

# THE Romsey Rag

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## Romsey Golf Club

Centenary Celebrations - 1922 - 2022

From the Weekly Times of September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1922 reporting on the Club's "First Annual Open, Amateur Tournament", on the 29<sup>th</sup> August 1922



A weekend of golf and celebrations has been planned for the weekend of March 25/26/27.

**Fri March 25<sup>th</sup>** – Ambrose, any combination – 10.30 am for 11.00 am hit-off  
\$20.00 pp.

**Sat March 26<sup>th</sup>** – 4BBB Stableford Pairs, any combination – 10.00 am for 10.30 am hit-off  
\$20.00 pp

**Evening March 26<sup>th</sup>** – Centenary Dinner - 6.00 pm – 12.00 am – Romsey Mechanics' Institute - \$55.00 a ticket  
Launch of our book, *"Romsey Golf Club. The First 100 Years"*.  
The induction of the inaugural members of the RGC "Hall of Fame" and RGC "Legends"

**Sun March 27<sup>th</sup>** – 24-hole Stroke, all players welcome – 9.00 am for 9.30 am hit-off.  
\$35.00 pp (inc egg & bacon roll brekkie, sit down lunch & afternoon tea).

**Information and bookings;** [events@romseygolfclub.net](mailto:events@romseygolfclub.net)

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# Welcome to the March edition

Whilst society is made up of many and varied groups, sport in Australia is often a large dollop of the glue that holds communities together. Every club is supported by the many volunteers who give up their time to make sure their club survives and thrives.

For many years, after Saturday's sport evenings in the front bar and the lounge of most country hotels was the weekly highlight for many people. Today we have a wide range of groups within our rapidly growing community that reflect our diversity, dance, martial arts, walking, riding, writing, music etc.

### Romsey is blessed with a great sporting history, some of our clubs are;

- Cricket Club (established in 1876)
- Football/Netball Club (established in 1879)
- Romsey Golf Club (established in 1922)
- Romsey Bowls Club (established in 1962)
- Romsey Little Athletics (established in 1986)
- Romsey Soccer Club (established in 2005)

This year Romsey Golf Club celebrates its 100th year and to quote the words of golfing great Peter Thomson; "... **two dates in the life of any Club are reasons for celebration – its birthday and its centenary. It is hardly possible for us to be present on both occasions, but of the two the latter is more a matter of pride. At the inception there is always the possibility of failure, for whatever reason. By the hundredth birthday it is safe to say that the future is more or less assured. We can all sit back and indulge the day. Our club has come of age**". Congratulations Romsey Golf Club.

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# Romsey Mechanics' Institute

**Regular Users:** With the lifting of some restrictions our regular user groups have returned. It is wonderful to see all these people using the RMI again, that is why she is here.

**2022 Movie Nights:** Two community groups have taken up our offer to subsidise movie nights during 2022. If your group is interested best get a move on before the other two spots are taken. Each group who takes up this offer will also be able to run a canteen for the event.

**Antiques Fair:** The annual Antiques & Collectibles Fair is on again; April 2nd, doors open at 9.30 am. This event is also part of the MRSC's Autumn Festival so why not come along and have a sticky-beak and maybe you might find something you have been looking for. The Romsey CWA will again be putting on their excellent morning/afternoon teas in the Supper Room.

**Bendigo Bank Community Information Evening:** The Bendigo Bank held a community information evening at the RMI on Monday Feb 21st. The event was well subscribed but the Covid-19 occupancy restrictions meant a total of 84 people could attend. The Bank was able to see all and use some of the technology their grants had helped us to instal into the main hall.

**RGC Centennial:** Romsey Golf Club will be holding their Centennial Dinner at the RMI on Sat March 26th. This will be another opportunity for the community to see the recent improvements (there is still work to be done) and to get a better idea as to how community groups might be able to use the hall and its technology to run events.



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## March in the garden

by **Melanie Kinsey**

The garden is holding up pretty well during this mild summer. The red cannas have hit their straps and are a fiery spot in the border. The salvias are blooming, the bees are buzzing, the butterflies are fluttering and the grass is growing like crazy! Agapanthus 'Guilfoyle' named after a former director of Melbourne's botanic gardens is a new acquisition and I am very pleased with its tall netball sized heads of inky-blue flowers. Another cultivar I already had called 'Isis' is the same fabulous colour, but the flower stems are knee high and the flowers are the size of softballs.

My porcelain grape ampelopsis is covered in flowers and I have never seen so many bees gathered in one place. The flowers are miniscule (barely 1mm across) but they obviously pack a lot of punch from a bee point of view! I ripened the fruit from a monstera this week and we enjoyed the soft flesh which tastes like a mixture of banana, strawberry and pineapple. A treat I haven't had since I was a child when my mum picked the fruit from our huge monstera that grew on the front verandah.



I bought six eco-bags recently and spent yesterday installing them. These bags hold about 25 litres of water which slowly seeps out around the tree you have selected. I don't know why I haven't thought of using these before. I have some small trees that don't seem to have grown in years and I know its because they are in very dry soil. I really hope they work and I get some growth out of these trees! I planted a Corymbia Wildfire in a spot where tree after tree has died. With an eco-bag I am hoping this tree will not just survive but thrive!



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# Funding For Communities to Cut Emissions and Reduce Waste

**Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas today announced the local community organisations who will share \$1.3 million in funding to deliver projects that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 1,695 tonnes annually, while slashing energy bills.**

Organisations can apply for up to \$50,000 through the Community Climate Change and Energy Action program to upgrade heating and cooling, install shading, insulation, double glazing, lighting and renewable energy installations like roof-top solar panels and battery storage.

The program helps organisations reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve energy efficiency, making community facilities cheaper to run and more comfortable year-round.

The successful recipients include the Daylesford Dharma School, Trentham Golf Club and the Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House.

A further \$1.8 million in grants is available in the next round of funding which opens this week.

Meanwhile, social enterprises, not-for-profits, and community groups can develop smarter ways to use

resources with grants of up to \$250,000 available through the Recycling Victoria Communities Fund.

The program supports local projects like repair cafes, community worm farms and compost hubs, helping groups to repurpose, re-use and recycle everyday items. More than 800 tonnes of waste will be diverted from landfill thanks to projects already funded through the program.

For more information and to apply visit [www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/grants](http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/grants).

Quotes attributable to Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas


***"Congratulations to the Daylesford Dharma School, Trentham Golf Club and the Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House, by helping reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve energy efficiency they are ensuring a more sustainable future for our community and our kids."***

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# Rainbow Active teams up!

**Sunbury/Cobaw Community Health LGBTI Inclusion Program (CLIP) teams up with sport inclusion advocates, Proud2Play to encourage LGBTIQA+ people and their families and friends to get more active.**

On Sat 19th March, Proud2Play CEO Christine Grainger will talk of how local community groups and businesses can host an LGBTIQA+ inclusive Come & Try session. A survey recently found those who identify as LGBTIQA+ may stay away from physical activity either to feel safe, or when they don't feel they fit in traditional men's or women's spaces.

Belinda Brain, from CLIP "We are excited to collaborate with Proud2Play and people in the sporting community, from grassroots individuals to large sporting organisations."

Proud2Play encourages by setting up structured opportunities and pathways. Engagement is not just active physical participation - it also has mental and social benefits.

Rainbow Active are on the lookout for LGBTIQA+ community ambassadors to get behind the project - both the training and the free Come & Try sessions from March and May. People who identify as LGBTIQA+ will register interest in the sessions and get support to encourage regular physical activity.

Rainbow Active: LGBTIQA+ inclusion and how to host an inclusive Come & Try session: Saturday 19 March 2.30pm to 4pm at 1 Caroline Chisholm Drive Kyneton. To RSVP or to ask what is involved in being a community ambassador, contact Belinda Brain on 5421 1666 or at [belinda.brain@scchc.org.au](mailto:belinda.brain@scchc.org.au).



## ANIMAL FACTS

**An iguana can stay under water for 28 minutes.**

## Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens

### Bendigo Bank Monthly Bus Trips

#### **B Bendigo Bank**

We had a great trip down to the Mornington and Bellarine Peninsulas last month. 34 members travelled down to Rosebud for a lovely lunch, then we boarded the ferry across the bay to Queenscliff. We had a tour of the town before heading home through Geelong. A great day had by all.

Our next bus trip will be held on **Wednesday March 2nd**. We are not sure where we are headed but the bus company have promised us another great trip. We would love to see you there. Give Helen or Rae a call for further details.

#### **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 March in our meeting room at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute. Join us for this beautiful meal of 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.**



# Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA)



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

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

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

## The Autumn Festival is Coming... and so is the Targa Florio Rally!

The 2022 Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival will run between 26th March and 25th April with a myriad of events and attractions across the Shire including the eastern corridor. If you are a car buff, you would be well aware of Targa Florio Australia. It is a 4-day motoring journey involving amazing cars which will visit 6 Victorian regions including the Macedon Ranges. Targa Florio will be visiting Romsey on Thursday 7th April with the competitors' picnic lunches being provided by Romsey's own – Café Verdure. Stay tuned across RRBATA's social media and Romsey online ([www.rrbata.com.au](http://www.rrbata.com.au)) for further details of this event which will be a great spectacle.



## RRBATA Social Media Marketing Campaign

RRBATA's Social Media Marketing Campaign is back in full swing. Funded by a State Government grant (Business Chambers and Trader Groups grant), RRBATA employed Monroe Media last year to promote the eastern corridor with particular reference to RRBATA member businesses. This has highlighted the amazing assets of the Romsey Lancefield region for both local residents and those who visit us. The aim is to draw visitation from the other areas of the Shire and spread the "visitor economy" benefit to our local businesses. Please take the time to have a look at some of these posts on RRBATA Facebook (Romsey and Lancefield Region - Business and Living) and spread the word!

## Hanging Rock Draft Master Plan

It's right on our doorstep and is a tourism magnet for the Macedon Ranges and potentially a support to our businesses! A concept for its future in the form of the Hanging Rock Draft Master Plan was recently revealed for consideration. As it does for many important strategy documents, RRBATA will be making a submission in response to this important one. (<https://engage.vic.gov.au/hanging-rock-master-plan>)

## ANIMAL FACTS

**Human tapeworms can grow up to 22.9m.**

## The Mount Players presents

### Celebrate Their 50th Anniversary in 2022

The Mount Players are proud to announce that 2022 will mark their 50th anniversary. Throughout those years the theatre has never missed a season of performance (albeit a short one after their original theatre was burnt down in 1983). With a diverse season of 4 productions, play readings, the return of their One Act Play Festival and a dinner dance in October which will include the launch of their book... it's going to be a busy time all round!

The year kicked off with Love Song which opened on 18th Feb and will complete its season on the 6th March. A very successful, social evening was enjoyed at the AGM in February where 2 Life Membership Awards were presented. Roger Farley and Kath Addicoat were acknowledged for their years of service to the theatre. Kath being awarded for her incredible work on designing, creating and organising costumes over many years and Roger for his commitment to overseeing the technical aspect of shows since learning the ropes when he was just 17!

Our 2nd show is now in rehearsal and sure to be a crowd pleaser. The Odd Couple, who everyone will be familiar with will open in May. For all things theatre go to [www.themountplayers.com](http://www.themountplayers.com)

Chookas! | By Karen Hunt



The Mount Players





#### C.W.A. 2022 STATE THEMES:

**THEME:** Sharing, fun and friendship.

**Product/Resource:** Australian grown potatoes and Australian potato products.

**Country of Study:** Malaysia.

**Thanksgiving Fun:** Free 3D hands – Research and development of 3D hands.

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

**Social Issues Focus:** Safe Homes for All.

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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.**

**Do you want to be involved in your local community and 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 craft day is on the 3rd Thursday each month, from 10am. Both meetings are in the supper room (side entrance) of the Romsey Mechanics Institute, Main Rd, Romsey. We do knitting, sewing, crochet, cooking, beading, and paper-craft.

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

March is a busy time for us. The Central Highlands AGM will be on the 19th, at the RMH.

On Wednesday 2nd March, we have a guest from the Royal Womens Hospital. We have been busy making Baby Blankets, Premature Baby Matinee Jackets and Beanies, to present to Karalene.

In April we cater again for the Antique fair at the RMH.

## Old Fashioned Hint for the Month:

- Do you have a zip that keeps sticking?  
...Try rubbing it with a bar of soap. Works everytime!

## JOKE

**Q: Why can you never trust a maths teacher holding graphing paper?**

**A: He must be plotting something.**

## World Day of Prayer

**Friday 4th March,  
10am Romsey  
Uniting Church,  
Pohlman Street,  
Romsey**

The 2022 program is put together by England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

'I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord.

Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'

The Romsey Uniting Church is hosting this day with the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches.





# G'day



## Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke

Last Romsey Rag issue, I wrote about using nasturtium flowers in a hamburger - but I didn't mention the interesting (to me that is) history of the hamburger. Nor did I touch on the fact that ham isn't used in hamburgers. (Not until now anyway.)

You see, the Hamburg-America Line shipped out of Hamburg, Germany, to bring refugees from Germany to America. The ships were provisioned in Hamburg with beef and other goods. This meat from Hamburg was ground and formed into patties, to be served between bread buns instead of on plates. This saved breakages when the ship rolled in rough seas during the crossing. It also saved a lot of washing up, etc.

Anyway, the idea caught on, so when the migrants landed in America, they brought the idea with them. And it's grown and grown. And because the original meat came from Hamburg, the patties are known as Hamburgers.

Well, folks, I happen to like ham. And thick slices of ham too.



## Recipe

## RECIPE

### Method

- Dice a thick slice finely and mix it with a well-beaten egg, juice of a small garlic clove, a small (very small) pinch of cumin and coriander and then form into a pattie, cover it in breadcrumbs then gently cook that in a pan sparingly wet with olive oil until both sides of the pattie are golden brown. Pop the pattie between two halves of a heated wholemeal buttered bun which is spread also with hummus. Oh, and top the pattie with a slice of raw pineapple and a thinnish slice of an aged Cheddar cheese.

# RAISING TEENAGE BOYS

## IN THE MACEDON RANGES

### TUE 8 MARCH - TUE 26 APRIL 2022

### 6:30PM - 8:30PM VIA ZOOM

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## Strengthening community and wellbeing connections for those 55 years and older

**If you are 55 years or over, now is your chance to tell us what would make a difference to your mental and physical health, with online, in person and local community focus groups and interviews currently underway for Macedon Ranges Village Connect Project.**

Our consultation is looking for individual perspectives, from residents 55 years and older, on the current services and activities being used to support individual wellbeing and any barriers that may prevent participation in local activities and events.

Outcomes of the consultation will be shared with community and stakeholders to drive a range of activities and initiatives aimed at alleviating loneliness and social isolation experienced by older people in the Macedon Ranges community.

To participate, complete our online survey [mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay](https://mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay) or share your thoughts by attending an in person one-on-one information session with the Village Connect Project Officer at Romsey, Kyneton and Woodend library during February and March. For information contact Abbey on 5422 0262 or email: [abbrown@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:abbrown@mrsc.vic.gov.au).

## Help shape the future of our town

**Macedon Ranges Shire Council is seeking community feedback to help shape the long term future of Romsey and help to develop a new Romsey Structure Plan.**

Romsey is a developing township and under current policy is planned to grow to a large district town with a population of 6000-10,000 people by 2036. The Romsey Structure Plan will provide a focus for that development in a growing rural community. It will help to protect the positive elements of the township and build on the opportunities identified.

A new structure plan in Romsey will provide certainty to landowners, community, business, referral authorities and other regulators and stakeholders.

The draft Romsey Structure Plan is being developed by Council with advice

## Have your say on open space priorities

**Macedon Ranges Shire Council is developing a new Open Space Strategy to provide strategic direction for the planning, management and delivery of more than 900 hectares public open space in the shire.**

As townships within the shire grow, the demand for quality open spaces for formal and informal recreation, conservation, environmental connectivity and social gatherings increases.

The new strategy will provide clear direction for planning, management and delivery of public open space in the shire, including conservation uses and developer contributions from new residential growth.

Phase 1 of the Open Space Strategy consultation runs from 14 February to 8 April 2022 and Council is looking to understand community preferences, perceptions and values related to open space.

Ongoing community feedback is essential to confirm Council's vision for the future of public open spaces as it is one of the most significant service areas provided by Council.

The Open Space Strategy will determine how Council invests in infrastructure and manages day-to-day operation of open space. These issues directly affect many local community members, park users, recreation, sporting and environmental groups and volunteers.

The new strategy will help determine how Council responds to the priorities, needs and expectations of the Macedon Ranges community. There are a number of ways for residents, community groups, visitors to the shire and other stakeholders to get involved.

The Macedon Ranges Open Space: Present and Future consultation paper explores some of the core challenges for the strategy and considers how they may be addressed. The consultation paper and a community survey are also available online at Council's website [mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay](https://mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay) or in hard copy at Council's customer service centres in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend. Consultation closes on Friday 8 April 2022.

Council is also calling for expressions of interest from residents to get involved in our Open Space Community Assembly. To submit an application to join the Assembly visit Council's website or email [strategicplanning@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:strategicplanning@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

To receive project updates, please register at [mrsc.vic.gov.au/open-space](https://mrsc.vic.gov.au/open-space)

and input from community members and stakeholders such as infrastructure authorities, businesses and community organisations. The draft plan is expected to be completed in late 2022.

### How to have your say

Visit our Have Your Say webpage for the draft Romsey Structure Plan on [www.mrsc.vic.gov.au](https://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au)

Read the project background information and reports provided online. Comment on the Draft Emerging Options Paper.

This provides a comprehensive analysis of the issues and possible solutions. It includes a draft vision, objectives and themes. You can comment on the whole paper or just on the elements that interest you.

Complete our online survey - we have developed a survey to help you comment. To read the draft Emerging Options Paper and make your comments, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay](https://mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay).

Join a community information session and find out more, first hand.

### Information Sessions

A series of face to face and online information sessions will give you an opportunity to ask questions about the Emerging Options Paper, or the Romsey Structure plan process. All are welcome to attend sessions. For dates, times and venues, visit [www.mrsc.vic.gov.au](https://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au)

For further information, email [strategicplanning@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:strategicplanning@mrsc.vic.gov.au) or call (03) 5422 0333

## It's time to get into the Autumn Festival spirit

**Fantastic Autumn Festival competitions kick off in March with prizes generously provided by local businesses.**

Council are encouraging local residents to enter the 'My Macedon Ranges' Instagram giveaway by sharing their special memories and favourite things to do during autumn, with one lucky winner to receive a fantastic \$600 prize.

There are also incentives for residents and businesses to decorate their front doors or windows with an autumn wreath during the festival for the chance to win \$200 gift certificates from the award winning Macedon Ranges Produce. Entries for these promotions are due by 31 March for a chance to go in the draw.

More exciting giveaways will be promoted for the duration of the festival, so to find out more about the exclusive competitions for businesses and residents go to [www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/autumn-fest](http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/autumn-fest)

## Youth Mental Health First Aid

**Council is offering subsidised Youth Mental Health First Aid courses for adults wanting to increase their knowledge about mental health issues impacting on young people and gain confidence in supporting young people to seek help and stay well.**

This interactive course uses films, case studies and group activities to support the learning. To complete this course, participants will need to work through a series of e-learning modules and complete them before the face to face component begins.

The face to face sessions will be held at the *Kyneton Town Hall on Wednesday evenings March 16, 23 & 30*. A light supper will be provided. For more information and to register please contact Vishal Tandon at Youth Services on [youth@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:youth@mrsc.vic.gov.au) or call 5422 0333.

## Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival line up is turning heads

**With a fantastic line up of events at the Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival (Sunday 26 March to Monday 25 April), it is time to check out the fantastic program and plan your autumn adventure.**

Ticketed events will sell quickly, so book ahead to ensure you don't miss these festival highlights:

- Cidersong Autumn Picnic, where live music, singing, food and cider combine at the beautiful heritage apple orchard at DV Cider
- Macedon Ranges Music Festival, groove to the tunes, and enjoy this family friendly event at iconic Hanging Rock
- A series of Gin Afternoon Teas at Big Tree Distillery, serving delicious autumn afternoon tea treats with a gin twist
- The Celebration of Harvest, with Macedon Ranges winemakers celebrating this year's harvest with plenty of local wines, delicious foods and live music
- Experience the historic and spectacular gardens at Duneira Estate on Mount Macedon, with live music, local wine and food trucks
- Mountain Writers Festival Author Lunch at the Wine Collective
- Harpist in the Garden at Dromkeen Homestead's historic gardens

For wine and food lovers, there is a bevy of events to tantalise the tastebuds, and for the creative at heart, several autumn workshops and classes available. There are plenty of free experiences and events on offer too, such as immersive art displays, interactive light shows, guided nature walks, open art studios, outdoor sound bowl meditations, chalk art and New Orleans style street bands.

To see the full festival program and purchase tickets, visit: [www.visitmacedonranges.com/autumn-festival](http://www.visitmacedonranges.com/autumn-festival)

## Pet registration reminder

**Dogs and cats must be registered annually with Council, so make sure to renew your pet's registration by Sunday 10 April.**

Keeping your pet currently registered is the best way to ensure our rangers can return lost pets quickly to their rightful owner. Pet registration is different from microchipping, and can only be done through your local council and registration fees help fund animal services that help protect pets, people, and our environment.

### Community Engagement Policy review

Council adopted a Community Engagement Policy in January 2021 as required by the Victoria Local Government Act 2020 with the aim to:

- Achieve compliance with relevant legislative requirements;
- Facilitate public awareness of Council commitment to meaningful community engagement;
- Ensure achievements of appropriate standards of integrity, transparency and accountability in Council's community engagement processes;
- Lead, promote and advocate public participation in Council's decision-making processes;
- Lead and support a culture of continuous improvement in the way that Council increases openness and transparency with the community and the public at large.

The Policy is now due for review. A community engagement process is now being undertaken to seek community input to inform the review, including survey, face-to-face information sessions and afterhours online webinar.

For details on the current Policy and how you can participate in the review visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay).





# Water... when enough is too much!

## The Victorian Government is developing a Sustainable Water Strategy for the next 10 years to cover the Central and Gippsland regions (CGSWS).

In July 2021, Deep Creek Landcare was a signatory to a Joint Statement on this Strategy forwarded to the consultation. The opening paragraph read "We are a collective of individuals and community groups joined by our shared outrage over the inaction and mismanagement of water by the State Government in the face of the deterioration of our rivers, waterways and wetlands. We come from many different catchments and yet we see the same tragedies unfolding: rivers depleted by over-extraction; wetlands on the brink of collapse due to insufficient flows; groundwater dependent ecosystems drying and dying; and endless volumes of contaminants leaching into our waterways."

Warmer temperatures and a growing population increase the demand for water. This cannot be taken from the environment. By 2040 decreases in runoff of up to 33% are predicted in Central and Gippsland rivers, under medium to high climate change scenarios.<sup>1</sup> We must learn from damage caused by over extraction of water from the Murray-Darling basin. Currently Victoria is diverting large volumes of water from Gippsland to support Greater Melbourne and Geelong. At times Ballarat and Bendigo rely on the Goldfields Superpipe from the Goulburn River. Towns like Korumburra connect to the Melbourne Supply System to supplement dwindling supplies.

All of the low hanging fruit has been picked. The tree is dying from a lack of care and water!

Groundwater is not an infinite resource. Yet large volumes are extracted in our area without monitoring or regulation. Reclaimed water eg. sewerage treatment plants must be sufficient quality for native species to survive. High salt levels and contamination by nutrients and pharmaceuticals impact on downstream ecology.

Water Sensitive Urban Design should be mandatory in new urban developments, to harvest water and replenish aquifers. Rainwater tanks should be encouraged.

- Recycled waste-water will need to be a bigger part of Victoria's water supply. Victoria needs the capacity and technology to treat recycled water to an acceptable standard.
- Deforestation of catchments degrades water availability and quality. Industrial-scale logging here must end immediately. Riparian restoration and reforestation needs adequate funds.
- The Sustainable Water Strategy could reset water management policies. Current practice that supplies water for our needs takes too much from the environment.

Deep Creek Landcare Group has 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. Volunteers to help with our autumn planting would be most appreciated.

## KNOW WHAT TO LOOK FOR DURING AN EMERGENCY

As part of a new national warnings system, the way incidents are shown is changing. You'll see these icons on VicEmergency website and on the VicEmergency app. Know what to look for and know what to do.

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This is the highest level of bush fire alert. You may be in danger and need to take action immediately. Any delay now puts your life at risk.

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# Patrick Gerald Toomey

## (26/02/1939 – 06/02/2022)

**With the passing of Pat Toomey the Toomey Family as well as communities of Romsey, Lancefield and Trentham East have suffered the loss of a lovely gentle man and a key local identity. Pat lived his entire life in these communities.**

At the time of his birth at Kyneton Hospital his parents lived in Trentham East surrounded by extended family and friends. In his early years he was a skilled scallywag but enjoyed his schooling locally at primary level and later at Kyneton with the Marist Brothers.

In 1954 Pat's parents moved to Romsey and around this time he left school to start his apprenticeship in farming. He loved the life on the land, always worked on family-owned properties and also enjoyed catching up with many lifelong friends including – Bernie Shannon in particular, was a wool classer, and became known to Pat during shearing in those early years- they subsequently enjoyed a lifelong friendship and many adventures together. In their younger days they thought nothing of driving to Melbourne on a weekday evening for dancing – imagining those trips on roads that would have been even worse than they are now!!

After meeting Elizabeth in 1964 they married in 1967, lived in Monegeetta and raised 5 children (and now 4 grand children). Pat enjoyed family life and provided terrific support and loyalty both within the family and to friends. Pat was always open and honest in providing his view of a situation. Where Pat thought an issue needed action, he would take a stance and follow through until resolution. Pat was forever an optimist who, despite a sometimes grumpy exterior, reflected on what progress had been made rather than focus on the negative aspects.

To Pat farming was a way of life and he became a very proficient farmer and for many years operated, with his brother plus outside assistance, properties at both Romsey and Trentham East.

At various times he also operated properties at Charlton, one in partnership with Bernie Shannon.

Pat had a great memory for people and places as well as being an avid reader, keen observer and a great listener.

He had a very inquiring mind that was always ready to assess new ideas and determine if they would work to suit his operation.

Over the years Pat developed an efficient process for each farming activity and those who assisted were encouraged to adhere!



Pat also had a streak for collecting from an early age and some of his children looked forward to attending the Clearing sales with him.

Pat would probably agree that one of the skills he lacked was the mechanical aptitude to properly assess some purchases however he was never in difficulty as another great mate, Syd Green, was always there to advise and act.

Further evidence of Pat's progressive thinking was his recognition of the value of vegetation for habitat, erosion control and stock protection – before it was recognized as appropriate Pat was in there implementing.

Pat was a founding member and a real dynamo of the Deep Creek Landcare Group since its inception more than 30 years ago. He was an environmentalist before it was fashionable!

He was a past President and regularly attended meetings and working bees until very recently.

Pat even invented his own tree planting methods and, despite the skepticism of some others, enjoyed great success with plantings on his family property and on many Landcare projects – showing the way to a more sustainable future.

Pat was also member of the Historical Society for many years and contributed items for the fireplace in Sydney Seymour cottage.

**| A top man – rest in peace Pat**





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## Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

**Weds March 9th from 6pm The Vic Hotel 67 High Street Woodend**

Do you live or work in the Macedon Ranges?

Come along and share your ideas on what we focus on in 2022.

We are on the lookout for new members, so if you are passionate about working together to prevent suicide in our community come and join us!

Everyone is also welcome to attend the Annual General Meeting (8pm).

*RSVP essential for catering and COVID safety planning.*

*Please email [chairperson@mrspag.com.au](mailto:chairperson@mrspag.com.au)*



Guest Speaker for the evening is Jeremy Forbes,  
Co-founder and CEO of HALT - Hope  
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HALT's vision is that every tradie in Australia  
knows how to look after their mental health  
and wellbeing.



## Team News!

It is with pleasure we announce the appointment of Angela Dickins as our Senior Branch Manager commencing February 28, 2022. Angela joins our team having extensive banking/lending experience with Bendigo Bank in both corporate and community branch environments. Angela lives in Gisborne with her family and is looking forward to playing a significant role in the continuing success of our Community Bank branches. Congratulations!

We would also like to welcome Graeme Bruce to the Board of Lancefield and Romsey Community Financial Services Limited. Graeme is a long-term Lancefield resident with a strong business, managerial and farming background. His varied community links and local knowledge make Graeme a welcome addition to our Board.

Recently two of our branch staff were recognised by Bendigo Bank with 'Regional Reward & Recognition Awards' based on customer and peer feedback. In November 2021, Jodie Dobbs received an award for 'Moving fast to help customers achieve their goals', and in October 2021, Maddy Bell was the winner of the award for 'Teamwork & Move Fast'. Our local teams are always ready to go beyond and above for our customers, so it's lovely to see them being recognised for their efforts. Congratulations Jodie & Maddy!



## RDFNL Sponsorship!

It is with excitement we announce the 2022 and 2023 seasons of the Riddell & District Football Netball League (RDFNL) will be known as the Bendigo Bank RDFNL following a sponsorship partnership between Community Bank Romsey and Lancefield, Community Bank Gisborne & District and Bendigo Bank Corporate. After two disruptive years due to Covid, this is an exciting partnership with the RDFNL to promote and support our local senior and junior football/netball teams. Stay tuned!

## Community Investment Program Round 2 (Events)

Applications are now open through the CEF for our Community Investment Program Round 2. This round of funding focuses on events. Please head to [communityenterprise.foundation.com.au](https://communityenterprise.foundation.com.au) for further details.

**Applications close:** Thursday, March 31, 2022

## "Reconnect Community" Grants

We understand how much local clubs and groups mean to our community and would love to help you reconnect or reboot following the devastation of Covid over the past two years. Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey are offering limited \$500 "Reconnect Community" Grants to not-for-profit groups to spend locally by June 30 2022. Applications are now open, closing March 31, 2022. For further details go to our Facebook page: [facebook.com/communitybanklancefieldromsey](https://facebook.com/communitybanklancefieldromsey)


## Community Forum

Our Community Forum was held on Monday 21 February with over 80 members of the community in attendance as well as local Councillors and Members of Parliament. We will be distilling the information gathered from the Forum and hope to have a report to include in our April issue of Community Connections.



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## Romsey Primary School February 2022

**We have enjoyed some special visitors in the last week with MP Mary Ann Thomas visiting the school.**

The school leaders were exceptional as guides, explaining the new school buildings and facilities that will enhance the great learning to be done at Romsey Primary School.

Mary Ann Thomas also spent some time with our new Prep students who were very excited to have such a special visitor in their classroom.





# Macedon Ranges Obedience Dog Club

**Our first day of training for the year kicked off with 11 new puppies and the weather was perfect to welcome our newest members.**

It was also great to see our returning members, in total we had 60 dogs and handlers to start the new training year.

Macedon Ranges Obedience Dog Club (MRODC) is run by volunteers, including our instructors, and without them we could not operate each Sunday morning from February to November. Each week these people give up a good part of their Sunday to provide a safe and friendly environment for each member and their dog/puppy to learn and socialise.

So, if you have a new addition to the family, or are getting one in the future, we look forward to seeing you. Details can be found on our website [www.macedonrangesdogclub.org.au](http://www.macedonrangesdogclub.org.au). Or contact us via our Facebook page or email to [info@macedonrangesdogclub.org.au](mailto:info@macedonrangesdogclub.org.au) and a representative from the club will contact you.

Take care, stay safe and remember a dog is for life... not just for Christmas... or COVID.

**Carol, Instructor/Treasurer MRODC**



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## Romsey Golf Club Report

### | Summer Cup

Runaway leader after two rounds was men's captain Mal Mottram on 18 points. Still, plenty of time for others to catch him. Good to see so many golfers playing both the Wednesday and Saturday rounds.

### | Sunday Feb 13th

Dalhousie District Mixed 4BBB & Presentation Day – A good field assembled for this annual event, a lovely clear day which warmed up towards the end of the round. MRSC mayor, Cr Jennifer Anderson addressed the players stressing the importance of volunteers in all golf clubs. The day's results were;

**Winners:** John Freestone/Jenny Hartley – 45pts  
**Runner's-up:** Joel King/Sarah King – 44pts  
**NTPs:** 15th - Sharna Farella/Joel King,  
16th – Scott Williams,

**Best 2nd Shot 3rd:** John Blackwell

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### | Romsey Golf Club, The 1st 100 Years

in May 1922 a meeting at the Romsey Mechanics' Institute formed the Romsey Golf Club. Initial membership was 76. The course was designed by Riversdale professional Mr John Young and the club held its 1st Amateur Tournament by August.

To commemorate our centennial, the last weekend in March will be a weekend of golf and celebrations.

- **Fri 25th** - Ambrose, any combination - \$20 pp
- **Sat 26th** - 4BBB Stableford, any combination - \$20pp
- **Sat 26th 6pm** - Centennial Dinner, inauguration of initial members of the RGC "Hall of Fame" and "Legends" and launch of the "100 years" book – RMI.
- **Sun 27th - 24 Hole stroke:** All golfers welcome - \$35pp

For more information see the website home page

[www.romseygolfclub.net](http://www.romseygolfclub.net)

### | Please pay your greens fees and follow Covid Safe practices

For detailed reports on all results;

<http://www.romseygolfclub.net/results/2022/>

## Romsey Cricket Club

### | As the 2021/22 cricket season comes towards its end, all the Romsey teams (seniors and juniors) head into the last couple of rounds with finals in sight.

**Under the leadership of Ben Way, Jed Richardson & Jason Day respectively all three senior teams are well placed. On the junior front the under 15s, under 13s, under 11s and both our girls under 13s teams have had successful seasons.**

During the month of March, finals will take place at the Romsey Ovals each Saturday (juniors in the morning and seniors in the afternoon). An open invitation is extended to all supporters and residents of Romsey to come down to the Romsey Park on the Saturdays in March to support our local teams.

After challenges through the recent seasons this looms as the first uninterrupted finals series to be played in three seasons and Romsey is bound to play a big part. Thank you to all our club sponsors, supporters and

members who have all been critical in joining us along the last couple of years.

It's a great credit to all the junior coaches the way our five boys and girls teams have presented themselves again in season 2021/22 both on and off the field. And, as this season heads towards its conclusion, we are already looking forward to season 2022/23 and continuing to expand the club in both senior and junior ranks.

Anyone interested in playing senior or junior cricket, male or female for season 2022/23 should contact club President Michael Richardson at [michaelrichardson65@bigpond.com](mailto:michaelrichardson65@bigpond.com) or simply come down and enjoy finals cricket in March to enjoy the atmosphere local cricket in Romsey has to offer.

# Community helps Greater Western Water shape how they engage



## Greater Western Water (GWW) has developed its first Community Engagement Framework thanks to input provided by the local community.

Over four weeks in October-November 2021, GWW reached out to customers and stakeholders across the region to share their thoughts on how the organisation connects with them.

More than 1,100 people accessed the **YourSay website** and over 90 people shared their thoughts, experiences and aspirations.

GWW would like to thank everyone who took the time to participate.

Your contributions have helped GWW better understand the community's values and expectations and provided the foundation for the first GWW Community Engagement Framework.

The framework describes what community engagement means to Greater Western Water and how it will involve the community in shaping the future. The framework sets out clear principles that guide GWW with ensuring the local community's voice and input are heard.

To find out more, please visit [yoursay.gww.com.au](https://yoursay.gww.com.au)

## Romsey Rag

**Membership Charges:  
February 2022 – December 2022**

### 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
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#### 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
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#### COLOUR ADS (ONE OFF)

Front Cover (colour)	-	-	Full page (\$150)
Inside Front (colour)	¼ page (\$50)	½ page (\$80)	-
Back Cover (colour)	¼ page (\$50)	½ page (\$80)	Full page (\$120)
Inside Back (colour)	¼ page (\$50)	½ page (\$80)	Full page (\$110)

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### As we welcome in the new school year, we look forward with hope to what lies ahead and the opportunities and experiences we will encounter.

It gives us hope to see the students all back at school and learning onsite once more. We have many new students and families, whom we welcome with open arms. Among our new students of course are our Preps! Fresh faced and bursting with energy are 24 fabulous students ready to take on school life and all the wonders it brings. We wish them a wonderful year ahead and hope that school life for 2022 looks a lot more normal!



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### School Leaders

At the end of each school year, students in Year 5 have the opportunity to write a speech telling their fellow students and teachers why they should be considered in a leadership role. Leadership roles include the School Leaders and Sports Captains. As always, the calibre of speeches was excellent, making it difficult for students and staff to vote for their preferred leaders. But the leaders were chosen and we congratulate the following students on their new roles for 2022 and wish them all the best.

#### School Leaders

- **Emma Haslett, Chloe Donnellon & Jada Johnson**

#### Sports Captains

- **Goannas** - Lincoln Hall & Gus Haslett
- **Joeys** - Tommy Portelli & Nellie O'Meara
- **Wombats** - London Rayment & Daniel Cichy
- **Kookas** - Alexis Kilpatrick & Harry Shannon

### Mini Vinnies

Congratulations to all the Year 5 students who chose to apply to be a Mini Vinnie in 2022. As always, the standard of applications was very high. But only 6 can be chosen, so a huge well done to the following students who will be our 2022 Mini Vinnies:

*Molly Cusack, Sarah Turner, Maggie Keogh, Emma Donnellon, Ellie Keenan and Meg Brundell.* The Mini Vinnies will meet every second week to initially learn about the works of St Vincent de Paul and then to discuss and plan their priorities for the 2022 year. We also look forward to once again helping at the Feed it Forward lunches that take place in Lancefield and Romsey once a month. We hope it will be a busy year with much community involvement and we look forward to sharing our works with the school and wider community.

| **Jo Shannon (Community Liaison Leader)**



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## Pastor's Parables

# Jumping Hurdles

Jumping Hurdles - Christian Illustrations by Ian Coate

Horses can be very reluctant to jump hurdles. In the sport of show jumping, riders train them by initially placing the pole very low. Each time the horse shies from a hurdle, the patient rider brings the reluctant horse back to try again. With encouragement, eventually the horse will jump. When the rider sees their horse confidently meeting each challenge, they will raise the pole and continue to encourage their horse to conquer the course that is set before them.

God is training us to overcome the course He has set before us. He has planned a spiritual journey for each of us, which entails crossing into many fields of endeavour.

The problem is, each field is separated by an obstacle and before we enter a new field, we must jump the hurdle. There are many hurdles to overcome as we advance in our spiritual lives. These hurdles cover an infinite variety of different things (usually personal issues of which only you and God are aware), but these hurdles are a barrier to your advancement.

God will lead us to each hurdle and encourage us to jump. He knows our ability and will never direct us to a hurdle that is too high. Like horses, we shy away at times and even buck God off (reject God's plan). But when we allow God back on the saddle, He will lead us to that same hurdle time and time again, so that we can advance in His perfect plan for us.

On the day we finally overcome that obstacle, we will find God has led us into a fresh field of endeavour, with even further fields in sight as He encourages us on to spiritual greatness and the Abundant Life in Him.

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## Romsey - Lancefield Probus Welcome to frienship

The Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club is for active retirees or semi retired people to relax and enjoy the welcoming company of those at the same stage of life at our meetings, and for periodic trips and lunches.

- At our **monthly meeting** (4th Thursday) we catch-up with new and old friends over morning tea and hear interesting guest speakers on a wide variety of topics.
- **The Annual General Meeting** of the Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club in 2022 will be on Thursday, 24th March, 2022 at 10.00 am in St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey.  
*(There will be no Guest Speaker)*  
All attending are subject to current Covid regulations.
- **The April meeting** will be held on Thursday, 28th April, 2022.  
**Guest Speaker - Luke Behnke**

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- **Commemoration Service at St Paul's Anglican Church Romsey**  
**Date: 24th April at 9:00am.**

All parishioners of Romsey, Lancefield and the wider community family and friends to share this time. Followed by morning Tea.

## St Paul's Romsey Op Shop open on:

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

The Op Shop opened on 21st January and we look forward to greeting everyone and for all to see the interesting items we have on display. Donations of clothing, Bric & Brac, craft & books can be left Friday afternoon and Saturday mornings during open hours.

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

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Website: [www.macedonrangesunitingchurch.org.au/worship-services](http://www.macedonrangesunitingchurch.org.au/worship-services)

# March Worship Services & activities

Subject to Covid-19 regulations

- **Wednesday 2nd, 1.30pm** Church Council meet in Meeting Room
- **Friday 4th March 10am** World Day of Prayer
- **Sunday 6th, 9am** Worship Service conducted by a worship leader
- **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.
- **FRIDAY 4TH MARCH, 2022** World Day of Prayer.  
10am Romsey Uniting Church, Pohlman Street, Romsey.  
The 2022 program is by England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

***'I know the plans I have for you. Declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'***

The Uniting Church is hosting this day with the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches.

**Advance Notice:** On Sunday 15th May, 2022 There will be a performance of the Pirates of Penzance by the Singularity Choir at the Romsey Uniting Church.

RSVP to Jeni Clampit - 5429 5480 or Email: [jeniferclampit@bigpond.com](mailto:jeniferclampit@bigpond.com)  
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25-27 March 2022



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**Meet the Artists: 2 - 4pm**  
**Exhibition: Sun 27 March: 10am-2pm**

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**Online Exhibition: Club website from 28 March**


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Bookings are no longer required to attend Mass.

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### CURRENT MASS TIMES:

**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](mailto:lancefield@cam.org.au)*

*For funeral arrangements, please contact Fr. Martin on 5427 2690 or by email at [woodend@cam.org.au](mailto:woodend@cam.org.au)*



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#### Parish Priest

Fr. Martin Fleming  
C/O Woodend Presbytery  
P: 5427 2690

#### Parish Secretary

Mrs. Tammie Dalgleish  
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#### School Secretary

Ms. Julie McDougall  
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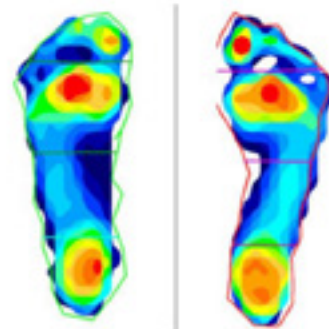
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## Diary Dates

- Tuesday March 8: **International Women's Day**
- Monday March 14: **Labour Day Public Holiday (Library closed)**
- March 21 – March 28: **Cultural Diversity Week, coinciding with Harmony Day on March 21**
- Monday March 21: **World Poetry Day**

## Storytimes Off to a Great Start!

After a bumpy ride over the last 2 years, we have been thrilled to start 2022 with our three weekly children's session up and running! How fantastic to see all the smiling faces back in the library again!

### This year our schedule is:

- **Baby Rhyme Time for ages 0–1:**  
Thursdays, 11.00 – 11.30am
- **Toddler Time for ages 1–3:**  
Tuesdays, 11.00 – 11.25am
- **Storytime for ages 3–5: Z**  
Mondays, 11.00 – 11.30am

Convenient magnetic cards with our Storytime schedule are available in the library.

Sessions are free, no special bookings are required, and newcomers are always welcome!

For the most up-to-date information, please visit [ncgrl.vic.gov.au/storytimes](http://ncgrl.vic.gov.au/storytimes) and the Romsey Library Facebook page, or phone us on 5429 3086. Please note that at the time of writing, it is still a requirement for adults to check in with a vaccine certificate to enter the library.

**Apology:** We accidentally included some incorrect days and times for our children's sessions in the February edition of the Romsey Rag. The library apologises for any inconvenience.

- **A Curious Circle:** Curiosity, Connection & Creativity!  
7.00 – 8.30pm, 3rd Thursday every month

We're inviting adult women to come together to connect and explore their curiosity in a creative way. With a different activity each month led by our creative library staff Trish and Karen, this is a great way to try out some new arts and crafts, just for fun! Supper is provided, and beginners are 100% welcome.

In our next session from 7.00–8.30pm on Thursday March 17, we are excited to be learning about Mandala drawing. And sessions planned for later this year include repurposing objects, recipe journals, and upcycling old books into pot plant holders.

Bookings essential. For more information, please email [romsey@ncgrl.vic.gov.au](mailto:romsey@ncgrl.vic.gov.au) or phone us on 5429 3086.

- **BeConnected All About Your Android Phone:**  
2pm, Wednesday March 9

This small, friendly group session will focus on tips and tricks for doing the basics with Android smartphones, with time set aside for general Q&A. Need to learn about installing an app, changing the size of text on the screen, connecting to public WIFI or managing notifications? This session is for you!

Bookings essential. For more information, please visit [goldfieldslibraries.com](http://goldfieldslibraries.com) or phone us on 5429 3086.

- **Bookings for one-to-one IT help sessions are also available.**

## Your Local Rag at Your Local Library – Plus The Senior

The Romsey Library is one of many collection points where you can find local newspapers including *The Romsey Rag* and *The Lancefield Mercury*. We are also pleased to say that we are once again a collection point for The Senior.

## Book Review:

### More Rules for Life by Kitty Flanagan

In 2019 comedian Kitty Flanagan became a bestselling author almost by accident. After hearing about the book *12 Rules for Life* by Jordan Peterson, she instantly decided 12 rules couldn't possibly be enough, and turned the idea into a small skit for TV, claiming to have authored a rival book called *488 Rules for Life* instead. Even though it didn't actually exist, booksellers were still inundated with requests, and it wasn't long before a publisher had persuaded Flanagan to write the book for real. It was an instant hit, even landing Flanagan the 2020 Australian Book Industry Association award for non-fiction.

*More Rules for Life* is her hot-off-the-press follow up. The format is deceptively simple - just a series of rules about modern manners covering everything from Zoom meetings to shopping. But the charm of *More Rules* is in Flanagan's observations about life's frustrations and misfortunes.

If you need some giggles in these trying times, *More Rules* is just the thing. You'll keep remembering lines from this book months and even years later!

You can find both of Kitty Flanagan's *Rules* books on our catalogue at [goldfields.spydus.com](http://goldfields.spydus.com), or as eBooks or eAudioBooks in our Borrowbox app.





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## Celebrating 31 Years of Service

We would like to thank Ps Marilyn and Ray Hunter for their dedicated years  
of service to Encourage Church and our Community. God has called them  
to leave Romsey and continue their ministry elsewhere.

A celebration will be held at Hanging Rock and we warmly invite members  
of the community to attend. Please contact our Church office for details  
[office@encouragechurch.com.au](mailto:office@encouragechurch.com.au)

Encourage Church follows Victorian Government COVIDSafe requirements





Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group in partnership with North Western Primary Health Network is dropping an ART BOMB on the Macedon Ranges Shire to instil the importance of mental health care and to educate the community about suicide prevention.

Four local artists have created public artworks inspired by their lived experience of mental illness. The artworks are accompanied by a QR code linked to the MRSPAG website with more information on the artists and also where to get support for mental health if you or someone you know needs it.

Artwork will be for sale after the installations are removed at the end of March.

#### **PUBLIC INVITATION - ART BOMB LAUNCH**

Wednesday March 2nd 11am

Macedon Ranges Shire Council - 129 Mollison Street, Kyneton

#### **MRSPAG COMMUNITY CONVERSATION**

Wednesday March 9th 6pm (followed by AGM at 8pm)

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