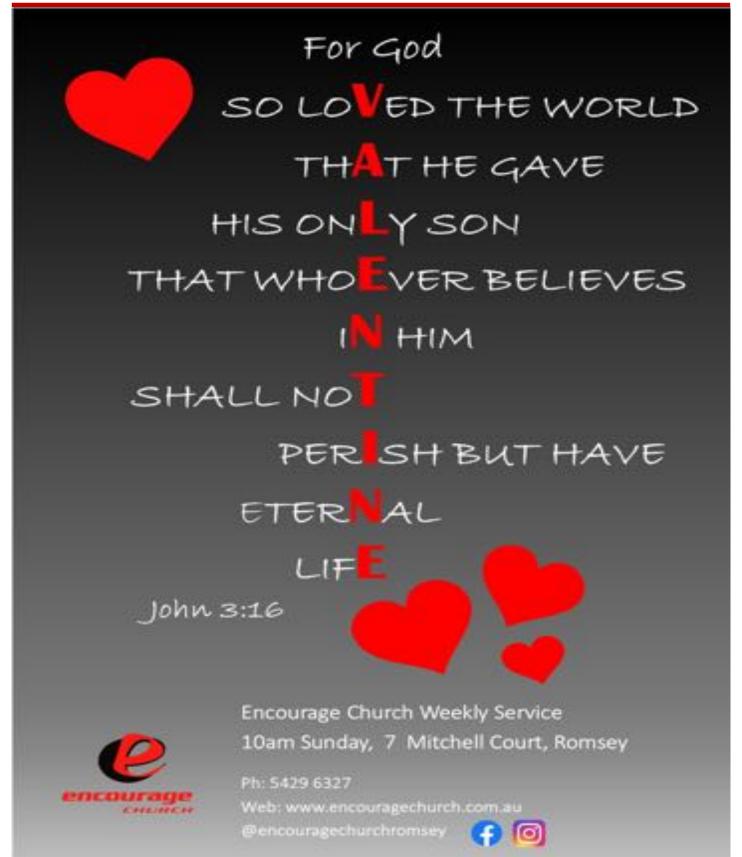


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#### **Welcome to the January Edition**

Welcome to a brand new year and the first edition of the Rag for 2020!

The festive season was mared by the awful fires and while we still have a month left of summer, we must all take care and stay safe. Our thoughts are with anyone affected by the fires and if anyone wants to help, there are many charitable organisations that you can approach.

Shrove Tuesday is the 25th February so get your best pancake making skills dusted off, and make sure you have a great selection of fillings! Personally, I'm a fan of nutella with fresh strawberries and vanilla ice cream - lip smackling good!

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

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Please note articles should be restricted to 300-350 words plus or minus a picture. Articles will be edited as required. The editorial committee reserve the right not to print inflammatory or unsuitable materials.

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

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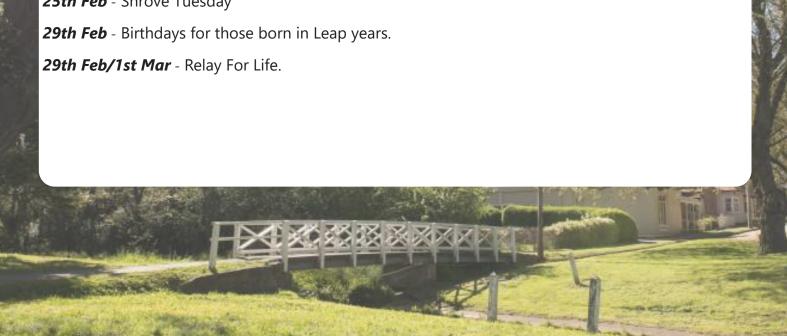


# WHAT'S ON in & around Romsey

5th Feb - Senior Citizens trip to Boort.

23rd Feb - RFL Charity Golf Day, Romsey Golf Club.

**25th Feb** - Shrove Tuesday



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"Never underestimate the power you have to take your life in a new direction." Germany Kent

2020 marks the start of a new decade and what a time it is to take the opportunity to make a change for the better. Lasting change has to start from within and it is important to remember that even little things can add up to and make a difference.

Our aim with these articles is to help empower you, as the individual, in making those changes possible and lead you in the right direction in your health journey. We will be covering a range of different topics such as diabetes, arthritis, osteoporosis and cardiovascular conditions.

I would like to however start with discussing the safety net, as one of the main prohibitive factors in timely access to medicines is cost. The Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) was designed to help protect patients and families requiring a large number of PBS items, meaning that you pay less for medicines after you have reached a certain amount in a calendar year.

It is important to note that from Jan 1 2020, the amount to reach the threshold has decreased. It is now \$316.80 for concession card holders (works out to be around 48 prescriptions) and \$1486.80 for general customers. Do remember that this amount is not tallied automatically if you go to multiple Pharmacies as our computers are not connected. One way is to let us help you keep track of it and the recording software will automatically let us know when you have reached that magic limit.

The other aspect to consider is that the term 'family' includes the person

- The partner or de facto partner
- Children under the age of 16 who are in the care of the person; or
- Dependent full-time students under the age of 25

If you feel that you are spending close to the threshold amount in a calendar year or would like any further information, please come into the Pharmacy and check to see whether your family members are properly linked.

Romsey Pharmacy wishes everyone good health, happiness and success in the coming year. Happy New Year!

#### **February In Your Garden - Melanie Kinsey**

It's hard to feel enthused about our gardens when so much devastation is going on around us. But as gardeners we can help! Many gardeners in burnt out areas may not be looking to re-establish their gardens just yet, but one day they will. When that day dawns, any donations of plants, cuttings or seeds will be gratefully received. So, you can start collecting and labelling seed now and perhaps join the Macedon Ranges Seed Library on Facebook. Might be a bit early for cuttings – but maybe not. In the past after a disaster, ties were often established between gardening clubs where help and donations were offered and gratefully received. Many years ago, I seem to recall a link established between one local gardening club and

the people of Wangaratta after devastating floods swept many a garden away. So I would encourage you all to reach out through your local gardening club and make the links now.

Even without much rain, my garden is looking quite good. I enjoyed a lovely day wandering around cutting back Salvia 'Hot Lips' to encourage a fresh flush of flowers for the bees; deadheading the Jerusalem sage; summer pruning the roses and of course pulling out the weeds. I also invested in an old fashioned soaker hose to give my thuja hedge a jolly good soak. It might have been planted in 2005, but it still needs the occasional watering during summer. I think I might have been better off planting a juniper hedge, because they are much more drought tolerant. However too late now. My little propagation unit is full of pots of cuttings and some are ready for potting up – always a busy day! It's such an easy and fun way to create more plants for your garden.



Salvia "Hot Lips"

#### **Upon Reflection**

By Anon

I look in the mirror and what do I see? That stranger in there, it's surely not me! The clothes are the same I am forced to admit, But surely the face and the figure don't fit. She's older than me, that's easy to tell, For her face is more lined and she's fatter as well. Her shape is ungainly, while I'm trim and neat, And she's short and dumpy, while I am petite! My vagabond curls make a frame for my face, While her frizzy mop is all over the place, My limbs are slender while hers are quite stubby, My nose is upturned and hers is just snubby. This mirror's worn out, it simply won't do I'll have to replace it, get one that's new, One that is clearer, one that sees true, You know, one reflecting my own point of view!

#### Romsey Mechanics Institute



effort to rejuvenate the RMI toilets has moved forward. Mary-Anne Thomas's office has informed us of a grant (Rural Development Victoria) that may assist us this project off the

ground. Local architect, Marcus Ward, has visited the RMI and is currently working to scope the concept plans. This will give us a reasilstic idea as to the total costs of the project and will be vital when applying for funds.

In mid 2019 we applied for funds under the Building Stronger Communities, this is a \$ for \$ grant. Local MHR Rob Mitchell visited the RMi in December to offically inform us that our application had been successful. With a spot of luck our total budget of \$8,000 will see this room back in action by early/mid February

The Romsey/Lancefield Senior Citizens' Club 50th celebrations were a great success. Guests included long term members of the RMI CoM Noel Shaw, John Laing & Bruce Robb, Eric & Lorraine (Romsey Pharmacy) Ken Allender (Bendigo Bank) and members and office bearers from many local Senior Citizen's clubs.

We would like to welcome two new users to the RMI.

Camille - Yoga, Supper Room 7.30 pm, Tues (more info - 5429 3610) and

Jens - Children's Yoga - Supper Room, Wed 4.15 and 5.15 pm (more info - 0400 990 598)



Allan Irvine, Rob, Kathy & Anthony Lakey

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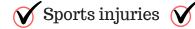
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#### **News from the Shire**



#### New FOGO Service Starts in the Macedon and bones, to be turned into compost. Those without Ranges

organics garden organics (FOGO) service, free kitchen services starting in early February. caddies are being delivered to more than 14,000 kerbside collection customers throughout the shire.

An estimated third of the contents of the average household rubbish bin in the Macedon Ranges Shire is food waste. Council has worked to find innovative solutions to the waste and recycling industry crisis, Acting Mayor Cr Mandi Mees said. "We will deliver a more sustainable and responsible waste collection service in 2020 through the introduction of this new four-bin kerbside collection service."

During the phased rollout, residents will receive a kitchen caddy, compostable caddy liners and an information pack, including a collection calendar.

All garden and food waste can be placed into the FOGO Shire Council residents bins.

This means that, along with garden waste, you will be able to put all food waste into your garden bin, including meat

a garden bin will receive a new 240-litre bin (lime green lid) for FOGO.

As part of Macedon Ranges Shire Council's new food Collection of FOGO bins will be weekly, with collection

The four bins in the new kerbside collection service are:

- Glass only (purple lid)
- Recycling (yellow lid)
- FOGO (lime green lid)
- Rubbish/general waste (red or dark green lid)

For more information, see <a href="mrsc.vic.gov.au/FOGO">mrsc.vic.gov.au/FOGO</a>

The new FOGO kitchen caddy being delivered Macedon Ranges



#### **New Off Leash Guidelines for Dogs**

Residents and dog owners in the Macedon Ranges Shire this year have new rules for their dogs.

The new guidelines, which came into effect on 1 January 2020, are in keeping with Council's new Dog and Cat Order 2019 - Domestic Animals Act 1994 and will require that dogs be kept under effective control in public places and be leashed in all public places, except in designated off leash areas.

In designated on-leash areas, dogs must be restrained using a leash, chain or cord attached to an appropriately fitted collar, harness, or halter - all of which must be in good condition. Dogs must wear a current Council registration tag and not be allowed to harass, interfere with, or behave in an anti-social manner toward another person or animal. Dogs cannot be left unattended (e.g. temporarily tethered in a public place).

The order also requires prohibiting dogs and cats from some public places in the shire, for environmental reasons.

The prohibited areas are:

- Mount Gisborne Reserve, 198 Mount Gisborne Road, Gisborne
- Malmsbury Common, 96 Mollison Street, Malmsbury
- Gisborne Marshlands, Gisborne Steam Park, New Gisborne Woodend Grassland, 1-27 Forest Street, Woodend
- Hanging Rock Reserve, South Rock Road, Woodend

These changes have taken place following extensive public consultation as part of the development of Council's Domestic Animal Management Plan 2017-2021. For a definition of 'effective control' and a list of off leash areas, including any restrictions in those areas and further information, call (03) 5422 0333 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/dogs

#### **Celebrate Harmony Day in the Macedon** Ranges

Come and join in the celebrations for Harmony Day in March and bring friends and family to celebrate cultural diversity in the Macedon Ranges as part of National Harmony Week.

National Harmony Week is a celebration of inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians.

On Saturday 21 March, from 2pm to 5.30pm, a colourful and lively performance of music and dance will be held at Woodend Children's Park, 12 Nicholson St, in Woodend.

Musicians Joseph Samarani and Saba El-Chiekh, who day performances are experts on the tabla—a wooden hand drum—will Woodend. demonstrate their percussive talents.

There will also be dance workshops in belly dancing, hiphop, Afrofusion and break dancing.

Experience the power of word, song and dance to unite, as these talented performers get together to highlight the richness of our collective cultural heritage.

Tickets are free. For bookings and further information, visit mrscvic.gov.au/arts-events or contact the box office on 1300 888 802, 8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

A dancer rehearses in preparation for Harmony





#### **News from the Shire**



#### **Search Begins for 2020 Youth Ambassadors**

ambassadors and becoming part of the Macedon Ranges each Tuesday at the Kyneton Town Hall. Meetings are held 2020 Youth Ambassadors Program.

The Youth Ambassadors Program is a youth leadership to 21 years from the community and local schools in the au/youth

to develop their leadership potential throughout the year.

The youth ambassadors participate in a diverse range of activities aimed at enhancing their understanding and application of leadership skills on both a local and broader level

The ambassador role also includes representing young people's views and experiences and presenting directly to Council as well as designing and implementing a community project in response to specific youth issues.

The ambassadors also support the planning and delivery of the annual Macedon Ranges Youth Awards that have been running since 2006.

all sectors, including the arts, business and community involvement.

The search is on for young people interested in being youth. The youth ambassador program runs from 4.30pm-6pm fortnightly in term one, weekly in terms two and three, and as needed in term four.

initiative, aimed at bringing together young people aged 15 For more information about the program, visit mrsc.vic.gov.

To obtain an application form for the ambassadors' program, The goal is provide these young people with opportunities email Sarah Day at sday@mrsc.vic.gov.au or call 0436 632



These awards have recognised and celebrated the A group of young people from the 2019 Youth Ambassadors achievements and success of hundreds of young people in *Program*.





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

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

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

#### **RRBATA Update**

Romsey Region Business Marketing be rolled out Romsey Business Marketing Campaign Update Campaign as well as all matters relating to

Last year, supported by Macedon Ranges the promotion of economic growth and the Shire Council's Economic Development and visitor economy in the Romsey region.

welcome to walk,

Tourism Unit, a RRBATA working group was

formed to develop a Romsey region business Lancefield Parkrun

marketing campaign. This will be rolled out Did you know that Parkrun has come to over coming months and will include social Lancefield? Over the past few years, the and print media elements to the campaign. Parkrun phenomenon has grown enormously It aims to promote Romsey businesses in the with free, weekly, 5 km timed runs at 2078 context of other attractions in our region locations around the world. There are RRBATA is grateful for Council's support for 380 locations in Australia - one of these is this potentially valuable initiative. Lancefield Park. All ages and abilities are

Romsey Roundabout Construction

jog or run the 5 km. As all would be aware, construction has Dogs on short leads occurred on the roundabout at the Barry are most welcome Street Main Street intersection. Whilst as long as they there will inevitably be some short-term bring their owners. inconvenience, it is hoped that a safer Parkrun

intersection will result when the project is entirely by volunteers. It starts at 8:00 am completed by mid year. Meanwhile, one each Saturday. Post-run coffee and chat is at of the heritage street lamps needed to be the Aspy in High Street. To register or obtain removed from the intersection's vicinity. more information, check out www.parkrun. RRBATA will liaise with Council as to a site com.au or simply turn up at the start/finish for its relocation. In addition, RRBATA will line just inside the front gate.

have conversations with Council regarding. This is yet another great free "eastern plans for the landscaping in the centre of the corridor" activity to facilitate health, wellbeing roundabout. As it will be the formal entry to and lifestyle in our region - and just up the the "town centre", it is hoped that a great road from Romsey!

aesthetic can be achieved.

#### Christmas in Romsey - Volunteer Thank

#### New MRSC Business Development Officer You

Announced RRBATA's Arts Culture Events working Danielle Findlay has been appointed to the group (ACE) would like to thank the many permanent position of Business Development community members who volunteered to Officer in the Economic Development and assist with the Christmas In Romsey 2019, Tourism Unit at Macedon Ranges Shire especially those who assisted to with the Council. RRBATA looks forward to ongoing installation and removal of the Main Street collaboration with Danni on the soon to Christmas Trees.

#### Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens Bendigo Bank Monthly **Bus Trips**

#### The Spanner Man, Boort

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

We start this year's trips on Wednesday 5th of February Hope to see you soon. with a visit to the Spanner Man in Boort. John Piccoli is the Spanner Man. We will visit his property near Boort and view the wonderful sculptures he has made out of spanners. There are sculptures of a family of deer, a shearer, a pair of fighting stallions, a mallee bull and many more.

Depart: Romsey Mechanics Institute—8.15am – out the front. Lancefield Post Office - 8.30am

Future trips will be:

**4th March Tramboat** – boat trip down the Yarra and

Maribyrnong Rivers, with a visit to Poyntons Nursery.

For further information please contact Eileen on 0412 787 213 or Rae on 0408 338 759.

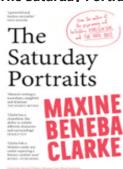
Remember we meet every Monday at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute for lunch, some card games and a chat – everyone welcome. The **second Monday of the month** we have professional cooks prepare a 2-course lunch for just



#### **Library News**

#### **BOOK REVIEWS BY LIBRARY STAFF MEMBER, LAURA MITCHELL:**

#### The Saturday Portraits by Maxine Beneba Clarke



The Saturday Portraits is the latest offering by award-winning Victorian writer Maxine Beneba Clarke. Celebrated for her poetry, short-fiction, memoir and children's books, here Clarke uses the poet's eye to render complex, incisive snapshots of her subjects. The Saturday Portraits is a collection of work originally published in the national weekly newspaper The Saturday Paper. Over the course of four years, Clarke's subjects ranged from actors Hugh Jackman and Alex Dimitriades to Prince and Barack Obama. These are decisively not interviews. Clarke is adamant from the outset that she is not a journalist - she is a writer sketching a character. Part glimmering writing and part instruction manual, The Saturday Portraits is an excellent summer read.

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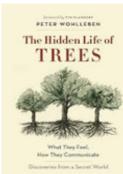
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**Sunday Closed** 

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#### The Hidden Life of Trees by Peter Wohlleben



Did you know that the mycelium of fungi act as a sort of underground 'internet' for trees, allowing them to communicate with each other at distances much longer than their roots alone would allow? Or that when acacia trees in Africa are eaten by giraffes, they fill the air with chemicals that let trees nearby know to start producing chemicals that render their leaves unpalatable to the giraffes? This book is filled with beautiful stories and facts about the trees that we live amongst. It is written simply and accessibly, with the personal touch of an author who has devoted his life to trees in various ways. At a time when humans need to be thinking mindfully of our place in a larger ecosystem, this book is a valuable, engaging and inspiring read.

#### **DIARY DATES**

#### Author talk: Robyn Annear

#### Thursday 13 February, 2-3pm

Local author Robyn Annear shares insights from her new book, a wonderfully entertaining short history about all things second-hand. Nothing New is a treasure store of anecdotes and little-known facts that will intrigue and delight the devoted bargain-hunter and dilettante browser alike! You are encouraged to wear or share an Op Shop treasure.

Bookings required via Eventbrite on our website: www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au or by phoning Romsey Library on 54283 086

#### Online Learning Workshop: How To Use Goldfields Libraries Catalogue and Online **Collections**

#### Wednesday 19 February, 11am

There is so much to discover at your local library. We'll show you what is available and how to access it, even from the comfort of your home!

We asked library staff member, Laura Mitchell, what in nature (if you have a lead on a nice local swimming hole makes her tick. This is what she said.

#### On what you love about your role:

I think the library is such a valuable, important part of the On where you would be right now if not working at Romsey community and I love that I get to be part of that. I love *Library*: incorporate the things I'm passionate about into my work. I maybe there'd be more time spent patting goats! love that I get to build meaningful relationships with people in our community. There's a lot to love about my role!

#### Five words that describe your personality:

Compassionate, creative, thoughtful, a bit odd, cheeky

#### Ways that you unwind:

tinkering in the garden, laughing with friends, spending time island in the Gulf of Finland.

I'd love to hear it), curling up with my ratbag dogs and a book or Netflix.

that I get the opportunity to be creative, and to find ways to I have another job at a local small-scale goat dairy – so

#### On a movie or book, that has had the biggest impact on vour life:

I have to choose Tove Jansson's series of Moomintroll books. They are really dark, magical books for kids - full of strange and sweet characters – like the Hemulen, who wears his aunt's dress and collects plants. Jansson was gay Tinkering in the kitchen, tinkering with a needle and thread, and radically left wing. She lived with her partner on a small



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#### **C.W.A 2020 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

CWA is *not just for older women*; it is for women of any age wanting to be involved in their local community and also be connected to a world-wide organisation of friendship and community care. We have a lot of fun and laughs while being creative and raising funds for community projects. CWA is a volunteer organisation.

Our friendly monthly meeting occurs on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 10.00 am to approx. 12.00 noon.

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

Our first meeting will be at 10.00am on 6th February at the Mechanics' Institute (entry is via the supper-room).

The Centreal Highlands Creative Arts Exhibition will be held at Riddells Creek Community Centre in Main Road, Riddells Creek on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd March.

Morning tea, Lunch and Afternoon tea will be available on both days. Come and see the wonderful craffts that will inspire you.

Our first craft day will be on Thursday 20th February at 10.00am in the supper-room

at the Mechanics' Institute.

Our Romsey Branch participates in various community activities, and we welcome new

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



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 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.rlprobus.org.au

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



#### Auditions, AGM then The Mount Players Head to **Switzerland**



Our first production for 2020 'Switzerland' by Melbourne based playwright, Joanna Murray-Smith opens on Friday 28 February.

'Switzerland' is a two-hander, metaphysical thriller set in the secluded home of Patricia Highsmith, famous author of the Tom Ripley novels. When meek and mild Edward Ridgeway is sent by Highsmith's publisher to coax a new Ripley novel out of her, Patricia takes him in, in spite of her usual reservations. As the two of them begin to flesh out the new book a power struggle plays out between them.

Auditions for our 2nd production, Noel Coward's 'The Vortex' to be staged in May/June will be held on 5 & 9 Feb. A play reading will take place on Wed 29 Jan at 7.00 pm. For further details or to book an audition time call Karlana on 0412 131 260.

Our AGM will be held on Monday 10 February at 7.30pm for nibbles followed by meeting at 8.00 pm at the theatre. For full details on these shows, play reading, auditions and AGM go to www.themountplayers.com

See you at the theatre.

By Karen Hunt

#### SHINE AT ANNUAL VDL AWARDS NIGHT

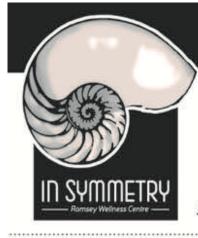
The Mountview Theatre in Macedon capped off a Melbourne Playright, Joanna Murray-Smith. tremendously successful 2019 at the recent Annual Victorian Drama League Awards night in Melbourne.

The Mount Players production of 12 Angry Men, staged in May, won major awards in 4 categories which lead to the ultimate accolade of Best Production for 2019!

Awards included – Best Set Design – Alison Dudon, Best Actor in a Minor Role in a drama – Jarrod Catt, Best Lead Actor in a drama – Adam Gehling. Best Director – Leo Vandervalk & Frank Harvey.

The first production for 2020, Switzerland, will be the The Mount Players entry for 2020. A thriller by acclaimed





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

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Like most sporting clubs RGC has many ADF veterans, hole "Old Course" we held our presentation afternoon. It was a motorised golf buggy to assist these members to continue and activities were highlighted before the presentations. application was successful and, after some research by our The RGC "The Longest Day" team "Old Bull Golf" had a very both their active sporting life and social engagement. Our most canny members, John Freestone and Bruce Robb,



2019 RGC Champions Darlene Baker & Mick Squire

have now motorised buggy to competitions. Anne Thomas for her little lighter this time. donations towards the purchase of the buggy.

disabled and older members. Earlier in 2019 the club great to see many life members in the room enjoying the applied to the **Bendigo Bank** for funds to help us purchase meal and the 2019 presentations. A number of club events

> successful campaign raising just over \$11,500 for Cancer **Research**. Two other teams also completed their "72 holes in a day" at RGC as well. Well done one and all.

assist these members In our December report we noted the arrival of the Long-Billed during club and other Corellas. So far, they have had a peck at a few greens and We really only seriously damaged the 7th and 16th. Traditionally would also like to these birds really rip up at least three greens and damage thank local MLC Mary- many others so perhaps (fingers crossed) we may get off a

RGC turns 100 in 2021, we are currently working towards the centenary celebrations. If anyone has documents, On Dec 21, after a very photographs or other memorabilia the club would be very enjoyable round of pleased to have a lend for our research. All items will be Ambrose over the 12- well cared for and returned immediately after they have been scanned, photographed etc.

#### **RGC Weekly Competition Results:**

Jan 11 - Stroke	Keith Hocking – 98/27/71 C/B John Freestone – 92/21/71, Michael read – 98/26/72 7b John Laing – 101/29/72
Jan 7 - Ambrose	Jenny Hartley/Jan Harver/Colleen Duller – 53/12.44/40.56 from Darlene Baker/ Denise O'Meara/Connie Cecys – 55/12.22/42.78
Jan 4 – 4Ball Multiplier S/ford	Mick Nicholls Jnr (16)/Steve Wilkins (17) – 83 pts from Mick Nicholls Snr (22)/Keith Hocking (28) – 71 pts
Jan 1 - Stableford	Jim Patton (20) – 41 pts from Andrew Clement (11) – 40 pts, Pat Chisholm (12) – 39 pts, John Laing (28) – 38 pts, Scott Williams (16) & John Freestone (21) – 37 pts
Dec 28 - Medal	Chris vanDerVliet – 93/28/65 from Mick Nicholls Jnr – 84/17/67, Keith Hocking – 99/28/71 & Andrew Laing – 94/19/73
Dec 26 - Stableford	Jim Patton (20) – 39 pts from Hugh Drummond (21) – 38 pts and Michael Reid (27) – 38 pts

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



#### Western Water Assisting with Bushfire Recovery Efforts WATER THE TRANSPORT OF THE TRANSPORT



Communities in East Gippsland are set to benefit from specialised water treatment equipment from Western Water, as part of the bushfire recovery work in the region.

Western Water will be providing three 'Siltbuster' clarifier machines to East Gippsland Water to assist with their operations in bushfire affected areas.

The equipment is designed to remove sediment out of water, with the clarifiers combined capable of processing 108,000 litres of contaminated water an hour.

They are a vital addition to treating water sources with high levels of sediment, prior to the water entering a water treatment plant to produce drinking water.

The units were not in active service, so are available for immediate delivery to East Gippsland Water. Western Water staff are also available to help install, commission and operate the machines if required.

South East Water, based in Frankston, is coordinating bushfire aid on behalf of the Victorian water industry to water corporations in impacted regions across the State.

Western Water Managing Director Jeff Rigby said, "we've seen the devastating effects of the recent bushfires across the country, and like all Australians we will provide whatever help we can during the recovery efforts."

Providing the filtering equipment is in addition to the many individual efforts Western Water and its employees are making to support their fellow Victorians during the current fire season.

"Western Water staff have generously donated money and goods to the bushfire appeals, and a number of employees have volunteered their time to relief organisations helping out on the ground," he said.

#### **Romsey Tennis Club News**

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Welcome to the first instalment of news coming out of the For all enquiries please contact Mario Matejcek at Spark Romsey Tennis Club. We hope to keep you updated each Tennis on 0466 227 958 or email to info@sparktennis.com.au month about events happening around our club.

Our aim in 2020 is to get people back playing tennis again or playing for the very first time. We want to see our courts COMPETITIONS being used regularly and new people enjoying playing tennis. This starts with getting kids and families playing tennis.

#### WELCOME SPARK TENNIS

Spark Tennis Coaching team to the Romsey Tennis Club. Spark Tennis will begin coaching lessons at our courts from



the beginning of the school SOCIAL TENNIS & OPEN NIGHTS adult lessons also available. the warmer months. We would love to see the courts full of people enjoying tennis. Tennis is a great social sport for the kids to try!

You can also look up Spark Tennis on Instagram and Facebook

There is currently inter club competition taking place in night tennis on Thursday night, junior tennis on Friday nights or Saturday mornings and midweek ladies on Tuesdays. We would love to see more people involved. If you have a group We are very excited to welcome Mario Matejcek and the of friends who might be keen, why not put a team together? Entries close soon for the upcoming season.

year, providing professional 'Like' and 'Follow' Romsey Tennis Club on Facebook and coaching for all ages and Instagram to keep updated on upcoming events. We will be abilities. They will provide holding weekly Open Nights at the Club with a free sausage group lessons and private sizzle throughout February. We are looking for people who lessons for the kids, with are keen to enjoy a weekly social tennis night at the club over

#### **CONTACTS**

For all enquiries please contact Brett Rees on 0402 865 443 or Deb Rees on 0408 329 603.

#### **Woodend Hanging Rock Pétanque Club**

#### **COMMUNITY DAY SATURDAY 28 TH MARCH**

Should you wish to know more Shirley Marshall is the go to MONDAYS AT TENNIS CLUB PRECINCT WOODEND person. Phone 0412 756 154 for more details.

#### **SUMMER STAR**

We conduct a weekly tally of points as games are played on Thursday nights Hanging Rock. Latest results Rohan Dickson 118, Bob Hickman 114, Barry Droney 112, Bill Salathiel 112, Carol Richards 109, Graham Richards 100, Phone Chinka Steel President 0427 Ruth Giddings 98 and Bev Forsyth 97.

#### WOODEND NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

You will have observed the half page advertisement in this We continue for Monday February 3rd at 10:00am. Go to edition 'Tis a great chance to come and try our game enjoys reception and they will direct you to play. Tuition boules some local entertainment get some goodies and generally available from experienced players, usually 2 hours, have fun.

Come along at 5pm. Have a throw tuition available from experienced players. Boules to throw, jacks to aim, at circles to stand in, all provided.

272 826 for more information

#### An invitation to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against cancer at Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life!

Cancer Survivors and Carers are our guests of honour at Relay Survivor and Carers opening lap and afternoon tea. For Life. The Relay will commence with a special Survivors and Carers lap, to celebrate the lives of cancer Survivors, and to acknowledge the support of their Carers.

Our definition is that you are a **Survivor** from the first day of cancer diagnosis, throughout treatment and through your

Our definition of a **Carer** is that you have cared for someone going through a cancer experience in some way. Timing is irrelevant – you are still considered a Carer even if your loved 2020 one has passed away.

Relay For Life is open to everyone, and Carers are invited 839 050. to walk even if the person they cared for is not attending. Carers to an afternoon tea,

Ranges Relay For Life are asking if you could pass this <a href="site/TR/RelayforLife/CCVIC?pg=entry&fr\_id=5699">site/TR/RelayforLife/CCVIC?pg=entry&fr\_id=5699</a> information onto anyone you think would like to attend the

Please see times below:

Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life 3pm Saturday 29th February 2020 – 10am Sunday 1st March 2020 Lancefield Park, Lancefield.

Opening Ceremony: 3pm (registrations from 2pm) Saturday 29th February 2020

Survivors and Carers lap: 3.10pm Saturday 29th of February

For further information, please contact Sandra Clark on 0421

Following the opening lap we welcome the Survivors and If you're interested in registering a team, joining a team or volunteering please email <u>lancefieldrfl@cancervic.org.au</u>, call 1300 656 585 or visit the Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay The volunteer organising committee for Lancefield/Macedon For Life Facebook page or <a href="http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/">http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/</a>



#### **Encourage Church**

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At Encourage Church, we are all about people. God commands us to love one another and by this shall all men know that we are His. We hope to see you at one of our services or events soon.

Worship service Sunday 10am Fortnightly life groups Youth events Weekly children's program

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#### PASTOR'S PARABLES

DO you really KNOW your VALENTINE?



It would be foolish to say we love a person we had never met. Only a love-struck individual, in love with being in love, would make such a claim. True, we may see someone and be instantly attracted, but until we get to know definitely say whether or not we love them.

The best way of getting to know someone is through personal communication and spending time in each other's company. Only then do we truly learn who they are. Before our personal, unreserved and everlasting that point we can only say we love the 'idea' love. (See 1 John 3:18) of that person.

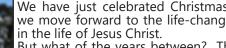
When we first become a Christian, it would be impulsive to say we love God when we know next-to-nothing about Him. True, we may

be instantly attracted to His magnificence, His power and the things He has done and is doing on our behalf. However, until we learn about His character and His beliefs, we are simply love-struck Christians who quickly declare undying love for a Person we know little about.

We get to know God through communication. He talks to us through the Bible (His Word which is alive and powerful). If we study, we will learn about His character and His beliefs. We also get to know God by working with Him (Christian service), talking with Him (prayer), and relaxing with Him (faith in God to solve our problems).

As with all successful relationships, it's about that person, we are not in a position to each party getting to know the other. Our God already knows everything about us (and amazingly still loves us). He has graciously given us an eternity to get to know Him. As we come to know Him, it will soon become evident that God is a perfect candidate for

#### MANGER TO MANHOOD



Luke, in his Gospel gives us a brief glimpse they found him! of His growing years (Luke 2:39-52). Joseph was sitting among the doctors of the Law, and Mary after all their travelling and fulfilling the Jewish Rabbis, "Hearing them and asking of the requirements of The Law in Jerusalem, returned to their own town of Nazareth. It was there that Jesus grew up under the loving care To his mother's anxious questioning, of Joseph and Mary, playing with the other village children, helping Joseph and Mary, 'Son, why have you treated us so.?" Jesus and growing in strength. V.40 "He waxed replied, "Do you not know, I must be about my

knowledge. It is sanctified knowledge. The unique relationship with God the Father child Jesus grew in understanding of the world steeped in The Law and the Prophets, the Old Testament and other writings.

upon Him." One meaning of grace is beauty of character.

The beauty of God's character was reflected in His life because Jesus lived in perfect harmony During January, a simple and beautiful service with the Father.

boyhood of Jesus. When Jesus was twelve years old, he accompanied his parents to Our love and sympathy is given to John and Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of the family at this special time of remembrance. Passover, joining with hundreds of other

pilgrims. Returning home, mingling with friends and family, on the first day out, Mary We have just celebrated Christmas and now and Joseph discovered Jesus was missing, so we move forward to the life-changing events next morning they went back to Jerusalem searching for him, to no avail and the same But what of the years between? The Apostle result on the second day. On the third day In the Temple! them questions" v.46. He was Listening and Inquiring of those who were qualified to teach.

STRONG". His growth was like that of any Father's business?" v.49. These are first words of Jesus recorded in the Gospels. His priorities were clear - to always be doing the Father's "Filled with **WISDOM**". Wisdom is more than will and pleasing Him. He was aware of His

around Him with an awareness of the spiritual There are lessons for us here in following the heavenly world too. His school would have example of the youthful Jesus. Having His been the synagogue school where he was enquiring mind, listening to sound teaching, growing in grace and wisdom as we seek God's Presence, doing His will and the things that please Him. ASH WEDNESDAY, the start "he grew in "GRACE.". "The grace of God was of LENT, 26th Feb. will be an excellent time to start or continue walking in the footsteps of the boy, Jesus.

conducted by the Rev. Judi Pollard, was held in the Rose Garden of the Lancefield Cemetery Luke 2:42. Gives us another glimpse into the for the internment of the ashes of the late Anne Sevenson. Our much-loved Parish Secretary.



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

Correspondent: Doreen Morgan

Parish Office: 5429 1380

Minister: Rev. Judi Pollard Mobile: 0402 268 001 Email: judepol@bigpond.net.au

#### **FEBRUARY 2020 DIARY**

Tues 25th SHROVE TUESDAY - (Pancake Day)

Wed 26th ASH WEDNESDAY 10:00am HOLY COMMUNION -Christ Church, Lancefield and 7:00pm HOLY COMMUNION - St. Paul's, Romsey.

#### **Macedon Ranges Uniting Church Partnership Contacts**

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Rev. Peter Cannon Ph. 9746 3454 or 0418 570 013 Ministers: Pastor Annette Buckley Ph. 5429 5351 or 0457 608 539

> Rev. Linda Young Ph. 0412 137 783

**World Day of Prayer** 

This year the World Day of Prayer country is Zimbabwe. The planning meeting for this will be held at the Romsey Uniting Church Meeting room at

10am on Friday, 7th February, 2020.

Anyone is welcome to attend this planning meeting.

The World Day of Prayer service will be held at the Romsey Uniting Church on Friday 6th March, 2020 at 11am. All welcome. There will be a light lunch after the service.

#### 2020 **Our New Year:**

When the tinsel and decorations are gone When resolutions for improvement are made When we return to work and earn our rewards, We strive to live as Christ did live, for we know that all Wise men still search for Christ. We come to worship, we strive to serve And provide support where the need we see. Now we commit our lives Into the hands of our God, The Saviour of all mankind.

Romsey Church Services & Activities during February 2020

Monday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th 2pm 'Cuppa at the Church'. Sunday 2nd 9am Worship Service.

Wednesday 5th 6pm Church Council meeting at David Strack's.

Friday 7th 10am World Day of Prayer Planning Meeting.

Sunday 9th 10.45am Worship & Holy Communion at Lancefield.

Wednesday 12th 1.30pm UCAF meeting.

Sunday 16th 9am Worship Service.

Sunday 23rd 9am Worship & Holy Communion at Romsey.

#### **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

Saturday 25th April ANZAC Day

#### ROSARY

Saturdays 9:45am Romsey

#### RECONCILIATION

By arrangement.

#### **BAPTISMS**

2020 - Romsey Church - April 19th, June 21st, August 2nd, October 4th & December

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

For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

#### **SACRAMENTS**

Registrations are now open for all Sacraments to be received in 2020. Please send your details to the secretary at lancefield@cam. org.au to register your child. Reconciliation Yr 3, Eucharist Yr 4 & Confirmation Yr 6. Reconciliation registrations needed as a matter of urgency as the program starts in February.



#### The Uniting Church in Australia

#### **Macedon Ranges Partnership**

Romsey Congregation 25 Pohlman Street, Romsey. 3434 (P.O. Box 264)

> Chairperson Mr. Noel Shaw 5429 5509

Secretary Mrs. Jenifer Clampit 5429 5480

Let the peace of Christ rule in vour 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**

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lancefield@cam.org.au

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Secretary	5429 1359	
School	www.smlancefield.catholic.	
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#### **PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

Monday 9th March Labour Day Friday 10th April Good Friday Saturday 11th April Saturday before Easter Sunday Sunday 12th April Easter Sunday Monday 13th April Easter Monday

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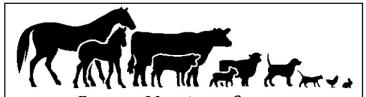
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We will still be offering one off advertising and articles/reports

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#### Field limit - 22 teams.

Entries close:

Noon, Wed, February 19th (Entries on the day if field permits)

es to: RGC Sec -Ph; 0400 768 040 or secretary@romseygolfclub.net

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## Romsey



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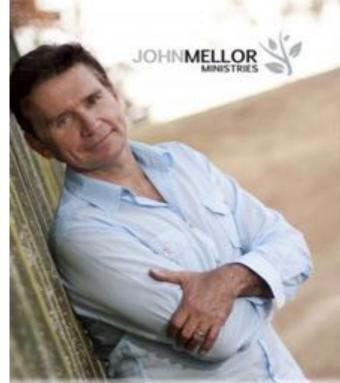
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