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Romsey Mechanics' Institute

A group of locals organised an evening at the Romsey Mechanics Institute on March 15th to discuss the future development of the town and surrounding districts. The event was well attended. We put down 100 chairs and there were people standing at the back and along the sides of the hall. A number of speakers addressed points including the need to protect highly productive farming land, the poor supply of power and internet to the town and the inability of the water treatment plant to handle material from the current population.



Established 1865

Many concerns were voiced and the five councillors who attended now have a far clearer idea as to what the community is worried about and what the community is hoping for from long term planning for the development of Romsey. The group continue work with council, and on the development of a Save Romsey facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/>

- **2022 Subsidised Movie Nights:** 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 fundraising 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.
- **RMI Triennial General Meeting:** The Committee of Management must hold a Triennial General Meeting every three years. Our next Triennial Meeting will be on Wednesday the 5th of April, 7.30 pm at the RMI. The purpose of this meeting is to report to both the community and the minister and to elect the committee of Management to run the RMI for the next three years.



The Romsey planning meeting.

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April in the garden

by **Melanie Kinsey**

And just like that it's autumn. Which means its planting season! I have been planting here there and everywhere! Emptying out my little nursery of plants in the backyard. Pelargonium cuttings struck in their own pots in January are ready to plant out already. A heap of other January cuttings are ready to pot up and they should put on some growth before winter.

What is looking good at a time of the year when many gardens are looking tired? A quick stroll showed me a dazzling display of pineapple lilies both white and burgundy; a clump of tall bright yellow golden rod (solidago); the cream seedheads of clumps of the ornamental grass miscanthus waving gently in the breeze and several solid blocks of pink are the 'Autumn Joy' sedum covered in happy bees. I carried out a little experiment cutting back a clump of sedum in late October in a process called the 'Chelsea Chop' (google it) and this resulted in more but smaller flower heads. It was an interesting experiment!

In my vegie boxes I am madly picking tomatoes; I am about to harvest my second crop of basil and the cucumber plants have 3 last fruits. Soon it will be time to ready a box for the garlic. The rhubarb is growing but hasn't really produced any stems of a decent size – I don't think they are really suited to growing in pots – even really large self-watering pots. The tree watering eco-bags are turning out to be fiddlier than I anticipated. Trying to get them to deliver the right amount of water is a tricky process!



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ON AVERAGE

On average, 42,000 balls are used and 650 matches are played at the annual Wimbledon tennis tournament.

INTERESTING FACTS

The city of Portland in Oregon was named after a coin toss in 1844. Heads for Portland and tails for Boston.

Public Open Green Space

Romsey is blessed with a large open public green space, Romsey Park. This park was officially gazetted in 1883 and has served the people of the town and surrounding districts for nearly 140 years.

In the 1870s and 1880s Romsey, like Melbourne was fortunate to have some long-sighted people who saw the value of large areas of open public green space, today, all too often these areas are put underneath a tennis centre, a museum or some other seemingly very important facility. That open space, once gone will never be regained by or for the community.

From the Romsey Park act - **“ WHEREAS by an Order in Council dated the fifteenth day of October in the year One thousand eight hundred and eighty-three^[1] the land described in the First Schedule to this Act was permanently reserved from sale under the provisions of The Land Act 1869 as a site or place for a Public Park”**

Many people are aware of the sporting ovals and associated buildings but may not realise the this is only about 20% of Romsey Park. The remaining 80% of the Park is the town's green space and contains the golf course. It is generally well maintained and numerous plantings have seen a once very lightly treed area become an area of great natural beauty with a growing and diverse population of trees and bushes including native creatures.

Each week between 250 and 350 people use the open area of Romsey Park. They may be golfers, visitors taking a stroll, family groups or mums and dads walking baby in the pram, community members walking their dogs, others jogging or running and some just sitting by the bottom dam watching the yabbies as they dig their holes into the bank. There are also numerous community members actively involved in maintaining and improving the Park

As Romsey expands, as it surely will, we need to plan properly, set aside land for the many new facilities our growing community will need, not just chop bits off our version of New York's famous Central Park.

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Events to Bolster LGBTIQ+ Pride, Strength and Inclusion

A regional Pride Prom and a program to create short films and features celebrating lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and gender diverse, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ+) Victorians to be shown at a drive-in are among the activities the Andrews Labor Government is backing to celebrate diversity, inclusion and connection across our state.

Minister for Equality Martin Foley today announced 20 recipients of the Pride Events and Festival Fund, which helps community organisations and LGBTIQ+ social enterprises host events that help to connect Victoria's diverse rainbow communities.

A diverse range of events and activities across the state will receive grants of up to \$10,000 - including 'Rainbow Yarning,' a series of workshops and yarning circles for Aboriginal community members to explore their LGBTIQ+ identities, connect with others and build inclusion and pride. Almost half of the funded activities will be in regional Victoria, including 'Queers on the Catwalk', an event that will support LGBTIQ+ people of all ages in the Macedon Ranges and surrounds to express their identity through clothing.

All events will include LGBTIQ+ people with disability, and some will be delivered digitally, either to complement or in place of physical gatherings, to ensure they can be accessed by all people across Victoria.

Along with providing opportunities for LGBTIQ+ communities to connect with each other, activities will improve the visibility of LGBTIQ+ people in their communities and promote understanding of their experiences.

The program aligns with the Labor Government's long-term plan to create safe, strong and sustainable LGBTIQ+ communities under Pride in our future: Victoria's LGBTIQ+ strategy 2022-2032, which was released last month.

The strategy will drive the Government's work to change laws and policies, strengthen state-based services and support LGBTIQ+ organisations and events over the next decade to drive meaningful change.

For a full list of successful grant recipients, please visit:
vic.gov.au/successful-recipients-pride-eventsand-festivals-fund

Quote attributable to Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas

“ It's fantastic to be able to announce this at ChillOut – a regional pride event - with so many grants awarded to our regional LGBTIQ+ groups, so they can connect with each other and celebrate who they are.”

Quote attributable to Minister for Equality Martin Foley

“ These grants are just one example of the Andrews Labor Government's commitment to creating safe, strong and sustainable LGBTIQ+ communities across Victoria.”

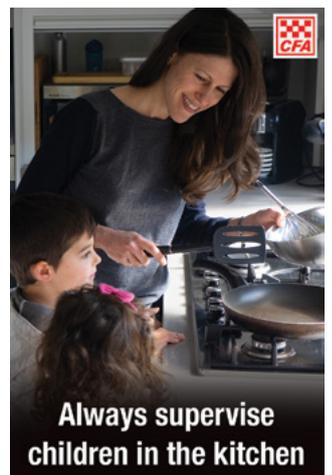
Quote attributable to Victorian Commissioner for LGBTIQ+ Communities Todd Fernando

“ This funding recognises just how powerful celebratory events and activities for our communities can be, right across this state of Victoria. These events help remind our diverse rainbow communities they are supported, we belong, and helps us feel seen and represented.”



Mary-Anne Thomas MP

LABOR MEMBER FOR MACEDON





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Mentoring teenage boys

Men who work with or regularly interact with teenage boys in the Macedon Ranges are being invited to take part in a six-week program which aims to explore the important role mentors play in guiding young people as they move towards adulthood. The program will cover topics such as masculine stereotypes and the impact these can have, and the importance of encouraging boys to reach their full potential by focusing on their strengths.

“More so than ever we need positive male role models within the lives of our young people,” says program facilitator Joel Hines from the Man Cave Academy.

“Teenagers are struggling to find their identity and they are looking to the adults in their lives for a bit of guidance. Being surrounded by a broad range of healthy masculinities helps disrupt the stereotypical narrative and enable boys to shape the kind of man they want to become.”

Anyone in a leadership or mentoring role such as sports coaches, teachers and community group leaders are encouraged to attend and it is hoped that the more people across the Macedon Ranges that take part, the bigger the impact will be on the whole community. The sessions will tap into the knowledge and diversity within the group exploring healthy, positive alternatives to support boys on their journey into adulthood.

“If you are willing to be a learner but also a teacher, and are prepared to reflect on your own personal views of masculinity while being open to different points of view and new experiences,” says Joel, **“then this program is for you.”**

‘Mentoring Teenage Boys’ is being held from 6.30-8.30pm from Monday 2 May until 6 June with the venue location to be confirmed. To register, go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mentoringboysinMR> or contact kathryn.chai@scchc.org.au for more information.

This program is part of #thehumancode project and is proudly brought to you by Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health, with funding support from VicHealth, Central Victorian Primary Care Partnership and Community Bank Gisborne and District.

ANIMAL FACTS

A zebra is white with black stripes.

Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens

Bendigo Bank Monthly Bus Trips

B Bendigo Bank

Blue Lotus Water Garden

Last month we had a wonderful trip to Bendigo to visit the PepperGreen Farm, where we enjoyed a lovely morning tea of scones, jam and cream.



Our next bus trip will be held on Wednesday April 6th. We are heading to Blue Lotus Water Garden at Yarra Junction. Not only will be able to see some beautiful Native Australian waterlilies and Lotus flowers but it is also the best time to see thousands of perennial Autumn flowers such as bougainvillea, hibiscus, impatiens, salvias and more.

We would love to see you there. Give Helen or Rae a call for further details and times for bus departures.

Depart: *Lancefield Post Office
Romsey Mechanics Institute
– 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 during April 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.

The Progressive Dinner is on again!

Last year's Progressive Dinner – Poetry In Motion event was a very successful feature of the Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival. It returns this year as the Eastern Ranges Progressive Dinner – Poetry In Motion. After pre-dinner appetizers by Verdure Café, diners will enjoy a three-course meal rotating between Mount Monument Winery, Soltan Pepper and Lancefield Lodge. The fun will continue when diners board the buses that will transport each of the three groups of 50 diners between each venue. It truly will be "Poetry In Motion"!

Ticket price is \$95 per person (drinks extra at bar prices). Tickets are limited so **BOOK NOW** to secure a seat at this very special Romsey/Lancefield region event. <https://www.trybooking.com/BXXIN>



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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.

The Beasties are coming to Romsey for the Autumn Festival!

On Saturday 2nd April between 10am and 11am, the Beasties will be at the Lions Park Romsey. A square cow quacking for biscuits, a squirting pig, a one-eyed blue cat, dancing carrots, and a giant roaming poo, Beasties is a petting zoo with a difference. This installation of strange and endearing creatures will keep young and old enchanted and highly amused. There's fish, birds to feed and Deloras will sing for you if you pat her enough. <https://www.visitmacedonranges.com/events/beasties-in-romsey/>



Don't Forget - Targa Florio Comming to Romsey

Calling all classic car buffs! Approximately 65 classic cars will be in Romsey on Thursday 7th April with the first car arriving at around 11.45am along the northern end of Station Street. They will wait their turn to complete the slow time trail down Station Street and then continue driving towards Melbourne. The last car will depart around 1.30pm. We have 65 cars and the first is due to arrive at 11.45am last will depart around 1.30pm as they head to Melbourne to complete the rally. Enjoy a coffee and ice cream from the onsite Mia Mia van whilst you enjoy watching the cars go through their paces!

Edgy Veg Awards - Support our local entry!

This year's Autumn Festival has a myriad of activities and exciting events including the inaugural Edgy Veg Awards organised by the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group (<https://veg.mrsg.org.au/edgy-veg-awards>). Romsey's own Verdure Cafe has a dish entered in this competition which will be decided by popular vote so get on board and support our local entrant!





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 wanting to be involved in their local community and be connected to a world-wide organisation of friendship and community care. We have 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 each month from 10.00 am to approx. 12.00 noon.

Our craft day is at 10am on the 3rd Thursday. Both meetings are held in the supper room (side entrance) of the Romsey Mechanics Institute, Main Rd, Romsey. If you have a special talent that you would like to share, we would love to hear from you.

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

CWA Mothers Day stall is on the 30th April

Chocolate Zucchini Cake

RECIPE

Ingredients

- 2 Cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups white sugar
- ¾ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 4 eggs
- 1 ½ cups vegetable oil
- 3 cups grated zucchini
- ¾ cup chopped walnuts

Method

1. Pre heat oven to 175 C, Grease and flour a baking pan.
2. In a medium bowl, stir together the flour, sugar, cocoa, baking soda, baking powder, salt and cinnamon.
3. Add the eggs and oil, mix well. Fold in nuts and zucchini until they are evenly distributed. Pour into the prepared pan.
4. Bake for 50-60 mins in the preheated oven, until a knife inserted into the centre comes out clean. Cool cake completely before frosting with your favourite frosting, or cream cheese icing.

Thanks for the recipe Cynthia.

ANIMAL FACTS

Snakes are immune to their own poison.

HAVE THINGS CHANGED MUCH

HOME HINTS – TRANSFERRED FROM PAPER CLIPPINGS - January 1995- Herald Sun

- Charcoal pieces mixed with soil at the base of plant pots keep soil sweet and help drainage
- You can boil cracked eggs if you wrap them tightly in foil
- To keep cauliflower white try adding a strip of lemon peel or two tablespoons of milk when cooking
- Use celery tops as a basting brush when barbecuing
- Onions are useful -if you get grit in your eyes chop an onion and let your tears wash it away
- To brighten an aluminium pan, boil citrus peel in it
- Rub lemon peel over your chopping board to clean and deodorise it
- Stiffen the end of thread with hair spray to help thread a needle
- Top speed ripening of tomatoes, place in a paper bag with a banana. Pinch a few holes in the bag first



Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke

Should we revere one group of people shooting another group? Amongst other things, that's what war is, folks.

Of course we must protect ourselves from an oppressor - such as Hitler or Pol Pot or any of the other bad guys. But as time passes and memories fade, the glory and excitement takes over and removes us from any involvement. Little boys see themselves as heroes, gloriously winning the VC, and little girls being Florence Nightingale.

And so it will be on the day we celebrate Winston Churchill demanding we invade another man's country and kill the inhabitants who try and defend their homeland. (Mind you, although we now know Churchill's reasoning was wrong on that occasion I'm glad he was on our side.)

But it's that invasion and its deaths where Australia came of age (so we're told). Even though our troops (young men who didn't know a tin of Bully Beef from an ash tray on a motor bike) went to be killed or kill.

Sure, it was a grand adventure - if you survived with all your limbs. Sure, bravery won our praise and gave us stories to relate, of the need for it all. Mind you I take my hat off to the young chocos who braved the Japs and won in New Guinea's jungles and those teenagers who flew Spitfires in the Battle of Britain. And I admire so many young folk who saved our way of life by their bravery,

But let's hope all that history remains just that - history. (And remember, it's the winner who writes the history.)

Let's teach our young to remember, not emulate.

I served six and a half years in the CMF (Citizens Military Forces) and did National Service and was trained and ready to defend Australia from aggressors. But I wasn't ready to be an aggressor.

And so I give you Anzac biscuits. It's a recipe I pinched from somewhere or other, but of impeccable heritage.

ANZAC BISCUITS

Ingredients

- 1 cup plain flour
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- 1 cup sugar
- pinch of salt
- 125 g unsalted butter
- 3 tablespoons golden syrup
- 2 tablespoons boiling water
- 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda

RECIPE

Method

1. Sift the flour into a large bowl then add the rolled oats, desiccated coconut, sugar and salt.
2. Stir the unsalted butter and golden syrup together in a small saucepan over a low heat until the butter has melted. Meanwhile dissolve the bicarbonate of soda in a couple of tablespoons of boiling water then stir it into the melted butter and golden syrup which will bubble up.
3. Pour this over the dry ingredients in the large bowl making sure you combine the mixture well.
4. Oil and line a baking tray with baking paper and drop onto it spoonfuls of the biscuit mixture, leaving enough space between each for the biscuits to spread. Pop the tray into the oven pre-heated to 180 deg.C and bake until the biscuits are a dark gold colour (about 14 minutes).
5. Take the tray out of the oven and put the biscuits onto a wire rack to cool. When sufficiently cooled, transfer them into a container with an airtight lid.

This recipe should make 30 biscuits.

So that's a recipe for Anzac biscuits. But I still buy mine from the shop.

CFA declares end to Fire Danger Period in Macedon Ranges Shire

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has been advised by the Country Fire Authority that the Fire Danger Period for the shire will end at 1am on Monday 21 March.

Residents wishing to burn-off after that time, must ensure they are abiding by Council local laws which prevent burn-offs on land less than 4000 square metres (one acre) without a permit. Residents must also register their burn by calling 1800 668 511.

With significant amounts of debris left over from the June 2021 storms, Council requests residents be mindful that burn piles do not exceed the size conducive to their land as set out in the local laws.

Council's Director of Assets and Operations, Shane Waldron, said residents should consider a number of factors before burning off.

"It is important to keep an eye on weather conditions that may change throughout your burn off.

Watch for overhead branches before igniting your burn pile and ensure you have an adequate water supply on hand," he said.

Free disposal of green waste excluding noxious weeds, is also available at Council's transfer stations.

Large landholders who would like to conduct a burn outside of council laws should call Council's

Municipal Fire Prevention Officer on 5422 0333 to discuss applying for a free permit to burn.

For more information visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/burning-off

Bridging the Divide

Macedon Ranges Shire Council are seeking participants for a new and exciting community climate change project.

Everyone in the community will continue to experience the direct and indirect impacts of climate change, regardless of their circumstances. Ageing or isolated people may be more affected by extreme weather events, while youth are already talking

Cool Changes Riddells Creek – update

The Macedon Range Shire Council funded Cool Changes program is a community-led initiative that brings together community members to create a climate action plan unique to their town.

Council is very happy to be partnering with the Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House in design and delivery of this program and have had some very exciting conversations with community members already about past climate change action in Riddells Creek.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our initial project survey. We had a great response, which will lead to some solid foundations when it comes time for the project workshops.

The project workshops are a great opportunity to celebrate local skills, knowledge and to promote all the hard work underway, helping us adapt to and mitigate climate change risks in Riddells Creek.

If you would like to participate, please scan the QR code below or please contact Justin Walsh at juwalsh@mrsc.vic.gov.au for more information

Workshops will take place over the following dates with light refreshments provided from 6pm:

- Thursday 21 April 2022, 6pm-8.30pm
- Thursday 28 April 2022, 6pm-8.30pm
- Thursday 5 May 2022, 6pm-8.30pm

We look forward to seeing you there!



about the mental health risks arising from living in a changing climate. Unfortunately, an understanding of these climate-induced health and wellbeing concerns has rarely been explored in an inter-generational setting. This is something Council hope to change.

This creative project will pair younger people with older people in conversations to discuss inter-generational concerns, actions and personal experience of climate-

induced health and wellbeing risks. Conversations will be filmed to create a series of short videos helping us all to talk about climate change and learn a few new actions to help us take care of ourselves, and others.

If you are between 15-25 or 55+ years old and are interested in participating, we would love to hear from you.

For more information, or to register your interest please contact Justin Walsh at juwalsh@mrsc.vic.gov.au

At Risk - Historic Eden Park, a Romsey Icon

The historic homestead, Eden Park, Romsey is at risk. The Macedon Ranges Council are considering re-zoning east of Romsey for new housing. Eden Park, settled in 1858 by Peter Mitchell, is at grave risk as a continuing farm.

This 100-acre property on Romsey Road may be within a new town boundary in MRSC's Emerging Options Paper (Option 3). If town growth moves east into the Farm Zone, a developer will move in. 164 years of Romsey history will be lost!

In one family since 1858, it is now owned by the fifth generation. Peter Mitchell purchased the first block at land sales in Kilmore in 1857, possibly from C J Baggott, a grantee of large acreage. Eden Park, running cattle, sheep and growing grain – including chicory, has provided



employment and local economic benefit since 1858. The gabled and verandah section (east end) was built earlier than the hipped roof Italianate stage (commissioned / designed by Matthews and Round). The stage in 1875 was built of bluestone quarried from the site.

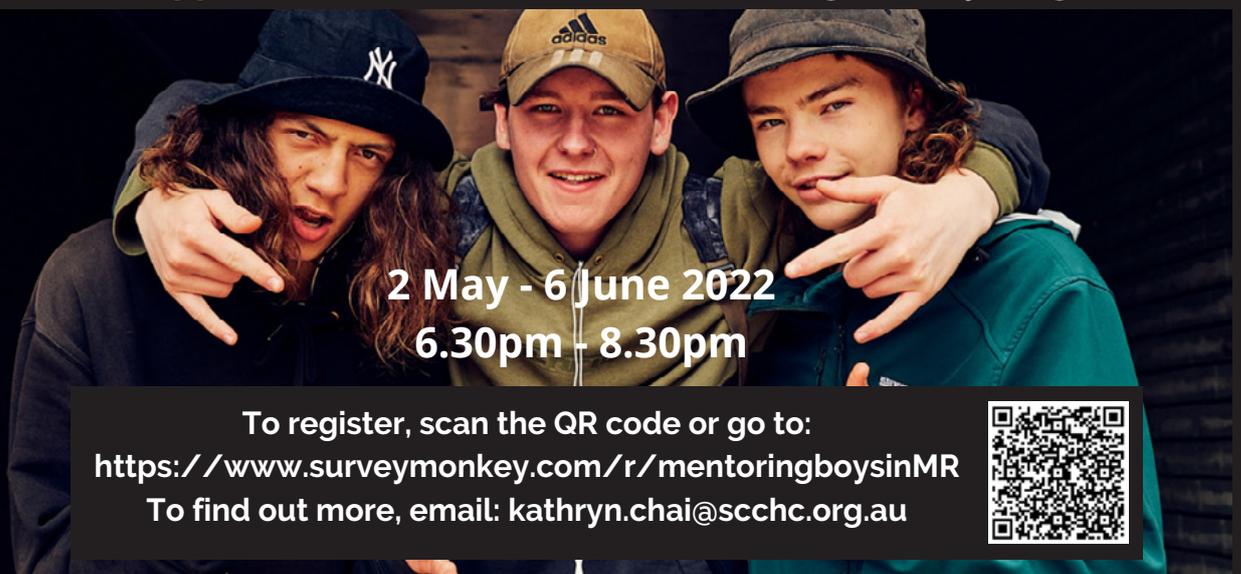
Bluestone outbuildings include a stone cottage built for farm workers - once occupied by John Allen, then a ploughman and later Premier of Victoria from 1924-27. Magnificent stained glass windows surround the front door, depicting the Scottish thistle and grains - the story of the original owners. These were created by Ferguson & Urie, the first stained glass window producers in Victoria - who made windows for Ripponlea, Labassa and Mandeville Halls. This property appears to meet the nine criteria for heritage listing,

The Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society supports the immediate heritage listing of this vitally important property - an icon of Romsey history.

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Hello Romsey,

Over the last couple of months counterfeit banknotes have been circulating, and have been presented at several stores through town. Mostly in the \$50 denomination, the notes have taken different forms with some very difficult to identify at first glance.

Common points to look out for are a seven-pointed star on the older style notes, with all 7 points coloured in when held up to a light, and a smudge free clear window. On newer style notes, the images in the clear panel should have a rolling colour effect when tilted in the light.

Refer to banknotes.rba.gov.au – on the Reserve Bank of Australia website - for a list of all security features.

You can refuse a banknote if you suspect it to be counterfeit - and/or contact police.

Though the use of these notes in town has dried up over the last few weeks, it is something to remain vigilant about.

The more frequent use of e-scooters has been noticed. You may be surprised to learn that most e-scooters, being over 200 watts and capable of traveling more than 10km/h, are classified a motor vehicles. As such, they are subject to the same legal requirements as vehicles - including licencing, registration, drink driving laws and compliance with road rules.

An e-scooter therefore cannot be used on any Victorian public road, cycle lane or footpath. As it stands currently, they can only be ridden on private property – though still subject to rules such as drink driving which can still occur on private property.

Senior Constable Bowen has again provided his attempt at a joke;

Why does it take a long time to eat a clock?

Because it's time consuming!



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Non-urgent Crimes & Events
☎ 131444

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☎ 5429 5461

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Romsey Pharmacy
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Diabetes Australia VIC
☎ 03 9667 1777

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1800Respect Counselling
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Royal Children's Hospital
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Royal Women's Hospital
☎ 8345 2000

Royal Melbourne Hospital
☎ 9342 7000

Puppy Pride

On Sunday 10 April the Kyneton Botanical Gardens will be filled with wagging tails and wet noses as the town hosts its very first 'Puppy Pride' event. The LGBTIQA+ community, their allies and their puppies will gather together and celebrate our beloved four-legged friends.

There will be food trucks offering a variety of local produce and fresh coffee, and dogs and their owners can browse the canine and pride-themed market stalls which will be situated alongside the historic pig shed.

There will plenty to keep everyone entertained with competitions including 'Fashions on the Fur', a scavenger hunt and for those who aren't dog owners, the 'Most Lovable Faux Puppy'. There will be prizes and special guests but for those who want to just sit back, relax and enjoy the beauty of the Botanic Gardens, there will be plenty of space to roll out your picnic blanket and set up your water bowl. To kickstart the event, there will be a walk along the Campaspe River starting at 11.30am at the outdoor gym in St Agnes Place. This short walk will take in the sites of the river walk finishing at the main event at the Kyneton Botanical Gardens.

"Bring your friends and family, connect with people you haven't seen for a while, or come along and make new friends," says Belinda Brain, one of the organisers from Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health. "You will find a warm, inclusive welcome at Puppy Pride."

The event is being organised as part of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Autumn Festival which runs until 25 April.

For more details contact healthpromotion@scchc.org.au or call 5421 1666.

It's all happening at the Romsey Ecotherapy Park!

If you recently wandered past the Romsey Ecotherapy Park, you have seen the final stages taking shape! It should be finished by June-July.

RIGHT: Water and sand play.

BOTTOM LEFT: The Meeting Place.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Arts Culture Open Space (to be grassed) with seating wall.



"Art in the Park" Progress Images

Amazing art works are nearly complete, to be installed soon. Have a look at these images!

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Bell tree top bell (Anton Hasell), Storytelling Chair (Richard Yates), Large stainless steel leaf element from Cycles (Charlie Aquilina), Kinetic Wind Sculpture support towers (Rudi Jass).



www.romseyecotherapypark.com.au

Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club

WOODEND DISCOVERY DAY

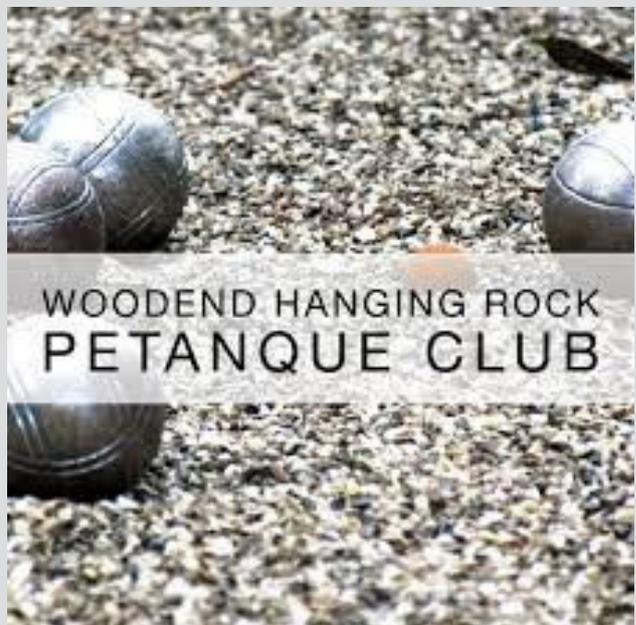
On Sunday 13th March, Woodend/Hanging Rock Petanque Club in conjunction with Woodend Pony Club held a great day of music, Pony Club exhibition, animal petting, pony rides and food vans as well as wine, beer and cider sampling.

The new Piste (our Petanque play area) was used by many visitors to experience the great family game that is Petanque.

Remember we are now at Woodend Racecourse on Mondays from 3:45 pm until the end of April (except Public Holidays) then from 2:45 pm, so come along and try our game.

Email your enquiries to secretary@petanqueattherock.com.au

Regards, Chinka (HEP) Steel - President



March rolled around... summer had ended abruptly but what a summer it was! It was a goldilocks summer, not too hot, not too cold, with a lot of days that were just right for the garden and our local environment.



The absence of extreme heat and strong northerlies kept the danger from bushfires lower and although December and February were dry the good January rain has kept a green tinge in the paddocks and Deep Creek flowing.

I cannot remember a better year for the veggie patch. Temperatures in the twenties to low thirties are ideal for summer vegetables... tomatoes up here were ready before some parts of Melbourne! Similarly, in the flower garden exotics and natives have all flourished. Penstemons and salvias have attracted Eastern Spinebills and hopefully the native garden I planted in spring with a collection of correas, grevilleas and banksias will continue to do well and attract a range of honeyeaters and wattle birds when in flower.

Out in the paddocks we also planted a couple of substantial groups of local native trees and shrubs comprising mainly of wattles, hakeas, tea-trees, banksias and bottlebrush. With a bit of supplementary water they have taken off and will quickly create an environment suited to local insects and birds.

Deep Creek Landcare Group in conjunction with the Australian Plants Society is working together to promote planting gardens that will attract frogs, bees, other beneficial insects and native birds.

The benefits are that indigenous plants once established require very little water. They range from ground covers to bushes up to 1-2 meters tall in a variety of colours and tend to flower for long periods of time. Our Gardens for Wildlife stall will be at the Farmers Market on the 4th Saturday in March, April and May.

In February our group conducted an extensive clean up along the path on the eastern boundary of Lancefield Park. Lots of weeds and suckers were removed and the overhanging trees along the path were given a substantial prune. During March we will conduct the first of our roadside clean-ups along the Lancefield-Kilmore Road from Doggetts Bridge into town as part of our commitment to the Keep Australia Beautiful campaign.



Autumn is the best time to plant natives in Lancefield so at this stage in April we are planning to plant approximately 300 trees and shrubs at Gallagher's Ford and 50 or so to replace losses up on the hill at Forbes Crossing. If you can give us a hand we would be very appreciative!

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.

Last year Clare Watson was appointed as the new Landcare Facilitator for the Upper Deep Creek Landcare Network of which we are a member.

Clare is based in Seymour with her family and has many years of experience locally as a volunteer in environmental groups and as a wildlife carer. Clare's background is in environmental science and ecology and she has a passion for all things wildlife and their native habitats. Clare is available, free of charge, to visit rural properties and offer advice to landowners. She can draft brief property plans that will detail the natural assets and relevant land management issues along with suggestions of how to improve the property's productivity, sustainability and biodiversity values. Our Landcare members are also available to visit properties, big or small, to give advice on improving the environmental values of your property.

The Key to Success - The 20 Mile March

Ever heard of the 20 Mile March? This is a fantastic concept that can be applied to any goal you want to set your sights on & will make you unstoppable!

The 20 Mile March refers to a race to the South Pole by two groups of explorers in 1911. Despite the two teams being evenly matched in equipment, skills & experiences, one team succeeded in their mission, whereas the other paid with their life. So, what made the difference between success & failure?

One team's strategy was to complete a 20-mile march every day, no matter what. They stuck with their plan and marched their 20 miles, in any weather and under any circumstances.

The other team used a strategy where they took advantage of good weather – they marched as much as they could on these days, which was anywhere from 40 to 60 miles. However, when the weather was bad, they stayed put and rested in their tents.

So, who do you think succeeded? Like the age-old fable of the tortoise & the hare - slow & steady wins the race. The moral of the story is to be disciplined & consistent, and you WILL reach your destination faster

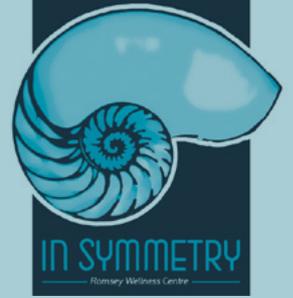
and in far better condition (both physically & mentally!).

On the other side of the scale - there is no free ride. Stop looking for short cuts and quick fixes!! Anything worth striving for will take hard work and dedication. The key is to have a plan, set achievable goals, play to your strengths, believe in yourself, and don't forget to factor in time for self-care & family.

This concept can be applied to anything you are wanting to achieve in life, big or small. The most important thing to remember is SHOW UP, do your 20 miles. Push through on the tough days and on the easy days, still do your 20 miles. And never, ever give up.

Goal setting can be daunting, particularly health goals. If you are looking for help and support to assist you in making life changing health goals, we invite you to begin your journey with our team of practitioners at In Symmetry.

Hannah Sutton (Director @ In Symmetry, Registered Chinese Medicine Practitioner)



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Our 2nd production for our 2022 season is sure to be a crowd pleaser! The comedy hit play *The Odd Couple* by Neil Simon was originally written in 1965 and was made into a film in 1968 starring Jack Lemon and Walter Matthau. The success of the film was the basis for the American sitcom starring Tony Randall and Jack Klugman.

This timeless classic is set in the smoke-filled apartment of Oscar Madison, who lives like a slob. Felix, one of his regular weekly poker game guests, moves in, having been thrown out by his wife. Felix is a neat freak and the blokey poker nights change dramatically as the slob and his new roommate find each other impossible to live with.

This is a very funny play with a fabulous cast! The season runs from 13 - 29 May. To book tickets go to www.themountplayers.com or call 5426 1892 for assistance.

See you at the theatre!

By Karen Hunt

Junior Cricket Round Up for Season 2021/22

The 2021/2022 junior cricket season wrapped up in early March with Junior Presentation Night held at the clubrooms on Friday 18th March. Congratulations to all award winners and teams for their efforts and enthusiasm throughout the season.

Thank you also to our fantastic group of junior coaches: Jake East (Under 15), Len Devlin & Cheyne Warren (Under 13), Will Collins (Under 11), Tim McCarthy (Girls Program) and Michael Richardson (Woolworths Blast Program) – without their commitment and dedication the junior players would never reach the level of joy, learning & development that we see on and off the field week in and week out.

The primary focus of the program is joy, learning & development and with that has come some very exciting on field results as rewards for the hard work and effort that all the junior players show. Whilst there are no finals for the Under 13 girls or Under 11 mixed competitions, each of the three teams in these grades had several strong wins during the year to finish the season near the top of the table. The Under 13 & Under 15 mixed teams both reached the finals and acquitted themselves with great skill and attitude, culminating in both teams playing off in the Grand Final over the Labour Day Weekend.

At the recent Junior Presentation Night the award winners were:

Under 11 Mixed

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Most Improved Award	Paige Lambert	London Rayment
Development Award	Emily Stocker	Sarah Turner
Batting Award	Amelia Hodgson	Holly Alderton
Bowling Award	Crystal Dyer	Lyla Brown
All Rounder Award	Chelsea McCarthy	Milika Fortune

JUNIOR MIXED	UNDER 13	UNDER 15
Batting Award	Oscar Kruss Alexander	Billy Steward
Bowling Award	Jay Alexander	Logan Collins
All Rounder Award	Riley Gray	Nick Tonkin
Best Team Player	Sam Alford	
Most Improved	Jesse Todd	Zade Mezzatesta
Coaches Award		Noah Walker

An early bird registration is now available for all juniors for Season 2022/23 until 25th May. Eligible families may be able to fund this registration through the Get Active Kids Voucher Program. Anyone interested in early bird registration or the Get Active Kids Voucher Program should email tmac31@bigpond.net.au for details of this special offer.



Diary Dates

- **Future Creations, Volume 6
Zine Making Workshop**

Saturday 2 April, 10:30am – 12pm

This is a drop-in session with light catering provided.

- **Craig Castree: Sustainable Living
(Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival)
Growing Fruit on an Urban Block**

Tuesday 5 April, 2pm – 3pm

Join horticulturist and author Craig Castree and learn all you need to know about growing healthy fruit trees on your urban block.

Craig's books include A simple Urban Life, Edible Gardens: A Practical Guide, Edible Garden Secrets and Plant Profiles. Book online: www.goldfieldslibraries.com

- **Be Connected: Getting Started with Photos
Wednesday 6 April, 2pm – 3pm**

Bookings required.

Book Online: www.goldfieldslibraries.com

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- **School Holidays
9th – 25th April**

Check out what's on at Romsey Library in our School Holiday Program. Pickup a brochure at the library or visit our website under the events tab: www.goldfieldslibraries.com

- **Nature Discovery Table
5th - 20th April**

Drop in and explore our Nature Table. Feel a snakeskin, check out a mummified fox, do a real snake jigsaw puzzle, and identify whose feather and whose home. Add something if you wish or bring in a photo if it's too big!

- **Arty Library Bag**

Visit the library in the first week of the school holidays and decorate a library bag with our craft supplies. This is a drop-in session, so bookings are not required.

- **A Curious Circle
(Curiosity, Connection and Creativity)
Thursday 21 April, 7pm – 8:30pm and
Thursday 19 May**

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- **Easter Break**

15th – 18th April

**Please note the library will be closed on Good Friday, Easter Saturday, and Easter Monday.

- **ANZAC Day
25th April**

**Please note the library will be closed for the ANZAC Day Public Holiday.

- **May The Fourth Be with You: Star Wars' Day
4th May, 3:30pm – 4:30pm**

Drop-in to celebrate Star Wars' Day and make an Ewok to take home. Ages 5 – 10 years.

Romsey Library/HUB Entry Requirements

- **QR Code and Proof of Vaccination Status**

A Gentle Reminder that we still ask that you check-in to the Library/HUB by scanning the QR Code and that you show us proof of your vaccination. We understand that this can be frustrating and is not required in retail and some other businesses, but it is still required for entry to the Library/HUB.

If you are unvaccinated and wish to access our services or collection, please call us on (03) 54293086 so we can make alternative arrangements for you. Thanks for your understanding and patience.

*Masks are no longer required to be worn.



Water education creates ripple effect



Local children get water wise with Greater Western Water.

Educating the next generation about water conservation and climate change is just one of the ways Greater Western Water (GWW) positively impacts our communities.

GWW provides free presentations and resources to preschools, childcare centres, and primary and secondary schools across our service region. The GWW team uses fun and engaging ways to teach kids everything they need to know about this precious resource.

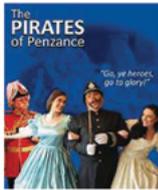
Participants learn easy, practical ways to save water at home, interesting water facts, and how the water cycle works.

GWW's education team offers virtual and in-person presentations, following a COVID Safe plan that reflects current COVID Safe settings.

Book your presentation

To find out how your classroom or community group can get waterwise, contact the GWW education team on education@gww.com.au or 0404 865 597.





The Pirates of Penzance

*The Romsey Uniting Church
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Romsey Golf Club Report

2022 Summer Cup: In memory of those who have gone before us. At the beginning of the final round only two players could have overtaken club captain Mal Mottram. In the end Mal was able to hold off Davey Kenney who "came home with a wet sail" to just miss top spot. All told, over the month of February, 162 rounds of golf were played by 68 individual golfers. Final results were; 1st Mal Mottram – 24.50 pts, 2nd Davey Kenney – 23.00 pts & 3rd Anthony Lakey – 16 pts

Relay For Life Charity Golf Day: Our 14th Charity Golf Day was held on Sunday Feb 20th. Covid-19 restrictions had been modified and we were able to host all 12 teams in the rooms for lunch and presentations. It was a beautiful day for a round and many people commented on the steady improvement across the course and the high quality of the greens, even with the constant attention from the Corellas. The day raised just over \$1,600 to go to cancer research. The day's results were;

- **1st – Carabiniere**
(Eddy, Lyndon, Ange & Matt) 43/9.75/33.25
- **2nd – Caledoniae**
(Elaine, Andrew, John & Craig) 43/7.75/35.25
- **Best Uniform:**
La Canard (Sharon, Lisa, Jan & Sally)

Our thanks to Nick and all the team at Romsey Mitre-10 who again sponsored the event



2022 RFL Winners - Carabinieri.

Park Lane, Romsey (PO Box 200, Romsey 3434) **Romsey Golf Club**

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Secretary: 0400 768 040

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- **Algje Mitchell Shield**, the club's oldest shield, first played in 1965 began, in early March. The qualifying round of stableford sees the top eight performers go into a handicap match-play competition. This year, because of the Centennial Celebrations, the shield will not conclude until mid April. It is a good chance for the players to prepare for Pennant Golf which is almost all handicap match-play.
- **Catering at RFL**, the Golf Club again catered for the Relay For Life's evening meal at the at Lancefield Park on Sat March 5th. The team were flat-out keeping up with the orders and there was very little left by the end of the evening. Reports tell us that everyone was happy with the variety of options, the size of serves and the cost.
- **Centennial Weekend**, At the time of writing we had 75 people booked for our Centennial Dinner at the RMI on Sat March 26th. Numerous golfers had also contacted the club booking spots in the three rounds of golf over the weekend.

We would like to thank the sponsors for the weekend's golf, Drummond Golf – Niddrie, B & L Robb, Mitre 10, Tonys Place & The Romsey Bottle-O and the Macedon Shire for their support with the printing of our book and for the Centennial Dinner.

- **All golfers:** Pay your green fees on line (<https://www.bookatee.com.au/romsey/>) or cash into the pole on the 1st.

For detailed reports on all results;

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



Australian Red Cross

Thanks to all who donated to the Red Cross Flood Appeal. As usual the communities of Lancefield and Romsey have been very generous.

We are holding an Easter Raffle on the 8th and 9th of April. For your chance to win a large basket of Easter Eggs come and purchase a ticket outside IGA Romsey, \$2 a ticket or 3 for \$5.

Romsey/Lancefield Red Cross Branch meet on the 1st Monday of the month in the old court house in Stawell St@ 1pm. We would love to see you there.

- Karen Hermann President: 0432103274
- Robyn Stephens Secretary: 0439083142



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Pastor's Parables

Encourage Church – New Senior Pastor

Last month you would have read in the Romsey Rag that Pastor Marilyn and Ray Hunter had been called by God to leave Romsey and continue their ministry in the warmer climate of Queensland. This month we would like to introduce the new Senior Pastor of Encourage Church and his family.



Pastor Tim Emonson will be stepping into the Senior Pastor position at Encourage Church, with the support of his wife Georgia, and sons Josh, Jonah and Noah. Pastor Tim was ordained in a wonderful service on the afternoon of Sunday, the 6th of March this year and he is excited to be serving the church and the community into the future.

Pastor Tim and his family have lived in Romsey for over 17 years. You may have come across them in one of their community activities – Little Athletics for many years, junior and now senior football for Romsey, playing futsal on a Tuesday night at the Romsey Recreation Centre, as the Approved Provider for the Kidzone Before & After School program, Mainly Music with pre-school aged children or working in the local libraries.

Pastor Tim is putting aside his consultancy business, with his previous career covering a couple of the Big-4 accounting firms and then financial modelling consultancies. Pastor Tim will be full time with the church from the 28th of March. Please feel free to contact him via the church, or bail him up in the street, if you would like a chat.

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Romsey - Lancefield Probus
Welcome to friendship

- The Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club provides an opportunity for active retirees or semi retired people to relax and enjoy the welcoming company of those at the same stage of life at our monthly meetings, and for periodic trips and lunches.
- Our monthly meeting (4th Thursday of the month) is a chance to catch-up with new and old friends over morning tea and hear interesting guest speakers on a wide variety of topics.
- The April meeting of the Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club in 2022 will be on Thursday, 28th April, 2022 at 10.00 am in St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey.

• Guest Speaker - Luke Behnke

The Guest Speaker at the meeting on 26th May will be Dr. Faye Woodhouse - Author.

All attending are subject to current Covid regulations.

Contact:

President/Vice President & Secretary:
Tony 0410 747 616

Visit our **WEB-Site: www.rlprobus.org.au**

Christ Church Anglican Lancefield with St Paul's Church Romsey

Regular weekly Church Services are:

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

Commemoration Service: Jan and Lourie Thompson

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.

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The World needs Prayer and Love

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We have all seen the way the terrible floods have impacted South East Queensland and NSW. Let us pray for all those whose lives and livelihoods are impacted. For those who have lost loved ones.

We pray for all those who are helping with the cleanup, working to get everyone back in their homes.

We also pray for the people of Ukraine. The devastation that Russia has caused by invading Ukraine is overwhelming and bewildering.

Our prayers are for those people who have fled their country and for those who have not been able to leave. May peace come soon.

April Worship Services & activities

All Sunday Worship services during April will be held at 9am.

As from 1st May, 2022 Sunday Worship Services in the Romsey Uniting Church will be held at 9.30am.

There is to be a Trial between three Uniting churches Romsey, Tylden and Gisborne to stream services between the churches via television and internet support. This does not mean that services will not be held in the Romsey Uniting Church. Services will continue as usual each week at 9.30am commencing in May

• **Sunday, 15th May, 2022, 1.30pm.**

Singularity Choir performance of The Pirates of Penzance. Please see separate advertisement in this edition of the Romsey Rag.

Lancefield Cemetery

INFORMATION & MOTHERS DAY MORNING TEA

Many locals mark Mother's Day by visiting their departed loved ones resting within the Lancefield Cemetery.

The Trust members invite the public to join us for morning tea at the Rotunda this Mother's Day.

• **Sunday 8th May (9:00am - 12:00noon)**

We would like to offer you a cuppa and share information about the Cemetery with you and any other interested visitors.

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| St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey

CURRENT MASS TIMES:

CURRENT MASS CONDITIONS - ALL WELCOME

- QR Code check-in for places of worship is no longer required.
- Staff and Volunteers within the Parish setting, are still required to be 'fully vaccinated' or 'up to date' with their vaccination (have received two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine or have a valid medical exemption).
- Face Coverings are no longer mandatory within places of worship.
- All Catholics in Melbourne continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. We continue to carry the happy obligation to keep Sunday holy, whether we can attend Mass or not, and can do so by any kind of prayer with members of our household, reading holy scripture & encouraging one another in our faith. Prayerfully participating in online Mass continues to be a great source of comfort on Sundays.
- We welcome the opening up of our places of worship but remain mindful and respectful that many in our community remain feeling cautious. Face coverings are recommended for workers who "serve or face" members of the public. As always, our priority is care for others and especially those most vulnerable.
- Hand sanitiser will remain available at the church entrance, as will masks if you feel more comfortable using them. Social distancing is always recommended.

EASTER MASS SERVICES

Lenten Reconciliation – Fr. Martin

Holy Thursday - Fr. Arnold

Friday 15th April – 3pm - Lancefield

Wednesday 6th April – 7pm – Romsey
or

Thursday 14th April – 7pm - Lancefield

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil - Fr. Arnold

Wednesday 13th April – 7:30pm -
Woodend

Good Friday Passion of the Lord- Fr.
Arnold

Saturday 16th April – 7pm - Romsey
Easter Sunday - Fr. Arnold

Sunday 17th April – 9am - Romsey

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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