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What an amazing December and January

- The town looked great with all the business and community group Christmas trees
- A top effort by everyone involved to get the trees cleaned up and packed away
- A stunning result in the Men's Ashes, the Women's Ashes still to come
- The annual craziness of the Men's BBL
- The beginning of the 2022 AFLW
- Some top tennis is Sydney and Adelaide
- Troubles before the start of the Australian Open and then some amazing Aus Open tennis for us to watch and the media to commentate on

We are now a month into the new year, everyone is trying their darndest to get back to a more normal life. We are all hoping for children/young people off to school/uni/ trade school and parents off to work. *"We welcome the new residents of Romsey and wish them well in our lovely town."* We have all gone through two tough years and this year, 2022, should be our year of steady progress out of the pandemic.

To help everyone out we, the Romsey Rag have decided to keep our *"Not For Profit Memberships"* at the same as way back in 2017 and we have reduced, for this year only, all charges for advertising and *"For Profit Memberships"*. We hope that these reductions in charges will assist our local businesses to move forward as we exit the pandemic.

A full list of the 2022 only charges is on page 16 of this edition of the RR.

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Romsey Mechanics' Institute



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2022 Movie Nights

By now many community groups will have received a letter informing them that the RMI has the technology to show films, courtesy of a grant from the Bendigo Bank. The RMI is able to subsidise four of these film events during 2022, assisting to cover the hire of the hall and hire of the film/s. This subsidy will help community groups to keep ticket prices down and attract more people to the show. Groups will also be able to raise funds by running a canteen in the RMI. These nights will be a terrific opportunity for groups to raise their profile within the community, attract new members and make a few much needed dollars. *Once your group receives the letter please act quickly as there are only four events that we can subsidise.*

Covid-19 restrictions

Currently we have a "1 person per 2m²" occupancy limit so the capacity of the main hall is 84. Other rooms also have a 50% capacity. All users are still required to QR Code in, use hand sanitiser.

Rosella Chicks

Late in 2021 we received a call from the Senior Citizens to tell us that there were some strange noises coming from the fireplace in their room. Once the cover was taken away we were confronted with a sound like a fire siren as five rosella chicks all calling in unison. Their nest had been on the top of the chimney and strong winds had sent it and them down to the fireplace. A quick trip to the Mitre-10 store to pick up a hanging basket, add some straw and all the chicks were relocated to a nearby tree. Mum and dad were seen on the fence close to the new nest.



The Rosella Chicks in the fireplace.

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Remember the Permanent Water Saving Rules this summer

Greater Western Water is reminding residents to use water wisely over summer to help conserve water.

Typically, water use across the region is much higher during the spring/summer months due to residents tending to their gardens, greening their lawns, or filling their pools.

Under the current Permanent Water Saving Rules you can:

- Water your garden or lawn with a watering can, bucket or hand-held hose with a trigger nozzle at any time.
- Water your garden or lawn with a watering system such as a sprinkler only between 6pm and 10am.
- Wash your car with a bucket, hand-held hose with a trigger nozzle or high-pressure cleaning device at any time.
- Use water for a fountain or water feature only if it recirculates water.



Permanent Water Saving Rules don't apply to recycled water, greywater, bore water, or tank water unless it's mixed with the drinking water supply.

Greater Western Water also offers great water-saving tips on their website, including how to choose water-efficient lawns and plants for your garden.

Find out more about the Permanent Water Saving Rules, along with plenty of water-saving tips, at gww.com.au.



Edgy Veg Awards 2022

Best vanilla slice award? How many hundreds of bakeries lay claim to that prize? But there is a new prize in town for the cafés and pubs of the Macedon Ranges, The Edgy Veg award. Only one venue this year will get to wear the crown for the best plant-based dish, as voted by you the customer. This is an Australian first, happening in your local neighbourhood.

Around 20 of the most innovative and creative cafes and pubs in the Macedon Ranges will take part, and customers will get to comment and vote on the featured dishes over the Autumn Festival from March 25th through to April 26th.

Kyneton's beloved Homegrown on Piper was the first café to submit a dish, *Greens Galore: Two golden potato rostis with pea smash, sautéed broccoli, brussel sprouts, kale and chard. Accompanied with sautéed garlic and thyme mushrooms, avocado, all drizzled with salsa verde and topped with sprinkled with soy pepitas.* Wow! This is just one of many dishes on offer.

All the dishes will feature on The Edgy Veg Trail, a map showing where to sample great plant based food in the Macedon Ranges during the Autumn Festival. It is aimed to attract locals and tourists alike. Armed with this map of all the venues in the ranges with plant-based dishes, why not impress your friends from the city by taking them to some of our fantastic eateries. It's a perfect way to get out and show your support for local businesses too.

You will be able to pick up a copy of the map at any Macedon Ranges tourist information centre, or view it online from the website here veg.mrsg.org.au/edgy-veg-awards

And you can vote on dishes here as well.

Plant-based dishes are not only great for your health but for the planet too: according to a MedAlertHelp statistic if everyone went vegan, the world's emissions related to food would drop 70% by 2050! So why not utilise the expertise of our local chefs and try a plant-based dish today.





Romsey Golf Club Inc.
14th Charity Golf Day
Sun Feb 20th 2022
The "Old Course"

Four Player Ambrose

Proceeds to "Puddle's Team" for the 2022 Lancefield & Macedon Ranges Relay For Life
9.30 am for 10.00 am hit-off

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Field limit - 22 teams.

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Romsey - Lancefield Probud Club

Welcome to frienship

For active retirees or semi-retired people, the Romsey/Lancefield Probud Club is a chance to relax and enjoy welcoming company of those at the same stage of life – we meet each month, and go on trips and lunches.

We meet on the 4th Thursday each month to catch-up with new and old friends over morning tea and hear guest speakers on a variety of topics.

Our first meeting for 2022 is on Thursday, 24th February at 10.00 am in St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey.

Guest Speaker:
Faye Woodhouse, Author.

Everyone is subject to current Covid regulations.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 24th March, 2022.

Contact: _____

President/Vice President & Secretary:
Tony 0408 536 290
Visit our WEB-Site: www.rlprobud.org.au

Romsey Police Station

Hello Romsey,

We hope everybody had a safe and happy holiday period. Most of you will have noticed the changed posted speed limit on Melbourne-Lancefield Road between Monegeetta and Clarkefield. What was previously 100 is now 60 for a stretch of a few kilometres. We have been intercepting and educating drivers ensuring awareness of the change with most already doing the right thing. For those interested, the penalty for continuing at 100 in a 60 zone is a \$772 fine and a 6-month loss of licence. Unfortunately, we have no inside word on how long the new limit will remain in place.

Recent crime and other local incidents include a car stolen from outside an address at Main Street, Romsey. The vehicle has since been recovered by police after it was located nearby with the male driver fleeing on foot. The investigation is continuing.

Further, there was a house fire in Newnham drive, Romsey which thankfully was unoccupied at the time. The fire has been deemed non-suspicious and is believed to have been caused by an electrical fault.

A male has had his firearms licence cancelled and guns seized after a joint investigation between Romsey Police and Forrest and Wildlife officers from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP). The male is alleged to have been shooting protected wildlife within a residential area near the Romsey CBD. He is expected to be charged by way of summons and will face court in the coming months.

We have also had a small number of burglaries and thefts from rural properties including the theft of a battery powered chainsaw from a Black Range Road address.

Please don't hesitate to contact police with any information about these incidents or other criminal activity.

I'll end on a lighter note with a joke suggested by Senior Constable S. BOWEN; What is a police officer when they go to bed? An undercover cop!



Senior Constable Marshall Caldwell



The Romsey Mens Shed welcomes members, present and new for the 2022 new year.

We have previously been open two days a week though open hours will now be extended to include Saturday mornings. Saturdays commence from the 5th February from 9 am to 12 noon and will focus on workshop activities including wood work, metal work and automotive.

- Tuesdays are open from 10 am to 2 pm for workshop activity and projects or just a chance to catch up with other shed members.
- Thursdays features our luncheon for members and guests from about 11 am (five dollar contribution).

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

We welcome potential members to visit the shed and have a look at what is on offer. We show potential members around the two work areas – woodwork and engineering/automotive - if they are seeking a hobby. And the kitchen/meals area is there for coffee and a chat. Not all of us want to be “hands on”. We plan to expand the “breakout” area over time and build a small stock of books and references.

The “Shed” is in Romsey Park situated between the Lions and Scouts in Barry Street.

We operate in a Covid safe manner. Most members are retired or semi-retired, but membership is open to men of all ages.

Membership forms: Romseymys@gmail.com or at the shed.

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CLUB NIGHTS

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Raising teenage boys in the Macedon Ranges

Are you the parent or carer of a teenage boy in the Macedon Ranges?

Starting next month, a series of workshops will provide some practical tools to help you strengthen the relationship between you and your teenager. Workshop facilitators, Tomorrow Man will take a group of local parents and carers through an immersive journey, exploring the impact that harmful, outdated masculine stereotypes can have on boys, and subsequently, men.

In the six weekly online workshops the group will come together with expert facilitators to explore how harmful stereotypes can impact the health and wellbeing of not only the boys in their life but also the wider community. While reflecting on what has shaped their own personal beliefs about gender and stereotypes, they will learn some key tools, mindsets, and strategies to support boys on their journey to adulthood. Boys are masters at disengaging, so each week new skills will be shared on how to improve communication with them and how to foster a deeper sense of connection and understanding with them. Time will be allocated for the group to reflect and share their experiences, challenges and tips.

"Tomorrow Man's mission is to smash the straight jacket of traditional male stereotypes," says Ryder Jack principal facilitator of the workshops. ***"We aim to empower men and boys to re-define a healthier version of masculinity for themselves that will positively impact them and those they love."***

Previous workshops have had great results with 93% of participants saying they have more confidence to have honest conversations with other men. ***"People report that they feel more able to reach out to someone they think is struggling as well as feeling more confident in reaching out if they need help themselves,"*** says Ryder.

This free program is brought to you by Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health with funding support from VicHealth, Central Victorian Primary Care Partnership, and Community Bank Gisborne & District.

To register: www.surveymonkey.com/r/raisingboysinMR

ANIMAL FACTS

The only domestic animal not mentioned in the Bible is the cat.

Seymour Cottage – were you one of the ‘Friends of the Cottage’ in the 1980s, 1990s or 2000s?

As readers are aware, the Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society received a Living Heritage Grant from Heritage Victoria in 2021. The money was awarded to enable the Society to engage heritage consultants to write three reports: a Conservation Management Plan, a Garden Conservation Plan and a Structural Report. These reports are the first step toward restoration of the Cottage – we can't begin fundraising to restore the Cottage until we know how much money we need!

The consultants have begun their work which is very exciting! However, we have received a few questions from the people working on the Conservation Management Plan. The purpose of this plan is to tell the full story of the history of the Cottage. They are asking us if we have photographs of the Cottage both prior to 1982 and from the early days of the Society's ownership. The Society holds newsletters and reports of the 'Friends' activities but we feel there might be more photographs and other material held by local Romsey and Lancefield residents.

In particular, does anyone have memories, family stories or photographs of the sheds that once existed on



the property, a photograph of Mrs Allen's car parked in the house, or anything else of interest?

If you have any such photographs or memories of the Cottage prior to 1982 – or afterwards as part of the 'Friends' group, we would love to know so that we can pass this information on to the consultant. This Cottage is very important to the history of Romsey and we are keen to know the full story. If you could help at all with reminisces or photographs, we would be extremely grateful.

Fay Woodhouse 0427 042 753

Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA)

| Christmas In Romsey THANK YOU

Bendigo Bank Christmas In Romsey 2021 was a wonderful success! Although the Community Carols event did not go ahead, the Lights and Decorations Competition, Main Street Christmas Trees Installation (thanks to Romsey Mitre 10) and Building Illuminations Evenings (thanks to Macedon Ranges Shire Council).

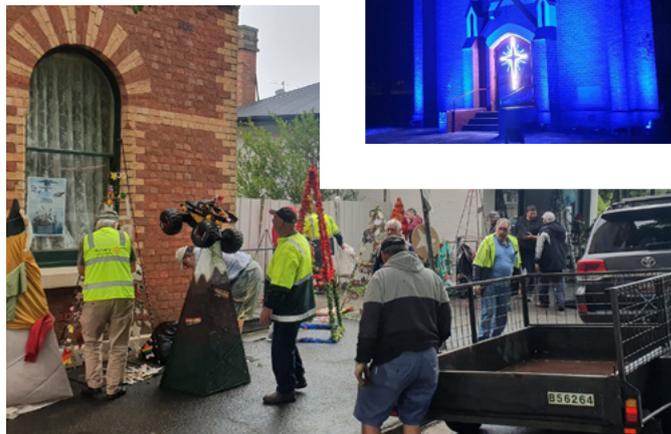
In addition to these wonderful supporters, RRBATA would like to acknowledge the help from:

Romsey Men's Shed – help to install and coordinate the huge pack down of the Main Street Christmas Tree installation!

Lancefield Romsey Lion's Club – removal of Christmas lights from the Main Street Christmas Trees

Romsey Mowers – providing a cherry picker to decorate the large Community Christmas Tree

Newnham Earthmoving – transporting the large community tree to and from Main Street, and storing it during the year.



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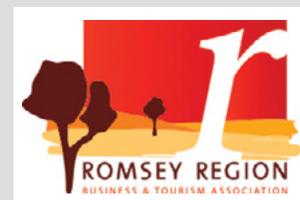
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Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens

Bendigo Bank Monthly Bus Trips

Welcome back. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and were able to catch up with family and friends. Our weekly sessions have started back in our club rooms at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute.

Hopefully on our first bus trip of the year, held on **Wednesday February 2nd**, we will have a trip down to **Sorrento** and heading across to **Queenscliff** on the ferry. Lunch will be at the hotel down that way.



Depart: Lancefield Post Office - 9am

**Romsey Mechanics Institute
- 9.15am - out the front.**

Remember, we meet every Monday at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute for lunch, for just \$5 – everyone is more than welcome.

We will be having our roast meal, provided by **Old Mates Café**, during February in our meeting room at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute. Join us for this beautiful meal, roast, veggies and dessert, all for \$10. If you are interested in joining us this day, please contact Helen or Rae (for catering numbers and date).

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

Hope to see you soon.



C.W.A. 2021 STATE THEMES:

THEME: Engage, Support, Challenge.

Product/Resource:
Grasses – Not just lawn.

Country of Study:
Indigenous Australia.

Thanksgiving Fun: Endometriosis Research through the Jean Hailes Medical Centre for Women.

State Project: CWA of Vic. Inc. IT and Systems Upgrade and Maintenance.

Social Issues Focus:
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For any further information please call:

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Romsey Branch of C.W.A. Inc

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. With our fun craft days on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 10am. Both meetings are held in the supper room (side entrance) of the Romsey Mechanics Institute, Main Street, Romsey. Examples of crafts we do are: knitting, sewing, crochet, cooking, beading, paper-craft.

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

Happy New Year to everyone. At CWA we are looking forward to the coming year and what we have planned.

Thank you to everyone who visited our stall outside IGA in December. What a successful day it was. Congratulations to Beryl Cole winning our Christmas raffle.

As a branch we held our first meeting in January and even though we had a few members away or unavailable it was a very productive day where we planned the year ahead.

During the month of February, we will be participating in our Central Highlands group Annual meeting. dates and venue still to be finalized.

Our next meeting is on the 2nd of February in the supper room of the RMI Hall from 10am. Visitors are welcome.

We would love to see new faces.

This month's Recipe:

LEMON FINGERS:

Ingredients:

- 170g Cophero
- 1 Cup icing sugar
- 1 level dessertspoon lemon rind
- 225g Morning Coffee Biscuits
- 1 tin Condensed milk
- 2 cups coconut
- Juice of 2 lemons.

Method:

- Melt cophero, add milk, sugar, coconut, rind and juice, mix well. Line a slab tin with glad bake and place 1/2 the biscuits side by side, cover with the mixture, then place rest of biscuits on top. Ice with lemon icing. Store in refrigerator until set. Cut into fingers.



ROMSEY/LANCEFIELD RSL SUB BRANCH



The RSL again participated in the Christmas Tree Decoration.

A thankyou to John McCosker for decorating the tree.

The winners of the Christmas Hamper Raffle were:

- **1st Prize:** Margaret McLennan
- **2nd Prize:** Joan Donovan, and
- **3rd Prize:** Gary from Springfield, he collected the hamper a couple of days later

Thank you to all members who supported the raffle



John McCosker and RGG Lancefield Market December 18 2021.

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday February 22, AGM in the Seniors room 1800 hours (please bring a plate). If you have any agenda items, please send them to John Horan for inclusion at the meeting. Any agenda item should reach John by 7th February.



Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke

Well, everyone has eaten a hamburger at some time in their life. And many of us have cooked a meat pattie and assembled it with lettuce and tomato into a buttered bun (some with sliced beetroot). But today I'm going to suggest chicken mince and a concoction of other things to make miniature hamburgers or, more correctly, small chicken burgers.

But before the recipe idea let me tell you of my adventures in Tassie many years ago. I was in Hobart's Sandy Bay Area one morning, and my daily run took me along the promenade which flanked the sand making a beach which circled the sparkling water of Sandy Bay. Grouped on the sand was a bunch of bikies, their leather jackets resplendent with frightening symbols of their Club's emblem. As I jogged past, nose in the air, they yelled out "Hey, cookie - come and cook our bloody breakfast for us!"

I tried to ignore them but they kept yelling and made a move to stop me. Stop I did! "We've pinched these bloody 'amburger patties and need 'em cooked up, an' we reckon you're the boy to do the job."

I blanched, then noticed some nasturtiums growing along the beach wall. "Sure, guys," I said, poking their fire. "You blokes pick those flowers there while I cook the patties and butter the buns."

When the patties were cooked, I slapped them between the bun halves, decorating each with a handful of bright red and yellow flowers.

I then jogged off leaving these bearded, chain and leather clad toughs happily eating stolen patties and nasturtium flowers. They were too busy eating to notice my smile of relief as I fled the scene. But now, back to our mini chicken burgers.

MINI CHICKEN BURGERS.

RECIPE

Ingredients

- 8 burger buns, split in half
- 400g chicken mince
- 1/4 cup dry breadcrumbs
- 3 shallots, very finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/3 cup tomato sauce
- Olive oil, for shallow frying
- Enough hummus to butter each bun
- 100g thinly sliced Cheddar cheese, cut into 24 squares (3cm x 3cm)
- 24 baby rocket leaves (stems removed) torn into 2.5cm pieces
- 12 baby gherkins cut into thin slices, enough hummus to 'butter' each bun.

Method

1. Using a 4 cm cutter, stamp out rounds from the burger buns. You will need 24 tops and 24 bottoms.
2. Combine the mince, breadcrumbs, chopped shallots, mustard, Worcestershire sauce, 1 tablespoon of the tomato sauce and a little salt and pepper in a bowl. Divide the mixture into 24 golf ball size portions and, with wet hands, shape them into patties.
3. Heat the frying pan with enough oil to just cover the bottom and cook the patties over a medium heat for about 1 minute on each side, or until they're cooked through, then place on a baking tray.
4. Lightly grill both halves of the mini burger buns then spread them with hummus. Top each patty with a slice of cheese and grill for half a minute - until the cheese just starts to melt. Put the patties on the bottom halves of the burger buns, top with the rocket, gherkins and remaining tomato sauce. Gently press on the top half of the burger bun and secure with a small wooden skewer.

Serve and enjoy.

Just a few more thoughts on our Mini Chicken Burgers - the top and bottom buns don't have to be round. If you want to use a ciabatta roll, for instance, cut small squares, or do the same with Turkish bread, or whatever takes your fancy.



Romsey Ecotherapy Park UPDATE

The final countdown to completion is on!

Just prior to Christmas, Romsey Ecotherapy Park Inc (REP) committee members were privy to a site visit with Council's Project Manager, Nick Dodd. The progress being made is now very significant with construction areas taking shape with identifiable features. Despite COVID lockdowns and weather incidents, landscaper CommercialScapes is still on track to complete construction by mid 2022.

"Portal" Progress

A recent visit to Brigit Heller's studio in Lancefield found Brigit at work on her sculpture, "Portal", which will be located at the north western entry to Romsey Ecotherapy Park.

Keep up with the progress of all of the art installations (including more "sneak peaks") and the Park's construction progress in general on Romsey Ecotherapy Park Inc's social media!

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| Team News!

Michael O'Gormon, our Senior Branch Manager, resigned his position effective December 31 to pursue an opportunity at another community bank. Michael had been with our branch teams for approximately 8 years and we thank him for his contribution to our success and wish him all the best in his new role. The appointment of a new Senior Branch Manager will be announced in the future.

| Scholarships 2022 Closing Date February 18, 2022

Our 2022 Scholarship Program is currently open with applications closing Friday, February 18, 2022. There are six scholarships available – two for Bachelor Degree studies, two for TAFE studies and two financial bursaries for either tertiary or TAFE studies. Head to www.communityenterprisefoundation.com.au and search for Lancefield and Romsey Community Scholarship application.

| Annual General Meeting

In accordance with corporate regulations, Lancefield and Romsey Community Financial Services Ltd held it's AGM at Romsey Hub on Thursday, November 25, 2021. Directors Rob Bryant and Suzie Ewart were re-elected to the Board. Tracey Costar retired from the Board and her role as Treasurer, and this vacancy is currently being recruited.

| "Defibs For Life"

We are pleased to announce that we are installing defibrillators at both our Lancefield and Romsey branches adjacent to our ATMs for public access 24 hours a day. Regrettably, our plans for a community event in celebration of the 20th year anniversary of the opening of our Lancefield branch were cancelled due to Covid. These 'Defibs For Life' are a gift from your Community Bank in recognition of this wonderful achievement and a "thank you" for both communities support.

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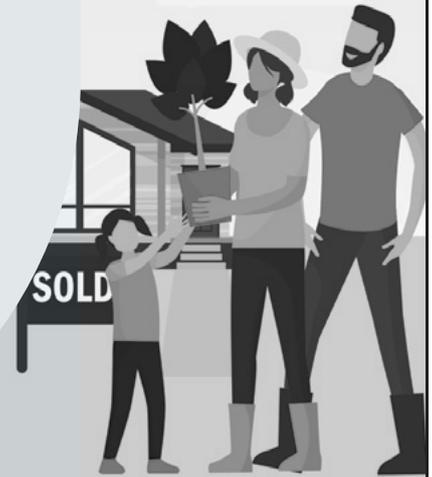
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Lancefield and Romsey

Community Forum

We are interested in your ideas as to what services & facilities our communities in Lancefield & Romsey need, and how we can assist through our Community Investment Program.

When Monday 21 February 2022

Time 7.30pm

Where Romsey Mechanics Institute, Main Street, Romsey

RSVP essential. Email bronwynms@lrcfsl.com.au or call 0439992219.



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Autumn Festival

Planning for the 2022 Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival (26 March to 25 April) is charging ahead, promising a fantastic program that celebrates the area's uniqueness with events, activities, nature experiences, autumn produce and creativity across the shire.

Along with the outstanding events program, the region's food and wine businesses will be front and centre presenting the best of the Macedon Ranges' local produce via Eat and Drink promotions and the inaugural Autumn Pie and Tart Trail.

It's not too late to get on the program. Submit your autumn inspired activity, food or drink on Council's website mrsc.vic.gov.au/autumn-fest to be considered.

For more information on 2022 Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival, visit www.visitmacedonranges.com/autumn-festival

Ecological Burns - The benefits Tuesday 8 March 2022, 7pm to 10pm

Ecological planned burning is a land management tool applied to promote positive benefits for a local environment. These benefits include stimulating dormant seed banks in the soil profile, reducing the vigour or eliminating weeds, nutrient cycling and the removal of biomass... all of which promote biodiversity and ecosystem health.

Our talk will explore how ecological burning is undertaken in Local Government and how this can be applied to other contexts.

To find out more and register, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/healthy-landscapes or call 5422 0333.

Immunisation Sessions

Council provides free immunisations as set out by the National Immunisation Program. Our immunisation sessions are held each month on the first Thursday in Gisborne, Kyneton and Woodend and on the third Tuesday in Riddells Creek and Romsey. For more information visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/immunisations

Please note: Council is not a COVID-19 vaccination provider.

ROMSEY 

Neighbourhood House

Welcome Back to 2022

**Term 1 brochure
is out now**

**Huge range of courses and activities to enjoy.
For more information, visit the House or Romsey
Co-op for term brochure, call 5429 6724 or
visit <https://romseynh.corsizio.com>**



Volunteers Needed

Ever considered being more involved in your local community and giving back to a greater cause? Volunteers, we need you!! Get involved now in a huge range of different initiatives aimed at supporting our local community through Romsey Neighbourhood House.

- Interested in retail - help to run our community co-op store.
- Enjoy helping others - be involved in our community support initiative.
- Enjoy cooking - help to prepare meals.
- Enjoy anything admin or social media- be part of our admin team.
- Enjoy driving - be part of our community transport project to name a few

Heaps more ways to..... Be Part Of It!!

Moveable fencing and water for stock Thursday 3 March 2022, 7pm to 9pm

Come along to a farm visit in Gisborne. We will be investigating the use of a KiwiTech movable fence and trough system, which is used to improve grazing management.

To find out more and register, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/healthy-landscapes or call 5422 0333.

Learn to Swim

Swimming lessons teach essential life and safety skills that can be learned all year round. Children learn through repetition and Council's Learn to Swim programs will help further develop your child's skills, confidence and knowledge around all things aquatic.

Lessons are held at our two aquatic centres, for more information, contact:

- Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre on 5421 1477 or email ksacfts@mrsc.vic.gov.au
 - Gisborne Aquatic Centre on 5421 1452 or email gispoolcman@mrsc.vic.gov.au
- Enrolments accepted all year round.

Healthy Landscapes

The Practical Regenerative Agricultural Communities program is offering a range of workshops in February and March to help you improve your land, soil, water and livestock. The program is being delivered as a partnership between Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Hepburn Shire Council, the City of Greater Bendigo, A Healthy Coliban Catchment project (North Central Catchment Management Authority and Coliban Water), Melbourne Water and the Upper Campaspe Landcare Network.

Horses - How to graze them in a sustainable way Sunday 6 February 2022, 10am to 12pm

Learn how to graze your horse in a sustainable way.

To find out more and register, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/healthy-landscapes or call 5422 0333.

Volunteer at a Visitor Information Centre

We currently have over 65 volunteers registered between our two Visitor Information Centres in Kyneton and Woodend. Volunteers are a valued part of our tourism team.

Visitor Information Centre Volunteers The volunteer role includes responding to visitor enquiries face to face and over the telephone, providing detailed information about the region and surrounds. The minimum time commitment is two shifts per month, 9am to 1pm or 1pm to 5pm.

Extensive training is provided to all of our volunteers to assist them in their role which includes providing excellent customer service and local product knowledge to visitors.

During the year volunteers are invited to attend events and training workshops including information sessions, meetings and Local Learning Tours. These are an opportunity to connect and meet with other volunteers, tourism operators and staff.

Download the Visitor Information Centre Position Description (DOCX, 159KB) for further information.

To register your interest please complete the form below and a Tourism Officer will contact you shortly or phone 1800 244 711.



MRSC Water Play: Have your say: water play facilities at our pools

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is seeking feedback about water play facilities at Council's indoor aquatic centres and outdoor pools to help guide future planning and upgrades.

Director Assets and Operations, Shane Walden encouraged residents to provide feedback to help Council ensure future improvements meet community needs.

"Interactive water play spaces are increasingly popular, family-friendly spaces."

"We're keen to find out how the existing facilities are currently being used, and what you'd like to see available at our pools in the future," he said.

To have your say, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay or call 5422 0333.

Printed copies of the survey are also available at Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre, Gisborne Aquatic Centre, and the Woodend and Lancefield outdoor pools.

The survey closes at 11.59pm on Thursday 24 February 2022.

Know Your Local Weeds! - Deep Creek Landcare



Weeds are a perennial problem in this big brown land of ours. Even in my own garden. A few years ago I planted some Californian Poppies. Poppies alright! They pop up everywhere!

Blackberries have become particularly weedy along Deep Creek. In 1858, Ferdinand Von Mueller, the Victorian Government Botanist cultivated blackberries at the Melbourne Botanic Gardens. He scattered their seeds in the bush, not knowing how wildly they would grow. The blackberry's thick, prickly growth has been almost impossible to stop.

Gorse, similarly, is a dense, thorny European shrub introduced in the early 1800s to create hedgerows. It spread out of control, and is one of Australia's worst weeds because of its invasiveness, potential for spread, and economic and environmental impacts. Thickets increase fire risk, provide shelter for pests, and dramatically reduce pasture stocking rates.

Any two or more neighbouring landholders can apply for funding of small-scale gorse control projects. The Victorian Gorse Taskforce will cover half of their costs, up to a maximum of \$1000. Application is through Landcare groups, with applications open in April.

Chilean Needle-grass (*Nassella neesiana*) is also here. It is a noxious weed in Victoria, coming in 1930's and 1940's from South America. The earliest Victorian record is from Northcote in 1934.

It is "extremely invasive grassy weed as each square metre of infestation produces 12,000 seeds, it can quickly degrade native grasslands and pastures. Chilean Needle-grass is a master of disguise." Ain't that the truth! It looks similar to other grasses – especially Australian speargrass - and blends into the landscape. On Chilean Needle-

grass, at the junction of the seed and the awn (tail of the seed) there is a raised crown (corona), a ridge of small teeth encircling the awn. Speargrass seeds don't have a corona.

The seeds are needle sharp and can easily pierce the hides of the toughest animal. Some farmers have been forced to stop grazing sheep. Land management practices have led to its rapid spread eg. On roadsides slashed during the flowering season.

Another South American import, Serrated Tussock (*Nassella trichotoma*) was first recorded in Broadmeadows in 1954. The Victorian Serrated Tussock Working Party is working with property owners to the west of Romsey as well as Bolinda, Gisborne, Riddells Creek, Clarkfield, Toolern Vale and Monegeeta regions.

Weeds require us to be vigilant and prepared to do what we can to limit their devastation. It will be a long battle that we simply must win.

In autumn, Deep Creek Landcare Group will be planting a substantial number of local native trees and shrubs along Deep Creek. Have you heard of the Grow Locals Nursery in Woodend? Hopefully this will encourage us to grow local plants throughout the Macedon Ranges.

We have nesting boxes for bats, birds and phascogales for sale from \$25. We also have Myna bird traps to lend out. Landcare membership is \$20 per family. You can follow us on facebook, contact our President, Phil Severs (0476 324 000) or attend our monthly meetings in the Lancefield Mechanics Hall.



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Nature Stewards 2022 Programs



Local people learning about and acting for their environment

The Nature Stewards program offers a 10-week introductory environmental education program for adults. It focusses on Victorian and local ecosystems and exploring opportunities to get active for nature at home and in the local community. Experienced facilitators deliver the weekly 3-hour class, along with specialist guest topic, environmental volunteer, industry, and tertiary education presenters in class and in the field. The program is open to anyone 18 years or over with an interest in learning more about their local environment, meeting other like-minded people, getting involved in environmental volunteering and citizen science, professional development, or considering a change of career.

OUR MISSION

The Nature Stewards program promotes environmental literacy and stewardship of nature through discovery, action, and ongoing learning. The program directly supports participants in training and volunteering, thereby generating benefits for the wider community and the environment.

BENEFITS OF BECOMING A NATURE STEWARD

- Increase your knowledge of Victorian and local ecology
- Strengthen social connections within your local Indigenous and wider community
- Give your wellbeing a boost through time spent in nature with like-minded people
- Gain confidence, knowledge, and skills to support private property management and volunteer site works
- Meet and learn from passionate environmental experts
- Participate in class and field sessions in a friendly group setting that feeds your curiosity and passion for nature
- Explore new interests and career opportunities in the environmental sector



CURRICULUM TOPICS

- Welcome to Country, Nature Stewards in context, benefits of being in nature
- Indigenous perspectives and care of Country
- Looking after nature
- Environmental Interpretation
- Ecosystems
- Geology and soils
- Flora and fungi
- Fauna
- Waterways and water life
- Seasons, climate, climate change, fire ecology
- Volunteering locally and next steps

LOCATIONS, TIMES, DATES, COST

Programs run on weeknights and/or Saturdays. Fees are low and depend on location, concession eligibility, and host subsidy.

See website for specific program information <https://www.outdoorsvictoria.org.au/nature-stewards/>

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2022 Not-For-Profit Community Group Memberships

Not-For-Profit 1 (\$50.00 pa.)

- Up to five (5) monthly 300 – 350 word ½ page reports (reports may be edited to fit the ½ page space).
- One 1/4 page Ad/flyer (black & white) per year.

Not-For-Profit 2 (\$100.00 pa.)

- Up to eleven (11) monthly 300 – 350 word ½ page reports, (reports may be edited to fit the ½ page space).
- One ½ page or two 1/4 page Ad/event flyers (black & white) per year.

If a Not-For-Profit Community group would like to submit a one-off ½ page report or flyer the charge will be \$25.00. (Please list your membership when using this option)

2022 BUSINESS MEMBERSHIPS (BLACK & WHITE ADS)				
Classified Ads	\$10	3 months	6 months	11 months
Business Card	\$35	\$94	\$178	\$308
Quarter Page	\$65	\$175	\$381	\$572
		SAVING 10%	SAVING 15%	SAVING 20%

OUR 2022 "COVID RECOVERY" ADVERTISING PRICES				
Black & White		3 months	6 months	11 months
Half Page	\$80	\$216	\$408	\$704
Full Page	\$140	\$388	\$714	\$1232
		SAVING 10%	SAVING 15%	SAVING 20%

COLOUR ADS (ONE OFF)			
Front Cover (colour)	-	-	Full page (\$150)
Inside Front (colour)	¼ page (\$50)	½ page (\$80)	-
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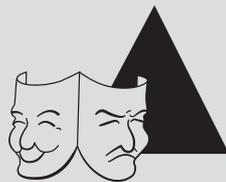
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The Mount Players presents

“Love Song”

The Mount Players are looking forward to their first production for 2022, Love Song, written by John Kolvenbach and directed by talented Melbourne Director, Travis Handcock. After being postponed twice last year this beautiful and poignant play is scheduled to open on Friday 18 February.

The story revolves around Beane, an exile from life – an oddball. His well-meaning sister, Joan and brother-in-law try to make time for him in their busy lives, but no one can get through. Following a burglary on his apartment, Joan is baffled to find her brother blissfully happy, and tries to unravel the story behind Beane’s mysterious new love Molly. Funny, enchanting and wonderfully touching, this offbeat comedy is a rhapsody to the power of love in all its forms.



The Mount Players



The season will run from 18 Feb – 6 March. To book tickets go to www.themountplayers.com or call 5426 1892 for assistance.

See you at the theatre.

| By Karen Hunt

Romsey Golf Club Report

It has been a very challenging summer as the Romsey Golf and Bowls shared rooms. Occupancy restrictions have made it very difficult for the two clubs to be present and the same time. The Golf Club has altered hit-off times but that also means golfers are back in the rooms earlier in the afternoon, about the time the bowlers have their mid round break. With both clubs continuing to grow these rooms, already too small, are becoming very difficult to manage. There is a review of the master plan for the Romsey Sporting Precinct, we hope it will list new golf rooms, including male/female umpires changing rooms, as a high priority and be completed in time to seek commitment and funds before the federal election.

February at RGC; will again be very busy with both golf and bowls clubs holding events during the week and every Saturday and most Sundays.

- 1. The Summer Cup** - This annual event runs through Feb and is designed to encourage more people to play more golf. There are four rounds, Par, Stroke, Stableford & Medal. Players have two chances (Sat & Wed) for each round; each week the top 10 performances are scored, 10 to 1 points. At the end of the event only a player's best three round scores will count. The Summer Cup is dedicated to the golfers we have lost and allows the whole club to remember all those who have gone before us.
- 2. Dalhousie District 4BBB & Presentation Day – Sunday Feb 13th.** This event will draw teams from all over Dalhousie and is the 2nd district event of 2022. It will also see the club of the year, volunteer of the year etc. awards presented.
- 3. Relay For Life Charity Golf Day – Sun Feb 20th;** This will be our 14th Charity Golf day. So far this event has raised over \$30,000 for cancer research. A flyer for the event is in this edition of the RR. All funds raised on the day will go to "Puddles Team" for the 2022 Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life – Sat March 5th. We would like to thank Romsey Mitre 10 who are again sponsoring this event.



A large branch down on the 8th fairway.

Park Lane, Romsey (PO Box 200, Romsey 3434)

Romsey Golf Club

www.romseygolfclub.net

mail@romseygolfclub.net

President: 0417 088 891

Secretary: 0400 768 040



The club will celebrate its centenary at the end of March with three days of golf and a presentation dinner at the RMI to induct the club's "Hall of Fame" and "Legends" and to launch our book "RGC, The First 100 Years". More detailed information will be in the March RR.

All golfers must QR code in on the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th & 7th tees and please pay your green fees.

For detailed reports on all results;
<http://www.romseygolfclub.net/results/2021/>

SUPERSTITIONS

Knock three times on wood after mentioning good fortune so evil spirits won't ruin it.

It's easy to be happy when you play a ukulele
Come along and join the Romsey Ukulele Players

We meet every Saturday at 10am at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute

New and Experienced players welcome

Contact Allan on 0418 581 885 for details



The Gallery Mt Macedon

| Japanese Traditional + Modern

During February The Gallery Mt Macedon invites you to immerse yourselves in the joy of magic knots and vintage fabric transformed.

Our guest artists Anna Konecny and Yukimi Breaden present Japanese handcrafts in paper and fabric. Anna was born in Japan and moved to Melbourne in 2007. She uses "MIZUHIKI", the traditional paper cords which are commonly used in Japan's gift giving culture. She taught herself the knot of Mizuhiki. During the lockdown, she researched the history of Mizuhiki and got a 100-year-old textbook to see how Mizuhiki was used in everyday life at the time. Her work extends from traditional knotting to contemporary art using mizuhiki cords. In 2020's online talent contest held by the Japan Foundation Sydney, she was the recipient of the Grand prize.

YUKIMI BREADEN operates Sachi Japanese Handcrafts, a brand of homewares, clothing and accessories which she designs and crafts using authentic Japanese fabrics and papers. She especially enjoys breathing new life into vintage materials, and this exhibition features original works made out of traditional obi (kimono belts) and silkscreened cotton fabrics. The aim is to allow the exquisite craftsmanship and quality of the original materials to shine through even when repurposed in completely different forms. Yukimi grew up in Japan's southern island of Kyushu, and she now lives and works in Hurstbridge, northeast of Melbourne.

- **Exhibition February 7 to March 6**
- **Opening Saturday February 12 at 2pm**
- **Gallery 684 Mt Macedon Rd**
- **Open 10am-4pm Friday-Tuesday.**



PORTRAITS ON THE MOUNT PORTRAIT PRIZE

There is still time to get your entry in for the portrait prize. Work can be submitted until March 15 and conditions of entry are you need to be a Macedon Ranges Shire resident and can use any 2D medium but not photographic or digital. Maximum size A3 and featuring a person known to the artist or a self portrait.

"**Portraits On The Mount**" will take place during the month of April 2022 as part of the Autumn Festival. It will be hosted by The Gallery Mount Macedon with generous prize money to be donated by the Bendigo Bank.

The categories are: Major Prize \$1000, People's Choice \$500, Youth 12-16 \$100, Child 8-11 \$50.

Judging will be conducted independently. For further details and entry form contact Jo Hoyne 0418 488 582 mtmacedonportraitprize@gmail.com

Help with addiction

Do you want to cut down on drinking?... on online shopping?... or other addictive behaviour?

A Kyneton-based group, run by Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health, helps people set realistic goals and find their addiction triggers. It teaches ways to cope with urges and cravings.

Previously run just for women, SMART Recovery is now open to all.

"The program can be applied to any addictive behaviour...for example, drinking, drugs, sex, shopping or gambling," says Staumn Hunder, the group facilitator. *"We focus on what is now happening in a person's life... rather than looking at the past."*

"We use the experience of the group to help find strategies that work for you."

The sessions explore addictive behaviour psychology. They use proven therapies, and techniques to help people achieve their outcome. You aren't required to attend every week. You are helped to take control of your behaviour in a way that makes sense to you.

- **Time and Place:** Wednesdays 1.30pm at Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health, 1 Caroline Chisholm Drive Kyneton.
- **Register (or ask about an evening group):** Staumn Hunder on 5421 166 or staumn.hunder@scchc.org.au.



Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey



You're invited

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When Monday 21 February 2022

Time 7.30pm

Where Romsey Mechanics Institute,
Main Street, Romsey

RSVP RSVP essential by Wednesday 16 February
Bronwyn Meadows Smith
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Phone: 0439 992 219

This event is subject to State Government Covid restrictions. Attendees will be required to show proof of Covid vaccination or valid medical exemption.





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Where We Focus

Two birdos (bird-watchers) sat restfully on a hill with binoculars raised. One birdo was looking skywards and the other was focused on the valley below. Suddenly, the birdo looking into the valley jumped in rage. 'Did you see that blasted cat? No doubt on its way to eat some beautiful bird! Doesn't it make your blood boil?' The other birdo shrugged her shoulders. 'Sorry, didn't see it. I've been focusing on that magnificent eagle flying peacefully above us.'

Are we stressed or are we relaxed?

The answer to that is usually determined by the focus of our thoughts.

Stress and worry can be easily justified - often this world is a horrible place teeming with many injustices. However, if we allow our thoughts to focus on these worldly things, we will eventually develop a depressed and pessimistic outlook on life. This outlook will soon infect everything we do.

Frustration and stress are often a sign that we are overwhelmed by our goliath problems and not trusting in God. If we focus our thoughts heavenward, confident in the knowledge that God can take care of all the injustices of life and our overwhelming problems, the result will be inner peace.

On another note, we all mess up at times and God handles our falls through grace. When we focus on God's grace and how every day we receive that which we don't deserve (divine mercy instead of judgment), in turn we will be graceful, forgiving and mentally relaxed towards others.

'But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.'

Isaiah 40:31

You can make all the difference to your future in 2022 by the things that you focus on. Why not make a NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION and ask God to help you focus Heavenward and His grace toward you.



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Christ Church Anglican Lancefield with St Paul's Church Romsey

Sunday Services:

Regular weekly Church Services are:

- **Romsey Church Service**
9am each Sunday.
- **Lancefield Church Service**
10:00am each Sunday.

Welcome to 2022 and we wish everyone a happy and safe year ahead.

Our Regional Bishop Kate is visiting the Parish on Saturday 12th February 2022 at 10:30am at the Lancefield Church, for a Parish meeting to discuss our future direction.

We would like to invite all Anglican member Parishioners of Romsey and Lancefield to attend.

St Paul's Romsey Op Shop open on:

- **Friday 12:30 - 4:30pm**
- **Saturday 10:00am - 1:00pm**

The Op Shop opened on January 21st and we look forward to greeting everyone and for all to see the interesting items we have on display.

Items of clothing, bric-a-brac, craft and books can be left Friday afternoon & Saturday mornings during opening hours.

Please note that owing to regulations we cannot accept electrical goods, prams, baby cots, mattresses, furniture or children's toys. Your support & donations are much appreciated.



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

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

God bless you every day.

| Romsey Uniting Church

At the end of 2021 Karen Eller finished her time with us.
We wish her well in her future ministry.

On Monday 17th January, 2022, we welcomed Rev. Rose Broadstock to our Partnership. Rose was here in 2015 when the Partnership was being formed and we're pleased she is now working with these churches

We all thought that 2022 would be a better year!!

Here we are again - being careful about where we go, still wearing masks, keeping our distance in public places.

Who would have thought that we would be in our 3rd year of another strain of Covid-19.

In January the Romsey congregation enjoyed combined worship services with the Lancefield congregation - we enjoyed worshipping together.

February Worship Services & activities (subject to Covid-19 regulations)

- Wednesday 2nd, 1.30pm Church Council meet in Meeting Room
- Sunday 6th, 10am Partnership Service at Kyneton Uniting Church
- Wednesday 9th, 1.30pm UCAF meet in meeting room
- Sunday 13th 9am Worship Service conducted by a worship leader
- Sunday 20th 9am Worship Service conducted by a worship leader
- Sunday 27th, 9am Worship Service and Holy Communion conducted by a Minister.

Currently we can attend worship services each Sunday following the Covid-19 rules; ie. wearing masks and social distancing.

Ministers: Pastor Annette Buckley Ph. 5429 5351 / 0457 608 539 - Rev. Rose Broadstock Ph: 0416 805 022
Website: www.macedonrangesunitingchurch.org.au/worship-services

Zonta Club of Kyneton's 29th

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY DINNER 2022

Changing Climates:
Equality today for a sustainable tomorrow



Guest speaker

Luz Restrepo

**Co-founder,
Migrant Women in Business**

Starting online mid-pandemic, MiWB now works for and with over 80 businesswomen with migrant and refugee backgrounds, offering commercial opportunities through their Made by Many Hands platform



**6.30pm Wednesday March 9th
Coach Room @ Malmsbury Hotel
85 Mollison Street Malmsbury**

Tickets \$60 trybooking.com/BWVKX from Feb 8th
Includes 2-course meal & one complimentary drink
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An event for the women and non-binary people of the Macedon Ranges raising funds to empower women and girls



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Sunday Mass: Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 9am and will alternate between Lancefield & Romsey.

Romsey: 1st & 3rd Sunday

Lancefield: 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday.

Saturday Healing Mass: The Healing Mass will be celebrated at 10am in Romsey on the 1st Saturday of each month.

Baptisms: Baptisms are held at 2pm on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Please contact the office for the next available date.

Sacraments: Bookings are now open for parish children to register for Sacraments in 2022. Reconciliation available to Yr3 and above; Eucharist available to Yr4 and above, and Confirmation available to Yr6 and above. Please contact the office if you would like to register your child.

Should a parishioner want to go to Reconciliation, please contact Fr. Martin directly at Woodend on 5427 2690 to make arrangements.

Please direct enquiries to the parish office on 5429 2130 or by email at lancefield@cam.org.au For funeral arrangements, please contact Fr. Martin on 5427 2690 or by email at woodend@cam.org.au



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Diary Dates Term 1, 2022

Children's Sessions Commence Monday the 7th of Feb

- **Story Time** – Monday at 10.30am; stories, songs and rhymes for 3-5 year olds.
- **Baby Rhyme Time** – Tuesday at 10.30am; simple stories, songs and rhymes for 0-1 year olds.
- **Toddler Time** – Thursday at 10.30am; stories, songs and rhymes for 1-3 year olds.

Free and all welcome. The ages given above are a guide only, please speak to staff if you are unsure about which session to attend.

Library Lover's Day – 14th February

Keep an eye out for special activities happening in branch on and around the 14th of February and come in and show your local library some love!

EARLY READER Collection at ROMSEY LIBRARY

Romsey Library not only has an extensive range of Junior Fiction, but we also hold a comprehensive collection of Early Readers. Early Readers are levelled texts designed to engage, support and extend children throughout their reading journey. We have both fiction and non-fiction titles, readers in a series and books with recognisable characters. Our experienced library staff are happy to assist children to choose the perfect books for them.

The Benefits of Storytime

There is abundant research available about the benefits of early literacy in enabling children to read, spell and experience overall success throughout school and in life. Regular attendance at Story Time sessions develops language and literacy skills from birth, through sharing books, telling stories, singing songs and talking to each other. Through rhyming and singing, children learn about how language works, they develop their social interaction skills and they have fun.

All Goldfields Library branches offer a range of engaging and age appropriate sessions to cater for all children from birth to school age. Sessions are free, they do not require prior booking and all are welcome.

For session times at Romsey Library, refer to Diary Dates in this edition. For more information on sessions offered at each branch, visit www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/storytimes

A Curious Circle Craft Evening

- Thursday 17th Feb 7 – 8.30 PM (FREE)

Come along and create wondrous things for fun and connection in a friendly and inclusive setting. A different activity each month led by our creative library staff.

No skills required. Refreshments provided (For adults).

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IMPORTANT: As part of the Victorian Government requirements, anyone ages 18 years and over will be required to show proof of vaccination to attend in-person events.

Resume Rescue

- Saturday 26th Feb 10.30 – 12 PM (FREE)

Do you need help to get an up-to-date resume done? We can help with templates, formatting and documenting information, and get you on your way with creating your own resume.

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Big Little Lies Season 1 and 2

Description automatically generated If you read and enjoyed Liane Moriarty's book, Big Little Lies and haven't yet checked out the DVD series, then I would encourage you to do so. Having never seen Season Two, I recently decided to re-watch Season One and I loved it, more so than during my first viewing years ago. Big Little Lies is centred around the lives of five women, "The Monterey Five", who become embroiled in a murder investigation. Each of the five live seemingly ordinary family lives, yet under the surface we discover a web of lies and realise throughout the two seasons that things are not often as they appear. Throughout the series as lies are uncovered, we see loyalties tested and unlikely friendships formed; the drama is intense and draws you in.

Big Little Lies stars Nicole Kidman, Reese Witherspoon, Shailene Woodley, Laura Dern, Zoe Kravitz and Meryl Streep (Season 2), who all play their roles with conviction, as well as a superb supporting cast. The series has rightfully received critical acclaim for its writing, directing, acting, cinematography and soundtrack and has been awarded numerous awards.

Both Season One and Season Two of Big Little Lies are available to borrow from the library.

February in the garden

by **Melanie Kinsey**

So, I remember I was bemoaning the amount of rain we had in spring and now its like the tap has been turned off!

Back to a hot dry summer – until the cracker of a storm the other night which dumped a good amount on us in 30 minutes. The garden really needed it. Prior to the storm I was surprised to see some plants that were waterlogged were suddenly wilting! Such is the life of a gardener.

The lawns are now green, flowers are everywhere and birds and bees are so happy. I've been doing some summer pruning of the roses; some weeding and I'm taking cuttings of a whole heap of different things. My succulent collection has been getting some slow-release fertiliser watered in well. Aeonium 'Emerald Carpet' has produced huge sprays of tiny yellow star-like flowers that the bees adore.



I cut a few sprays that were getting in the way of the mower and brought them inside for the vase. They have lasted remarkably well and not dropped flowers or pollen. My little clump of colchicums is dormant so I took the opportunity to dig them up and transfer them to a pot ready to relocate to our new house eventually. Fingers crossed that building will commence shortly!

I was given some tomato seedlings at Christmas so I now have two plants dating from November and these new ones so hopefully I will have a long and fruitful tomato season. My cucumbers have started to produce so we are picking one every few days and the basil is hitting its straps so pesto is not far away! I divided the mint and cut it back a few weeks ago and now I have a full pot of fresh mint – perfect for mojitos on a hot summer's evening!

Romsey Lancefield Girl Guides

Is your daughter looking for fun, friendship, challenges and new skills to learn? The Romsey Lancefield Girl Guides has room for new members this year.

What is there to look forward to this year?

In the April school holidays there will be a State-wide Guide camp called Camp Together.

This will be held at Guides Victoria's main camp site called Britannia Park, near Yarra Glen. And later in the year we will hold a Region camp, an opportunity for new Guides to experience camping for the first time.

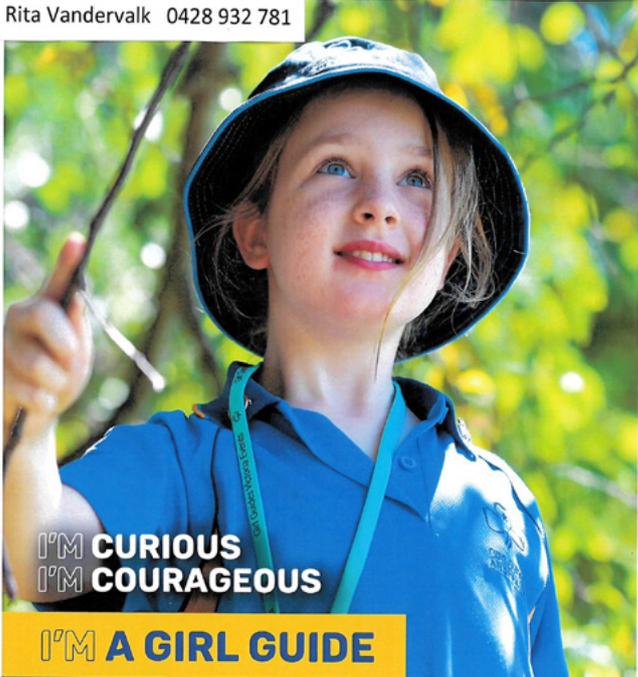
As we are part of an International Organisation of Girl Guides and Guide Units in many countries throughout the world, we have a special day that we celebrate on February 22nd. We call this Thinking Day as this is the day we think about and acknowledge the great work and inspiration of Lord Baden Powell, who started the Boy Scout movement, and his wife Lady Baden Powell, who became the World Chief Guide. Each year there is a program of activities based on a theme that is created to help celebrate this day. The theme this year is Gender Equality and the Environment. We will be celebrating this event on Monday 21st February.

Making new friends and having fun while learning what Girl Guides can do is what we are all about.

We meet on Monday evenings from 5.00 – 6.30pm in the Laurie Green Pavilion at Lancefield Park. Girls aged 5years to 14 years are welcome. Our first meeting for 2022 is Monday 7th February. Please feel free to ring me for more details. 0428 932 781 Rita

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