

THE Romsey Rag

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Community Bank
Lancefield and Romsey

 **Bendigo Bank**

CHRISTMAS in ROMSEY 2022



Key dates

Saturday 26 November

Main Street Christmas Trees Installation

Friday 2 December and Saturday 3 December

Main Street festive Illuminations

Saturday 10 December

Community Christmas Carols Lions'
Reserve (Skate Park)

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Defibrillator

We would like to thank the Romsey Ambulance Auxiliary who are assisting the CoM to install a Defibrillator in the main hall. While we all hope that it never has to be used it is wonderful to have this piece of technology on hand. Special thanks to Beryl Cole, Helen Richardson and Wendy Gosden who have all been so helpful and supportive in this matter.

Renovating the Main Hall

We were visited by a specialist in heritage hall design to explain what is suitable and the new curtains the hall requires. It was a very interesting experience to see examples of materials that are available and what might suit the RMI. We expect a formal quote for these works in the near future. Now to get someone to have a serious look at the state of the hall windows.

Thank You

As another year races to its end, it is time to recognise those who work so hard to keep the RMI operating and moving forward; our Secretary and Bookings Officer Kathy Lakey; Kathy spends an enormous amount of time keeping up to date with DELWP, answering booking queries and showing people through the Institute. Our Treasurer Julie Smith, Julie sorts out and sends off all the accounts and chases up any that are overdue and Allan Irvine; Allan is always available to help with any problem and, when needed, offers very sound advice and finally Lyndal Corner who does an amazing job of cleaning this wonderful old building. Thank you to you all for working so hard for this wonderful community asset.

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December in the garden

by **Melanie Kinsey**

And still the rain falls! I've never seen it this constantly wet! Not even in 2010 when the millennial drought broke. The grass in the drain out the front is nearly 700mm high because the mower would get bogged if it ventured into there! I have my fingers crossed that no fool tries to turn around in front of our place – we would have to call a tow truck!

My lovely 20-year-old manzanita (*Arctostaphylos*) did not recover. I think it was a combination of wet feet and a savage frost that knocked it off (luckily, I have about ten cuttings doing well!) As a gardener you have to treat every failure as an opportunity; and so it was after we pulled out the manzanita. I stood and stared at

the large hole; then I shifted my gaze slightly to the left to the large clump of *Sedum* 'Autumn Joy'. Out came the spade and up came the clump. I divided it into five pieces, cut the new growth back by half and replanted the clumps in the hole. I experimented with cutting these herbaceous perennials back by half last year and I've discovered it means I will get more smaller but denser heads of flowers. I have no problems with that at all. They are resprouting already.

The annual shifting of the succulents from the back of the deck to the front of the deck has taken place. Trouble is I'm running out of room! So I made the decision to take some of the bigger plants around to the backyard and



place them on a corner of the lawn where they can spend the summer in the open. They are sheltered from the westerly sun so should be ok. I hope you are all faring well in the garden in this wet spring/summer! May the snails and slugs find someone else's plants tastier!



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“Big Joe” enters the Shell Rimula and the Road Transport Hall of Fame

Joe Dickerson, known as Big Joe, was born in Daylesford in January 1951. He started driving at 17 in a Commer with his father but he did not gain his licence until he was 18.

In 1969, Joe started his first real job, driving for Woodend General Freight. He then went to work for Romsey Stock Transport, carting to Newmarket. Joe moved onto interstate driving, travelling between Sydney, Brisbane and Adelaide and working for Bert Dunn Transport in Trentham.

After this Joe started his own business with his wife, Gloria, carting sand and gravel locally. In 1974 Joe and Gloria bought a larger truck for carting electricity poles and general freight interstate. Joe and Gloria welcomed two sons, Paul born ('71) and Anthony ('72). The boys loved to accompany Joe on trips, but they were both battling cystic fibrosis. Joe and Gloria organised many concerts raising money for Cystic Fibrosis, sadly Paul and Anthony passed away in 1984.

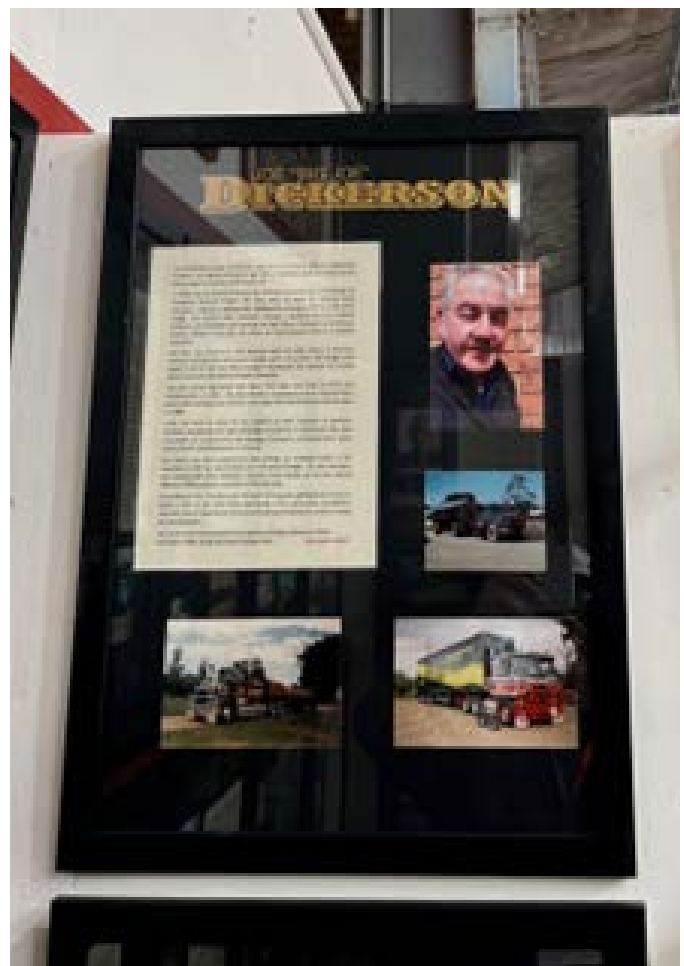
Later Joe went to drive for his nephew at RSD Transport in Kyneton completing five trips a fortnight to Sydney. Joe then went to sub-contact for Donegan Transport carting brewers yeast from Carlton United Brewery.

Joe claims his worst experience was driving on unsealed roads in the seventies to Mt Isa Queensland. On one occasion Joe transported Allan Moffatt's Cenovis Ford racing car to the annual Bathurst 1000 and was a member of the pit crew. According to Joe the best part of truck driving was getting back home to share a beer or two with his mates and family. In his spare time Joe liked to race hot rods in Daylesford and later participated in mud car racing all over Australia. Joe continues to drive trucks.

Joe is a well-known and much-loved member of the Romsey community. He is often seen mowing nature strips well away from his home and helping people in any way he can. He even put a stile in over his back fence so locals could take a short cut through to the Uniting Church.



Joe & his beloved truck.



Joe's Honour Board.



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 a volunteer organisation

Our branch would like to thank everyone who supported us this year. This year we had our first big Mothers Day Raffle; with the support of the business of Romsey it was a great success.

Just a little about CWA

We are a small group of ladies who meet twice a month. We get together to raise money to help support organisations in Romsey and surrounds. Each year we donate to different organisations such as the CFA, Ambulance Victoria, and school libraries.

We do catering for different events as well; this year was the Antiques Fair, Victorian Farmers Federation, just to name a few.

Most people think that CWA is old-fashioned and all we do is knit and crochet. Although we do crochet and knit, it's all for good causes such as the Royal Women's Hospital. It is also meeting new people and learning new skills, having fun while we raise money for different organisations.

We have days out, although covid slowed us down with these. This year we went to the Elvis display in Bendigo; next year we are hoping to do a lunch somewhere or have guest speakers.

We have some very talented people within the group. We have amazing cooks! They have made award-winning sausage rolls, sponges and biscuits, which sell very well at our stall.

So maybe next year you might like to think about coming and having a look at what we do.

I joined the first week after retirement as I wanted to do something in the community and thought why not give it a go. I was welcomed very warmly on that day and have enjoyed my time with our branch. In fact so much so, I am now in my 2nd year as President.

For any further information please call:

President: Dianne Purtill, M: 0409214520

Secretary: Wendy Foster, M: 0409175667 or email: **cwaromsey@gmail.com**

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

Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens

Bendigo Bank - Monthly Bus Trips

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



Christmas Break-up

After a couple of weeks off we are back in our rooms enjoying our Monday get togethers. Helen, our President, was off sick for a couple of weeks but is back ready to go.

Our Monthly Bus Trip are back on for December. We are off to the Highlands Hotel in Craigieburn for a Luncheon. This will be on Tuesday the 6th of December. If you are interested, please ring Helen for details of pickup times and costs.

For further information please contact Helen on 0409 064 303

Hope to see you soon.



G'day



Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke

Our daughter Wendy (named after my mum Wendy - the Russell Street dressmaker - of Tumut), operates with her business partner Nicola, four dance schools (Dance Explosion).

They've had a hard time because of the Corona virus lock-down. Their students are scattered and the worry of social gatherings was prominent. Hence no pas de deux or the like in their lives until things relaxed.

Fortunately, they are back in business, therefore I thought I might invent a food which was dance specific.

Jumping beans seems obvious, but then again not all dance is bouncing up and down. For instance Swan Lake suggests a soup with whipped egg whites floating on top. Or the Nutcracker suggests unimaginable pain with walnuts being de-shelled to make a nut loaf. ('Loaf' isn't a word one associates with dance - certainly not a Dance Explosion class.) But my daughter teaches tap, jazz, ballet and all abilities students of all ages - so maybe a mixed stew of sorts, eh? As long as it has the ingredients which feed their active bodies.

I remember I once interviewed Robert Helpmann for TV Week. I asked Sir Robert what his favourite food was - "Food that is light and airy I suggest, as you do your famous leaps." (Grand Jetés).

"Fettuccini," he replied "and then for afters, more fettuccini." And he was right. Pasta gives instant energy which is what Wendy and her crew need now they are inundated with pupils.

Here's a fettuccini recipe.

FETTUCCINI DANCE EXPLOSION

Ingredients

- 500 g fettuccini
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1 clove garlic
- 1 1/2 cups shelled walnuts
- 200 g mascarpone
- 3/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese.



Method

1. Chop the garlic finely and carefully sauté in the melted butter (carefully!!!) in a small saucepan. Chop the walnuts and stir into the garlic and keep stirring for a couple of minutes then take off the heat.
2. Cook the pasta in boiling water until it's done to your liking.
3. Stir the mascarpone into the nuts and gently heat through. Drain the fettuccini, toss in the Parmesan cheese, stir in the nut mixture and serve straight away.

PS. Santa's on the hop at Christmas - all those chimneys and TV aerials to chassé around - so maybe leave a serving of Fettuccini in the stocking by the mantelpiece instead of a bickie or two with your glass of milk or beer, eh?

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2022 has seen four elections in Australia

In South Australia a change of government, in the Federal election a change of government, and in the ACT and Victoria, both governments returned to office.

Each of these elections is planned and operated by fully independent state and federal Electoral Commissions. These commissions do everything from organising staff, furniture and other infrastructure, pencils, disinfectant, masks, staff jackets etc and selecting polling sites.

The staff come together at a site with the vast majority never having met before. They are courteous and helpful to all. Since 2020 individuals can bring their own biro/pen to mark their ballot.

Votes are counted after 6.00pm on election day with scrutineers from all/most political groups observing this count. These scrutineers have the right to question any ballot and have it set aside to be checked later in the night or coming days.

All votes are then recounted, numerous times, at each electoral central polling/ counting place. Postal and absent/declaration votes are all counted there. Again, a very mixed work force drawn from all walks of life within Australia.

We are fortunate that we live in a country where the results of an election are respected and we allow the new/old government to get on with their job.

These are things that we, as Australians, have the right to feel very proud of. While we may or may not be happy with the result we know that everything is above board.

THE ROMSEY RAG INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7pm Thursday 24th Nov 2022 At Romsey Mechanics Hall 122 Main Street, Romsey.
(All Welcome Phone Secretary on 0418 581 885)

www.theromseyrag.com.au

Send us your thoughts and ideas for what you think could happen in Romsey.

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MEMBER 2022

COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER
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The Romsey Rag is proud a member of the CNAV. It is the peak body representing not-for-profit community newspapers across Victoria.

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.

Annual Landcare membership is \$20 per family.

You can catch us at the Lancefield Farmer's Market over summer, follow us on Facebook, contact our President, Phil Severs (0476 324 000) or attend our monthly meetings in the Lancefield Mechanics Hall.

Top 8 water tips that could save the planet, your budget – or a life



Saving water has so many easy environmental and financial benefits. But you may not realise some of these simple tips from Greater Western Water (GWW) could assist in an emergency or even save a life.

1. **Be smart. Choose tap.** It's the best choice for your health, the environment and your budget. After all, the best drinking water in Australia is right here in Victoria!
2. **Store water in your fridge for emergencies.** In the event of a burst water main or bushfire, you'll always have drinking water on hand.
3. **Be prepared.** Water pressure and supply could be interrupted during a bushfire. GWW has backup and staff on call, but if you live in a high-risk area, consider keeping an alternative water supply. Contact CFA to find out more about bushfire preparation.
4. **Check for leaks.** Avoid steep water bills by checking for water leaks now. Read the numbers on your meter, then re-check after a period when you haven't used any water. If the numbers have changed, you may have a leak.
5. **Adopt a hydrant.** Help to clear grass and soil from fire hydrants or let us know if you spot one that needs attention – you'll be helping the CFA when they need to fight fires and keep property and people safe.
6. **The three Ps.** Remember only flush pee, poo and (toilet) paper down the loo and avoid a costly (and smelly) plumbing fix. Look out for the new flushable symbol on products too. You'll be helping to keep our sewers operating at their best.
7. **Shorten your shower.** Save water by keeping your shower to four minutes.
8. **Can you claim a concession?** Shrink your bills with a concession – pensioners, healthcare card holders and Veterans' Affairs gold card holders are all eligible.

The Mount Players Winds Up its 50th Year!

After the disappointment of the previous 2 years The Mount Players kicked back with a vengeance in 2022 to produce 4 successful shows in this, our 50th anniversary year!

The shows included Love Song, The Odd Couple, Reservoir Dogs & Madagascar displaying absolute diversity and therefore continuing to attract new audiences. The highlight has been the publication of our book "Box Office to Back Stage – 50 Years of Community Theatre".

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our history group this magnificent 332 page book is packed with stories, shows and photographs covering our 50 years from 1972 – 2021. The book can be purchased through our website www.themountplayers.com.

A huge thanks to the Bendigo Community Bank Gisborne for their generous grant of \$3,000 which will be spent on a new computer and software for our technical team in the bio box.

The year will wind up the celebrations with its annual Christmas picnic in December and we then look forward to a busy season in 2023 where we have a jam-packed calendar already in place. Our first show for 2023 will be a very funny radio play The 39 Steps by Director John Rowlands who brought you Too Many Crooks in 2021. Opens 24 February so check out our website for full details.

The Mount Players sends out a huge thanks to everyone who comes to our shows and of course to our wonderful Sponsors – Bendigo Community Bank Gisborne, Office Barn Gisborne, Bradleys Curtains & Blinds Woodend, Jellis Craig Woodend and Hanging Rock Winery for your ongoing support. We wish you all a peaceful, happy Christmas season with friends and family.

See you at the theatre in 2023!

| Karen Hunt.



The Mount Players



CELEBRATE THE WONDERFUL

However you celebrate, whoever you're with, may your Christmas be merry, always.

From the Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey team.

During the festive season our branches will close at 5pm on Friday 23 December, and reopen Wednesday 28 December.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT EVENING



Along with members of our local community, our Community Bank team enjoyed a fabulous evening on the 27th October at our 2022 Community Investment Event. We had quite a crowd and extend our thanks to John Spring from the Macedon Ranges Photographic Society for capturing the event.

On the night, we announced an investment of \$296,837 into Romsey, Lancefield and surrounds for 2022-23, consisting of;

- \$211,087 in grants to 16 local organisations
- \$16,500 in continued investment in our local ShareRide vehicle from our 2021-22 CIP
- \$12,000 in donations to 8 local emergency services groups
- \$19,750 in sponsorships
- \$37,500 in scholarships for 2023

An amount we at the Community Bank are extremely proud of, bringing our total investment in the local community to over \$2.5 million in our 21 years of Community Banking!

Our next grants program for events will open in March/April 2023 – email cip@lrcfsl.com.au to ensure you're on the list to be notified when the program opens.

2023 TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIPS

Are you or do you know someone heading to TAFE, University or College in 2023 for the first time? Applications are now open for a number of 1 year and 3 year scholarships as part of our 2023 Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey Scholarship Program. Contact our branch for more information or for full eligibility criteria and to apply online head to:

<https://www.bendigobank.com.au/community/scholarships/community-bank-scholarships/>

BOARD MEMBER

We currently have a vacancy on the Board of Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services Limited and invite interested residents to apply to join like-minded volunteers in this highly active community organisation.

The company is seeking applicants with specific experience in corporate and financial affairs and business management with accounting / business qualifications. Refer to the accompanying ad for full details.



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Part of the team

Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services Limited is a franchisee of Bendigo Bank and operates the locally owned Community Banks of Lancefield and Romsey. We currently have a vacancy on the Board and invite interested residents to apply to join like-minded volunteers in this highly active community organisation.

The Community Bank is a major contributor to the amenity and financial wellbeing of our Romsey and Lancefield communities, and has distributed more than \$2.5 million in grants and sponsorships to local groups over the past 21 years.

The company is seeking applicants with specific experience in corporate and financial affairs and business management with accounting / business qualifications. Applicants will have an understanding of the needs of the local community together with an appreciation of the impact of technology and online banking on customer engagement.

This role may be of interest to persons who are either working or retired. Positions are voluntary and therefore a strong commitment to community affairs is essential. Various training options are available for successful candidates.

The ability to invest your time and energy is key, with a minimum commitment of at least 10 hours per month, including a monthly Board meeting and participation in Board committees.

Expressions of interest, with a brief resume, should be addressed to the Company Secretary at PO Box 30, Lancefield, 3435 or emailed to companysec@lrcfsl.com.au by 15th January 2023.

Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services Limited

Final call out for the 2023 Autumn Festival

The 2023 Autumn Festival event program is almost finalised, including the popular Autumn Pie & Tart Trail, but there's still time to get involved.

Held across nine villages from 1–30 April and driven by local businesses, community and creatives, the Autumn Festival provides a platform to showcase the region's makers, producers, artisans and attractions.

The festival's purpose is to inspire visitors to explore and discover the beauty of autumn in the Macedon Ranges through curated trails and itineraries, markets, workshops and events.

Council will be facilitating three Welcome to Country events, bringing back The Gardeners puppets to our farmers markets, and curating autumn-inspired driving itineraries, tippie trails and competitions, all to be featured on a dedicated Autumn Festival website.

Event and Pie & Tart Trail submissions for inclusion in the festival program are due now. For more information visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/autumn-fest

Environment and Healthy Landscapes events over summer

Discover how to sustainably manage your land through our webinars and field days throughout summer:

- **Horses – How to graze them in a sustainable way**
Sunday 4 December, 10am-12pm, Drummond
Jason McAinch, our Private Land Conservation Officer, will lead a discussion on how to graze your horse in a sustainable way.
- **Grass Identification Field Day**
Sunday 11 December, 10am-11.30am, Malmsbury
Martin Roberts, our Bushland Reserves Officer, will take you on a guided walk through Malmsbury Common. Martin will give a practical demonstration and discuss the key characteristics in identifying the grasses you have on your property and in your paddocks.
- **Horses – How to summer graze them in a sustainable way**
Sunday 29 January, 10am-11.30am, Gisborne
Do you have horses? Join Jason McAinch, our Private Land Conservation Officer, to discuss and learn how to summer graze your horse in a sustainable way.

To register for the above events visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events. Once registered, the webinar or event address will be sent to you prior to the event.

Healthy Landscapes - Small Property Grazing course

Starting Friday 24 February 2023 at 2pm

Council's Healthy Landscapes program offers a small property grazing course to local landholders. The course has been designed to assist land managers to improve their skills and knowledge about grazing livestock, resulting in an increase in soil health and perennial pasture species, including native species. It is structured for small landholders (2-20Ha) with grazing livestock (including horses, sheep, cattle, alpacas etc.).

For information and to register visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/healthy-landscapes

Making recycling easier!

Are you a passionate and keen recycler? Did you know that kerbside contamination is an ongoing issue and our recycling contamination rate is 17-20%?

Council is relaunching the 'Let's Get Sorted' campaign materials in line with the state-wide campaign – 'Small acts, big impact' and wants to investigate household behaviour, attitudes and knowledge to improve Council's waste education.

Your valuable opinion will help us understand how we can improve our waste and resource recovery services and better support the community to reduce waste to landfill and increase recycling.

By completing our short survey you can also win one of the three lucky draw visa gift cards worth \$200. Hurry! The survey closes 20 December. Find out more at mrsc.vic.gov.au/your-say

No changes to Christmas bin collections

There are no changes to kerbside collection days over the Christmas and New Year period.

Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend Transfer Stations will be closed on Saturday 24 December, Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Total Fire Ban days.

Download your 2023 bin calendar from the MRSC Waste App or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/bin-calendar.

For a printed calendar visit your nearest customer service centre.

In November 2022, National Asbestos Awareness Month, the Asbestos Education Committee & Cherie Barbour, who lost her grandfather due to asbestos-related disease, reminds us of these facts:

Fact 1: Over 4,000 Australians die every year from asbestos-related diseases – around 265% more than the annual national road toll, so as long as asbestos-containing materials remain in homes built or renovated prior to 1990. DIYers, homeowners, renovators and tradies - heed the warnings, respect the dangers of asbestos. It's not worth the risk.

Fact 2: "Many homeowners wrongly believe that asbestos-containing products are only found in fibro homes made from asbestos-cement sheeting," said Ms Barber. "The fact is, **asbestos was used extensively in the manufacture of more than 3000 building and decorator products** that can still be found in brick, fibro, weatherboard, apartments or sheds built or renovated before 1990.

Fact 3: There is no cure for mesothelioma, a cancer that can develop between 33 and 44 years after inhaling asbestos fibres with the average survival time following diagnosis, just 12 months.

Fact 4: Growing evidence suggests current occurrences of asbestos-related diseases are as a result of **exposure to asbestos fibres during DIY and renovations**.

Fact 5: Because there is no known safe level of exposure to asbestos fibres, without knowing where asbestos might lurk in and around properties, or how to manage it safely, **people could be playing 'Renovation Roulette', risking their families health and that of bystanders** if they disturb these hazardous materials.

For more information: visit asbestosawareness.com.au

Council's soft plastics recycling services not impacted by REDcycle announcement

Council has confirmed that its kerbside soft plastics collection trial in Romsey and soft plastic drop off at transfer stations will not be impacted by REDcycle's announcement to halt collection of soft plastics from Coles and Woolworths stores from Wednesday 9 November 2022.

Plastic collected in the Romsey trial and from transfer stations is not processed by REDcycle. Instead, it is taken to two different plastic processors.

The soft plastic collected via the Romsey kerbside trial will go to Council's comingled processor APR, which has a soft plastic pyrolysis plant in Dandenong that will transform the collected plastic back into crude oil for reprocessing back to plastic.

The trial is being driven by the Australian Food and Grocery Council (AFGC). Members of the AFGC will buy the material back for packaging, closing the loop.

The plastic taken to Council's transfer stations by residents will also not be impacted. This is collected by local Kyneton company, Victorian Regional Recyclers,

and is taken to GT plastics in Geelong for mechanical reprocessing to pellets.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Bernie O'Sullivan said, "Council will consider whether any other interim local solutions are needed to help residents with their recycling needs in light of REDcycle's announcement. We know this is a popular service for locals to use.

"I'd like to remind residents they can still take their soft plastics to our transfer stations for free. We also encourage our Romsey residents to support the soft plastics kerbside collection trial taking place."

Following the Romsey trial, Council will investigate the potential to roll out the soft plastic kerbside collection process across the whole shire.

For information regarding Council's free soft plastics drop-off at transfer stations, including what items are accepted, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/soft-plastics.

To find out more about the Romsey soft plastics trial visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/romseytrial

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Hesket Primary School

The students of Hesket Primary spent much Term Three learning their lines and then had local videographer, Angus Strachan film and edit their movie, ready for the screen. Their hard work was celebrated at their movie premiere, where the students became the stars, walked the red-carpet and watched their movie for the first time with their friends and families. By all accounts, Hesket Primary's movie premiere at the Romsey Mechanics was an outstanding success.

Here's what the parents had to say:

"And the Oscar goes to Hesket Primary School! Parents, students and friends thoroughly enjoyed the spectacular red-carpet event, and the home-grown stars of the show dazzled the crowd with their brilliance and comedic timing. Charlie was especially excited to be included as the Master of Ceremonies, after missing out on filming due to an ill-timed bout of Covid. We certainly have very special teachers and a wonderful community at Hesket Primary School. From little things big things grow." Kirsty

"The Hesket Movie Premiere was a fabulous event! I loved watching how excited and proud the kids were. They dressed up in their finest outfits, posed for photos and walked the red carpet with their friends. Hearing them all crack up with laughter at the funny parts of the movie was my highlight... closely followed by the amazing choc tops from the Woodend Ice-cream Shop!" Jess

"Hesket Primary's movie night was a wonderful celebration of the children and staff who make up the school. The children each got to play a role and rose to the occasion with full gusto! Smiles and laughs were the order of the night, with choc top faces and popcorn to boot. My three kids Amelia, Hillary and Felix were thrilled to share their achievement with us. The Romsey Mechanic's Hall was a perfect setting." Lizanne

"Thoroughly enjoyable and entertaining. Isabelle said that it was very rewarding to be able to remember her lines and for the night to be such a success." Ebony

And the students:

"Our favourite things about movie night was getting dressed, walking down the red carpet and being clapped and cheered by the audience. We laughed so much at the funny bits, especially when the big kids were surprised when the Gingerbread Man kept running through. Last but not least, we LOVED the tastiest choc-tops ever and salty delicious popcorn." Grade Preps

"Making the movie at school, walking down the red carpet and seeing it for the first time on the big screen was the best." Hillary

"Our favourite part of the movie was the chase scene in slow-motion." Micah and Leo

"My favourite thing was acting – I got to defend the innocent Big Bad Wolf." Caitlin

"My favourite part was filming day with Angus and dressing up in my costume." Aurelia

"The best bit was turning into our characters when we put our costumes on." Xavier



Romsey Golf Club Report

Fire at the Work Shed: An investigator visited the shed and viewed the machinery and other damaged/destroyed items before submitting his report on the cause/s of the fire. We have continued working our way through all other insurance processes. The club had all machinery and other contents of the shed insured, but international factors have seen shipping charges and the price of replacement machinery more than double in the last few months. Clubs all over SE Australia are vying to replace machinery damaged in fires and floods. No matter how well we were insured we could not have predicted these massive increases. In relation to the building, both the club and the Shire had the building covered by insurance so this will most likely slow things a little.

Fundraising Dinner at Soltan' Pepper - Sat Nov 26th: This has been a great success with the whole place selling out quite quickly. The night included live music, silent auctions and some party games, a great evening that saw the club raise much needed funds. We would like to especially **thank the Romsey Cricket Club** who were planning a fund raiser for the same night. Not only did they cancel their event but they then brought almost 20 seats for the dinner. Very much appreciated.

The rains continued: The 2nd week of November saw reasonable sun and wind so it was all hands on deck to try to get on top of the grass. Nothing had been able to be cut for almost a month so it was a big job. A big **thank-you** to Anthony Lakey, Sevi Wilkins, Mal Mottram, Bob McLennan and Andrew Clement who put in many hours driving mowers or cleaning up the many branches etc that have come down over recent months. These works were vital as heavy rain fell over Nov 11/12/13 making it virtually impossible to get back on the course before our Tournaments Nov 17/19/20.

Coring the Greens: At the time of writing, coring was scheduled for Nov 24th.

While the weather is so unpredictable we hope that that week saw sun and wind and the works were able to go ahead.

RGC would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year

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Has Deep Creek reached a Turning Point?

In August, I wrote of a 'voice' for the Maribyrnong River/Deep Creek – like the Yarra & Werribbee River Keeper Associations. Now, events show the need to remedy centuries of exploitation of this waterway.

A strong voice for the Maribyrnong and its waterways was set up in July. In October, Deep Creek Landcare was at a second forum to establish this organization ie. name, a logo, governance, 3-year focus, strategies and Fundraising. A Facebook page is now up and funding gained. The rapid progress is exciting- "watch this space"

Two days after this, the Maribyrnong flooded with water levels the highest in decades. Upstream, the impact was greatest in Deep Creek. Months of rain and saturated farmland meant heavy rain on 11/10/22 flushed straight into the creek. It flooded, damaging everything in its path. Our sites at Forbes Crossing and Gallagher's Crossing were not spared.

Flood impacts are known. Our thoughts go out to all those affected. What is less understood was highlighted by Nicole Kowalczyk, Maribyrnong Riverkeeper:

"Floods are an impetus to restore and protect the river, its parklands and floodplain. An overlooked value of rivers is the way (they control) flood when left with some natural environment intact. Given enough floodplain, rivers have a remarkable capacity to absorb rainfall and runoff. Stripped of those, they inevitably flood.

"The Yarra Riverkeeper Association believes that rather than build higher flood protection works and prevent floodwater from moving onto floodplains, we should encourage floodwaters to move into areas benefitting from inundation, enabling the myriad of ecosystem services floods offer.

It is .. significantly cheaper to preserve a river's natural course, to give it room to move, and to absorb flood waters than to build huge monuments to protect what cannot be protected and to pay astronomical damage costs caused by the inevitable flood."

A consequence of recent rainfall has been the inability of the Romsey waste water treatment plant to cope. The plant will continue to discharge into Deep Creek until late November. We wrote to Ministers and state election candidates of our displeasure, noting "Western Water, back in 2019, said the Romsey Plant was at risk of uncontrolled spills in years of average rainfall. Now, GWW has had to truck waste water out of the facility and discharge waste water into Deep Creek in this wet period."

I invite you to be active on this issue. We cannot simply ignore the situation. "Water quality of Deep Creek and the Maribyrnong is highly important. Farming and agriculture along the waterway need clean water. Flora and fauna rely on clean water; the survival of the endangered Yarra Pigmy Perch and local Platypus population are at stake. The Maribyrnong is a prime recreational facility for fishing, canoeing and rowing."

We believe that "The discharge of waste water into our waterways may be a cheap and easy solution to the problems faced by GWW but it is not a solution that is acceptable to us or the general population.





Christmas Hours

The Romsey Library will close at 5pm on Friday December 23 and then remain closed throughout the Christmas & New Year period until reopening at 9.30am on Tuesday January 3.

Our eLibrary will remain fully accessible during this time – head to www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/eLibrary. And the Kyneton and Gisborne libraries will both be open Wednesday December 28 to Friday December 30, 10am – 5pm.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Final Children's Story Sessions for 2022

Our final children's story sessions for 2022 will take place in the third week of December.

- Last Storytime: 11am, Monday 12 December
- Last Toddler Time: 11am, Tuesday 13 December
- Last Baby Rhyme Time: 11am, Thursday 15 December

Look out for next year's sessions when school returns in 2023.

A most wonderful time of the year!

Yes, you guessed it, it's Christmas time! With this realisation comes great responsibility for us Christmas lovers - a duty to share as much Christmas joy as possible, and the Romsey Library is here to help you do that!

With Christmas books galore we've got you covered. For the crafty creators check out *Craft it up: Christmas Around the World* or *Kids make Christmas: over 40 kids' craft projects for Christmas*.

For those in charge of the Christmas day feast, browse through *Jamie Oliver's Christmas Cookbook* and *Women's Weekly: Celebrating Christmas* for inspiration.

And for anyone wanting to get lost in a Christmas winter wonderland tale, borrow *The Merry Christmas Project* by Cathy Bramley, *White Christmas* by Katie Flynn or *The Christmas Bookshop* by Jenny Colgan.

We've also got plenty of children's Christmas books to keep them entertained before Santa visits, with *Bluey: Christmas Swim*, *Peppa's Christmas Unicorn* and *Steve the Christmas Elf*.

Personally I'll be borrowing *Zero Waste Christmas: Crafty Ideas for a Sustainable Christmas* by Christine Leech & Emma Friedlander-Collins, in an attempt to be as sustainable as possible this festive season.

To see what else is available, view our catalogue at goldfields.spydus.com, or to access magazines online, visit ncgrl.vic.gov.au/elibrarynewspapersmagazines.



Merry Christmas from Liv and the Romsey Library team!

Romsey Library Playdate

1.00 – 3.00pm, Tuesday 13 December

Come along to the library to connect with others and make new friends! We have a lovely space for interaction between parents, carers and children, with toys from the Romsey Toy Library to keep the kids entertained.

Everyone is welcome at this 100% free session, scheduled for 1– 3pm on Tuesday December 13. For more information, visit the library at 98 Main Street Romsey or phone us on 5429 3086.

A Curious Circle

Curiosity, Connection & Creativity! 7.00 – 8.30pm, Thursday December 15

We're inviting adult women to come together to connect and explore their curiosity in a creative way. Try out some new arts and crafts just for fun – no special skills required!

Our December evening will focus on Christmas craft. Supper is provided, and beginners are 100% welcome. Bookings essential. For more information please email romsey@ncgrl.vic.gov.au or phone us on 5429 3086.

And keep an eye out for future Curious Circle events in February 2023!



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Ulumbarra Theatre Bendigo

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Sing with the Stars

Join our massed choir to sing Beethoven's 9th Symphony with soloists Teddy Tahu Rhodes, Merlyn Quaife, Kristen Leich and Michael Petruccelli, accompanied by the Bendigo Symphony Orchestra led by Luke Severn. It's not too late to join. The event is part of a new choral festival called Symphonia Choralis to be held on the weekend of 11th and 12th December, 2022 at the Ulumbarra Theatre, Bendigo. Teddy Tahu Rhodes is Australia's favourite leading man of the operatic, music theatre and concert stage, dazzling audiences with his extraordinary voice and presence. He is joined by the distinguished, versatile and fearless soprano Merlyn Quaife AM, emerging "pure, glowing" leading tenor, Michael Petruccelli and American mezzo soprano Kristen Leich, whose exquisite singing and stunning stage presence have won her rave reviews. Kristen also resides in the Macedon Ranges. There is a fee to participate (includes all workshops, concerts, music, midi files and 6 weeks of practices with The Gisborne Singers). Concession/Student \$150, Full \$170. Book now on Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/CAGDQ>. For more details go to events@gisbornesingers.org.au or Facebook: @gisbornesingerssymphoniachoralis

To book tickets to see this spectacular event go to Bendigo Venues & Events. Book now before tickets are sold out. Concession/Student \$45, Full \$55 <https://www.bendigoregion.com.au/arts-culture-theatres/event/bendigo-symphony-orchestra-symphonia-choralis#overview>

Choir practice night is Wednesday from 7:30pm - 10pm at the Gisborne Uniting Church, 23 Brantome St, Gisborne.

Enquiries: www.gisbornesingers.org.au or phone 0408 156 263.

| Alison Kinghorn

Romsey Golf Club would like to thank everyone for being a part of the fundraiser for fire damaged equipment

Soltan Pepper – Vouchers 2 x \$40

JD'S Hair – Voucher \$100

Romsey Bottle O – Voucher 2 x \$25 & Dozen cab Shiraz 2017

- Verdure – \$100
- Romsey auto care – \$200

Romsey Golf club

- The First 100 Years Book
- 2023 – 2024 Full Golf Club Membership
- 2 x hampers
- Serving platter & dish

Romsey Mitre 10 – Hat, Stubby holder, boom box, outdoor camping shower & hoodie

3 separate Silent donations including Tommy Armour – Golf bag & Golf club set, Cleveland staff golf bag approx value \$250 and Ping carry bag approx value \$150

Romsey Junior football Netball club – Merchandise pack (gym bag, puffer jacket, hoodie, training top, 2 x T-shirt polo scarf, beanie & 2 x drink bottle

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AGM Round Up

RRBATA's Annual General Meeting was recently held at the Community Hub. The Committee of Management elected for 2022-2023 is as follows:

President:	Jenny Stillman	General Committee:	Mick McCarthy
Vice President:	Ged McLaughlin		Hannah Sutton
Secretary:	Wendie McLaughlin		Angela Dickins
Treasurer:	Ken Allender		Greg Powell

President Jenny Stillman reported 2021-2022 being a very positive year for RRBATA, especially in its membership increases, positive advocacy for business in the eastern side of the Shire and successful grant applications which have facilitated the running of events (including the RRBATA Breakfast, RRBATA Dinner, Eastern Ranges Progressive Dinner and Christmas in Romsey). Treasurer Ken Allender reported RRBATA to be in a strong financial position.

Don't Forget the Pre-Christmas After Work Business Catch Up!

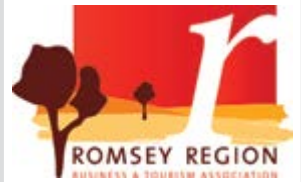
The final After Work Business Catch Up for 2022 will be a pre-Christmas one to be held at Verdure (106A Main Street Romsey) on Wednesday 7th December between 5.30pm and 6.30pm.

This will be a great "pre-Christmas" catch up opportunity for all businesses (even if not a RRBATA members). You can drop in for as little or as long as you like. Nibbles provided and drinks will be at bar prices. We look forward to seeing you there for some festive cheer!

Facebook: Romsey and Lancefield Region - Business and Living

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Romsey Primary School

Remembrance Day with Preps



Our prep students have been learning about the importance and significance of Remembrance Day.

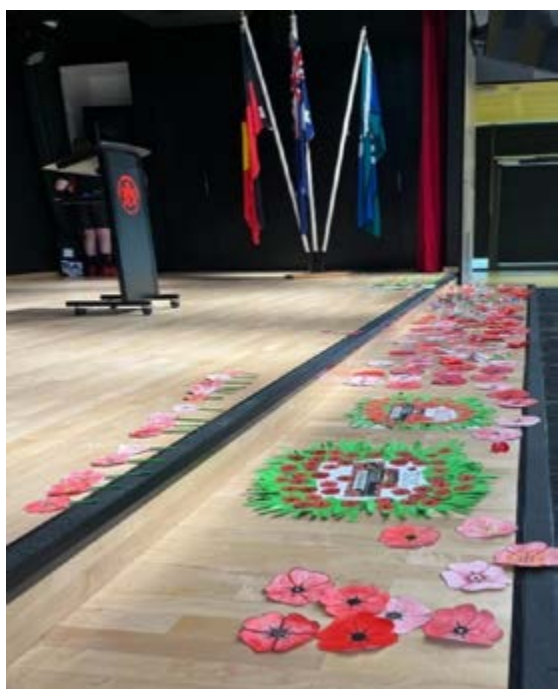
They were so excited to create their poppies to display around their school to honour our veterans. Lest We Forget.



Romsey Primary School

Remembrance Day Service

Our school leaders did an amazing job of leading our Remembrance Day service. The respect shown by all students was to be commended as they honoured our Veterans. Prospective leaders for 2023 read moving poems and speeches and all students created a special poppy to lay on the steps of our multipurpose hall as a mark of respect to those who have served.



Fourth term is flying by and the students have been kept extremely busy with many excursions and incursions. So many opportunities and great learning experiences have happened already this term and so many more still to go. Here is a snapshot of what's been happening in the last few weeks.



St Mary's Lancefield
and Romsey

RSL Essay Competition

Our Year 5/6 students were invited to enter the RSL essay competition recently. This year they had to write about the Returned Services League and its importance for those that have served. At assembly on Friday 4th November, we were honoured to have Reinhard and Ron from the Romsey Lancefield RSL join us to announce the winners. Congratulations to Gus Haslett (1st place), Lachlan McElhinney (2nd place) and Michael Brown (3rd place) for their excellent work.

Prep Excursion - Pevan & Sarah Concert

Wednesday November 2nd was a very exciting day for the Prep students of St Mary's. They travelled to The Capital Theatre in Bendigo to see educational entertainers 'Pevan and Sarah'. It was a magical experience seeing the very talented duo perform to a live packed audience, and to top it all off our preps sat in the very front row! The preps danced and sang along to 'Give it a Go', 'Syllables', 'Rhyme Time', 'The Morning Song' and many more. They all wore their tiger ears in honour of Pevan the tiger and listened as Principal Pallywaffle made her announcements. Following this they had a lovely picnic lunch in Rosalind Park. A huge thanks to Mrs Zarb for organising this amazing experience for our prep students!



Year 6 Visit to the Mens Shed

By Tabatha and Seamus

On 8/11/22 half of the grade 6's walked to the Men's Shed in Lancefield to learn some wood making skills with the men and women at the Men's Shed. During this time we learnt the skill of not hitting our thumb while nailing and being able to use a drill. (It was a lot of fun!) First we built a birdhouse and that was really fun. We had to nail together the main structure of the houses with glue as some extra support. After having fun with building the bird houses we left the workshop for biscuits and cordial that the women provided for us.

After the delicious snacks provided, we continued to make things. This time, however, we built a pencil case made out of wood. It was another fun activity that benefits us all as we have now promoted them to our new pencil cases. After that we went home after saying goodbye and thank you to the men and women that helped us. Overall, the Mens Shed was an amazing experience for us all.

Year 5/6 Excursion to Latitude

By Emma and Naite

On Monday November 7, Year 5 and 6 students got the opportunity to go Latitude and they had a blast. We got on the bus that took us from Lancefield to Heidelberg and when we got there we had a snack. After snack we were split into 3 groups that we got to choose and went to different activities. The activities were basketball, rock climbing, dodgeball and ninja warrior. After that we had an hour of free time, the activities were trampolines, ninja warrior, high ropes and stick fighting in the foam pit. After that we had lunch and got back on the bus to Lancefield.

Democracy, Community and Me - 3/4 Incursion

The students in Year 3/4 had a wonderful day on Tuesday 8th November at their incursion Democracy, Community and Me. Students explored the fundamentals of democracy and government in Australia. They examined the difference between rules and laws and how they are made to benefit the community. Students stood for mock-election to the local government while learning about preferential voting and absolute majorities. They participated in a local government council meeting role play, with costumes and props, to illustrate how local rules and laws are made for the community. Students took the role of Councillors and residents to contribute their opinions to the debate and to get to grips with the democratic process. We were super impressed with the confident manner in which all students contributed to the incursion. We certainly have potential leaders in our classroom who can be very persuasive and confident public speakers. Well done 3/4.

Day for Daniel

On Friday 28th October St Mary's participated in Day for Daniel. Students wore red, donated a gold coin and spent the middle part of the day learning about personal safety. A total of \$206 was raised for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. We were lucky enough to have Dan Leach, a Victorian Police Officer join us to speak with students about safety. Dan also invited a couple of local police officers to join us for part of the session.

The Preps loved their police visit, especially the chance they were given to freely explore the police vehicles! For the Junior talks, the police officers discussed ways to stay safe while performing different activities and reminded the children to go straight to a safety helper if they felt unsafe in any way.

In the prep classroom, they discussed body cues that tell us we are feeling unsafe and drew these on an outline of their bodies. Then they traced their safety hand which showed their 5 safe adults (safety helpers) to go to if they felt unsafe or uncomfortable.

In the 1/2 classes, the students looked at a clip of a fight in the playground and how it got out of hand because people didn't make good choices. They then discussed how they could have handled the situation better. They also looked at a clip about the importance of rules and the consequences of not following rules.

In the 5/6 classes they did a brainstorm about bullying and watched a video of Adam Goodes talking about bullying. Police Officer Dan talked to them about staying safe online and gave them some strategies. They also had the chance to check out different equipment the police use and have a close look at a police vehicle.

We thank everyone for their participation and all our families for supporting this day.

Jo Shannon (Community Liaison Leader)



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From the Desk of Pastor Tim

I don't know why, but I am really looking forward to Christmas this year. With COVID impacting the ability to *come together* the past couple of years, it feels like we will get an opportunity to enjoy events in December again. The Community Christmas Carols, our Kidzone Christmas Concert, the church's Family Christmas service on the 18th of December, and our Christmas Day service are locked in. The COVID chains have come off!



Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, when God '**came together**' with his creation. Jesus was born as a baby and "dwelt among us" (John 1:14). Or as The Message paraphrase puts it, He "moved into the neighbourhood". Just think about that – God came and lived as a person amongst all that He had created. I find that truly amazing.

One of the names given to Jesus is Immanuel (see Isaiah 7:14), which means God with us. Not God against us, or God is mean toward us, or God doesn't care about us, but God actually with us. God loved and cared for us so much, He sent His Son Jesus to live and then die for us.

That means that I serve a God that has experienced life like me – thirst and hunger, temptation, betrayal by friends and great pain. Jesus went through all that. He knows what it feels like.

Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus, where God came to dwell among us.

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| Weekly Meetings

- Prayer Meeting at St Pauls Romsey each Monday 7pm
- Bible Study St Pauls Romsey Tuesday 6:30pm
- Bible Study Christ Church Lancefield Thursday 10:30am

| Christmas Services:

- Saturday 24th: Christmas Eve - St Paul's Romsey at 11:30pm
- Sunday 25th: Christmas Day - Christ Church Lancefield 10:00am

| Monthly Parish Lunch:

Saturday 10 Dec. will be a fun filled CHRISTMAS LUNCH at Christ Church Lancefield hall at 12:00. The day is free and all are very welcome to attend.

| Romsey Town Christmas Tree Display:

The Town Churches are once again joining together and working to create a Christmas

Theme for the Christmas Tree street display. Watch out for the displays, well worth the time for a slow wonder through our lovely town.

We pray that everyone in the Lancefield, Romsey and the wider communities enjoy a safe a May God on watch over Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year for the year ahead.

St Paul's Romsey Op Shop will close for Christmas break- Dec. 20th & re-open on Friday Jan. 20th 12:30pm. During this time the Op shop will undergo some maintenance work and be ready to open for normal hours of Friday 12:30-4:30 & Saturday 10:00-1:00pm. The Op Shop will be refreshed and ready with lots of new items for your perusal. Owing to the maintenance work it would be appreciated if your donations could be delivered after 20th January 2023, Tour valued donations of clothing, Bric & Brac, craft items, books & good quality working toys can be left Friday pm or Saturday during open hours. Please do not pack in large boxes as they are too heavy for volunteers to carry. Please note that owing to regulations we cannot accept electrical goods, prams, baby cots, furniture or mattresses. Your ongoing support & donations is much valued and appreciated.



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October Worship Services: Sunday Worship Services in the Romsey Uniting Church are held at 9.30am. They are conducted by Lay and Worship leaders. A Worship and Holy Communion Service is conducted by a Minister on the 4th Sunday.

December/January Worship Services: Sunday Worship Services in the Romsey Uniting Church are held at 9.30am. They are conducted by Lay and Worship leaders. A Worship and Holy Communion Service is conducted by a Minister on the 4th Sunday.

January 2023 Services will be at 10am conducted alternately between Lancefield and Romsey Uniting Churches beginning on January 1st at Lancefield; 8th Romsey; 15th Lancefield; 22nd Romsey; 29th Lancefield. There will also be a Partnership Service on the 29th at 9.30am venue TBA. February 5th Regular Sunday Services resume at Romsey at 9.30am

A Christmas Poem

We've come along way since that first Christmas night, when led by a star so wonderful bright.

The Wise Men journeyed to find the place that cradles the Christ Child's beautiful face.

But like lost sheep we have wandered away from God and His Son, who was born Christmas Day.

And, unless we return to our Father again, we will never have peace and goodwill among men.

So, let us return to our Father and pray that Christ is reborn in our hearts Christmas Day.
Beryl Edmonds UCAF Network December 2019.

The Reason for the Season

"Suddenly, God's angel stood among them and God's glory blazed around them. The angel said: "Don't be afraid. I am here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide:

A Saviour has just been born in David's town, a Saviour who is Messiah and Master. This is what you are to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger." Luke 2: 8-12 (The Message)

We wish all a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

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| Sunday Mass

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- 1st & 3rd Sunday's of the month in Romsey, 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday's of the month in Lancefield.

| Saturday Healing Mass

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

| Baptisms

- Baptism's are held at 2:30pm on the 2nd & 4th Sunday's of the month. Please contact the office for the next available date.

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

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS MASSES

Plans are underway to host an outdoor Christmas Eve Mass this year.

Fr. Arnold Heredia has kindly agreed to celebrate Christmas Masses at St. Mary's this year, so

Fr. Martin will be able to schedule a further 3 Masses at Woodend.

A total of 5 Christmas Masses will be available to all St. Mary's & St. Ambrose parishioners so there will be a time and place to suit everyone.

Saturday 24 December – 6pm –

Outdoor family Mass – Lancefield

Saturday 24 December – 6pm –

Indoor family Mass – Woodend

Saturday 24 December – 10pm

Mass (including carols) – Woodend

Sunday 25 December – 9am

Christmas Day Mass – Lancefield (4th Sunday)

Sunday 25 December – 9am

Christmas Day Mass – Woodend

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



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P: 5429 2130

Parish Priest

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

Parish Secretary

Mrs. Tammie Dalgleish
P: 5429 2130

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Ms. Julie McDougall
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School Website:

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The first meeting of the Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club for 2023 will be on Thursday, 23rd February, at 10.00am in St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey.

There are many activities members can enjoy; some being regular, and others planned from time to time.

Join us for coffee at the Lancefield Corner Store at 10am every Friday for a chat and a bit of fun.

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

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