December New Years Eve

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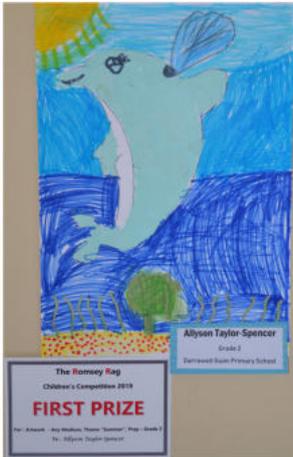
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# The Romsey Rag Children's Competition Results

Well done to everyone that took part, it was fantastic to see how everyone interpreted the theme and it certainly made the judges job very difficult in choosing the winners in all age categories!

## Prep to Grade 2



1<sup>st</sup> : Allyson Taylor-Spencer



Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> : Charlotte Poppleton



Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> : Natchalia Kostas

## Grades 3 - 4



1<sup>st</sup> : Jude Yeon

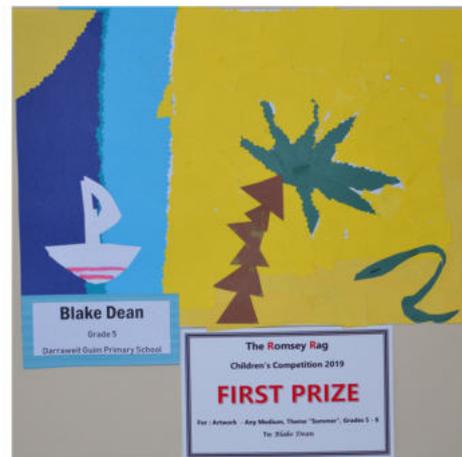


2<sup>nd</sup> : Primrose Gilbo

## Grades 5 - 6



Joint 1<sup>st</sup> : Aaron Smith



Joint 1<sup>st</sup> : Blake Dean

# Encourage Church Christmas Service

Sunday 22 December  
10am

7 Mitchell Court, Romsey

Free BBQ Lunch

Jumping Castle

Gifts for Children (Primary School  
Age and Under)



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# Season's Greetings

from all at the  
Lancefield/Macedon Ranges  
Relay For Life

See you on Sat 29th of Feb  
&  
Sun 1st March 2020



Celebrate.  
Remember.  
Fight Back.

We will be Relaying again in 2020, our 18<sup>th</sup> year. If you would like to join us at the Lancefield Park on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March please visit our website Lancefield Relay For Life, or our Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life Facebook page.

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