

Romsey Golf Club Report December - January

Sunday December 12th: Ambrose event before the clubs "Annual Presentation Day". Teams of two played the 12 hole Championship Layout (par 45). There was much laughter and plenty of good nature "stirring" during the round however this did not deter all players from competing fiercely. Keith Hocking/Mick Nichols had a day out with a score of 50/18/32 to easily win the event.

The 2010 Presentation Day was a great success, after a wonderful meal, the completion of all presentations and the drawing of numerous raffles many golfers joined with bowlers for a few relaxed ends on the bowling green.

Saturday December 18th: December Monthly Medal - Stroke and Putts. Players hit-off in cloudy skies and it was not long before the rain began to fall. But as soon as the umbrellas and wet weather gear were out the rain stopped. There were occasional falls for the rest of the afternoon but not enough to really hamper anyone's golf.

The fairways were in excellent condition, apart from a few crab holes that were still quite damp, and the greens were showing strong signs of coming back to their best. The second green, which has been fully renovated, should be back in play early in the New Year.

On a day of good scoring one player stood out, Kev Milner returned an excellent five over the card; 76/13/63 to take out the medal. Other good rounds came from Ron Walker; 90/18/71, Jim Menzies; 86/14/72, Keith Hocking; 103/31/72 and Mat Thornton; 76/4/72.

Kev also won least putts, 27, on a count-back from club captain Andrew Clement. NTPs went to 1- John Freestone, 15 – Andrew Clement and 16 – Les Gaunt.

The club will be offering three free juniors' clinics during January. Fridays Jan 14th, 21st and 28th, the clinics will run from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm. For more information please go to the club's website; www.romseygolfclub.net or contact the club at mail@romseygolfclub.net

Monday December 27th: Public Holiday (in lieu of Boxing Day) Ambrose competition. The day began with cold winds and the threats of showers but the weather improved and by the end of the round jumpers and vests were off and everyone enjoyed the sunshine.

Players played in groups of two or three. Winners on the day were Andrew Clement, Bob McLennan and Gary Watts with a fine score of 8 under 63/3/60. Runners-up were Mat Thornton, Neil Jarman and Jarrad White with 63/1.25/61.75.

NTPs went to Gary Watts -1 and 16 and Mat Thornton 15.

Saturday January 1st: New Year's Day and what a wonderful day for a relaxed round of stableford, almost no wind and after so many wet months there was a little run on the fairways. Good scores were expected.

It was also good to see ex member Rev Alan Williams, down from the Richmond RAAF base for a hit at his old club. With almost half the field equalling or bettering their handicap it required an excellent effort to win the day. The event's winner was Daniel Wright (3) with an excellent 42 points. Runner up was another junior, Ben Noel, (17) with 40 points.

NTPs went to 1 – D Wright, 15 – M Thornton and 16 – A Laing

Saturday January 8th: 4BBB Stableford. A few days of sunshine had certainly dried out the course and there was a great deal of run on all fairways. The greens continued to improve however it will take more time for them to fully recover from the beetle and fungus attacks of a wet 2010.

There was some excellent scoring with many pairs in the low 40s. Winners on the day, after a count-back, were gun juniors Daniel Wright (2) and Ben Noel (17) with 46 points. Runners up were Dave Richardson (28) and Adrian Poulton (27)

NTPs went to 1 – Graeme White, 15 – Neil Jarman and 16 – Gary Watts

Saturday January 15th: There was no golf after almost 200 mm of rain in the preceding five days and the day's stroke competition was cancelled. The heavy rain also meant that the free junior clinic scheduled for Friday 14th was also cancelled. Our next two clinics will be on Fridays January 21st and 28th.

However a sunny Sunday the 16th, two days of sun in a row, saw a number of club members, male and female, hard at work improving existing tees, building a new tee, clearing storm damaged branches and trees from the park and putting final touches to the new 18th green. Once the new soil settles the club will be hard at work sanding, levelling and laying down new turf to make sure that the course is in great condition come the Macedon Ranges Junior Tournament over the Labour Day weekend and also for the 2011 Pennant Golf season later in autumn.

BBQ Wanted. – The golf club is looking for a BBQ, if anyone has had an upgrade over the Christmas period and is wondering what to do with their old BBQ please think about donating it to the golf club. If you wish to help us out please call Tony on 0417 088 891.

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Letter to the Editor

How much longer do we have to put up with the appalling potholes in the southbound side of the Romsey to Sunbury Road near Digby Drive? In the Free Press that came out on January 21st VicRoads claimed that they have been waiting for the wet weather to subside before any major work could be undertaken to fix the problem. This stretch of road has been a problem now for at least 2 years, long before the rain started! For anyone travelling south the need to drive like a drunk to avoid potholes has long lost its novelty, as has the alternative of taking the scenic route home along the "back way" for residents of Digby Drive, and the damage to tyres, suspension etc is no laughing matter.

This is not the only problem area on local roads. I am sure everyone is fed up with the large potholes that appear all over the shire. The pathetic efforts that are made to patch them only last as long as it takes for the next shower of rain to come down. What a waste of time and money!

I would urge everyone in the area to start lobbying VicRoads to do the right thing and reconstruct problem stretches of road properly. I would imagine that road reconstruction in flood effected areas will take priority, and rightly so, but please, when the time comes for our roads to get some attention, do it right!

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Romsey Golf Club

Ladies Report

Seems a long time since the last report. But I haven't reported on the Romsey Bowl. This event was held on Dec 2nd last year. After postponing the Bowl in July due to the greens being unplayable the day wasn't looking good again. As the men had put in so much effort to have the course at it best for us ladies we plodded on. We had been worried about holding the bowl in December as it may have stopped some ladies entering as it would be too hot Well how wrong were we! The ongoing rain, over 120 mm in the last six days had threatened to see the event again postponed but by 9.30 am the players hit off under clear skies. The course was very wet with a great deal of casual water on almost every hole. We had 16 teams (48) ladies enter from as far away as Marysville, Alexander and Yea.

At about 1.45 pm there was loud thunder and some flashes of lightning so all players were called from the course, heavy rain was soon falling. No-one was sorry to come in as all were exhausted and really enjoyed the lunch. As all groups had played 14 to 17 holes a full round's score was not available, the match committee decided to count each players best 13 holes.

2010 Romsey Challenge Bowl winners were;

Trentham 2 Sue Byrne (31), Vicki Sabo (35) and Lee Nugent (29) with 58pts

A Grade Dale Stewart (Seymour) 10/24 pts

B Grade Florence Meyer L/field) 32/24 pts

These were both excellent scores for 13 holes in the appalling conditions.

This event will now be held on the 1st Thursday in December and we must surely get better weather this year.

Many thanks to our sponsors MTM (Made to Measure Golf Clubs), the Romsey Pharmacy, the Bendigo Community Bank and the National Bank. It was really good that some of our sponsors were able to join us for lunch on the day to see their support in action.

Late November we played Burke & Wills and I think someone was looking for the "dig" tree as a lot of time was spent in the trees.

Prior to a break over the Christmas period we had planned to play North Pole rules but again the weather was not kind to us. The first Wednesday back this year, with us looking forward to summer run after a heavy year, you guessed it. It was raining again. The ladies are keen to play in some sunshine so we will keep waiting. Anyone wishing to join or just come and see if you like golf you are most welcome. Wednesday mornings 9am at the clubrooms. For the summer period we will decide on the morning how many holes we will play on that day. We have also included some fun games so come along and have a laugh with us.

For our Christmas breakups we had lunch with one of past members at the Bowling Club in Sunbury. Olive appreciates us keeping in contact and we enjoy her company and all the news she has. Then we had dinner at Soltan Pepper which was a good night with lots of talking and laughter. There were also some excellent gifts. (I really enjoyed my puzzle book while away relaxing.)

The Romsey Birdies are again holding our fundraising Charity Golf Day on Feb 13th. All monies raised goes to the Relay for Life for the Cancer Council of Victoria. This was a popular day last year so please enter early. Ring and enter a team or we can place you in a team if need be. See the flier in the Rag.

Recipe for this month

Zucchini Bites

1 tblspn olive oil,

3 rashers rindless bacon (finely chopped),

1 onion (finely chopped),

1 large carrot, peeled (coarsely grated),

1 large zucchini (coarsely grated),

3 eggs,

1 cup grated tasty cheese

¼ cup cream,

½ cup SR flour.

Preheat oven to mod. 180 degrees. Grease 3 x 12 – hole mini muffin pans.

Heat oil in large frying pan on high. Saute bacon and onion for 4-5 mins until onion is tender. Add carrot. Cook for 2-3 mins. Stir in zucchini. Transfer to a large bowl. Cool for 10 mins.

In a jug, whisk together eggs, cheese and cream. Season to taste.

Stir egg mixture into cooled zucchini mixture. Stir flour through until well combined.

Spoon mixture into prepared pans. Bake for 15-20 mins, until golden and cooked when tested. Serve warm or cold.

Beryl Cole

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Romsey Fountain Back In Action

The Romsey fountain outside the Mechanics Hall, a gift to the town in 2001, has had its fair share of problems since it was installed. For the last four or five years it has been out of action due to drought restrictions and has suffered from mindless vandalism.

The news is now GOOD. Western Water and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council have given approval for this fountain to operate on a permanent basis, and following repairs and maintenance, it is now working for all to see and enjoy. Thank you to the Parks Development Officer Peter Jones (Macedon Ranges Council) for his support in obtaining approvals.

Count your community in the 2011 Census!

Register of Interest now open!

The Census of Population and Housing will take place on 9 August 2011 and everyone needs to be counted. To make this happen the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) will be recruiting around 43,000 people from across Australia to help count the nation.

The ABS is looking for community-minded people to fill Area Supervisor and Census Collector roles.

These are paid, part-time and casual positions with work starting in early/mid 2011.

Ideal applicants will be great communicators, well organised and have good administration skills.

Some Census positions can be worked outside of normal business hours and may suit people looking for a temporary second job.

Key Census recruitment times:

Area Supervisors 12 February 2011
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If you are interested in being an Area Supervisor or Collector in 2011, sign up now at www.abs.gov.au/census. You will be sent information when applications open in 2011.



Fire Danger Period Commenced in Macedon Ranges on Monday 10 January 2011

The Country Fire Authority is advising residents that the Fire Danger Period (fire restrictions) for the Shire of Macedon Ranges commenced on **Monday 10 January 2011** and remains in force until 1 May 2011.

CFA District 2 Operations Manager Mark Gilmore said the date for the commencement of the Fire Danger Period has been determined based on projected weather conditions, including moisture levels in grasslands.

"It does not take much for vegetation to dry out in hot and windy weather. A week or more of prolonged warm weather can turn previously lush vegetation into fuel for fire."

"The vegetation may be green now but residents should not be lulled into thinking everything will be fine in January, February and March. We anticipate a short but intense summer with a major focus on grassfire risk, particularly in areas with large tracts of open grasslands," he said.

Mr Gilmore said residents should continue to be informed about local risks and plan for them.

"The weather can change quickly, as we saw with the scorcher on New Years' Eve; it is therefore important that decisions are made now so that on high fire risk days, residents are well-prepared and ready to take action."

"If people haven't already done so, now is a good time to get busy around their homes and to clean their gutters; clear leaf litter and other fire fuels from around homes; to remove flammable items such as paper, boxes and crates; and to store fuel supplies and chemicals away from houses."

"If residents need more information on how to prepare and what to do in the event of a fire, the CFA website, www.cfa.vic.gov.au is a great resource. It includes the *FireReady Kit*, a resource to help residents prepare their bushfire survival plan and the *Household Bushfire Self assessment tool*, a tool that takes residents through a number of steps to assess the defendability of their home."

"Residents can also request an on-site assessment of their property's bushfire risk by a CFA Fire Safety Officer. The Victorian Bushfire Information Line on **1800 240 667** is also an added resource for bushfire planning advice," said Mr Gilmore.

Macedon Ranges is the final municipality serviced by CFA District 2 to introduce the Fire Danger Period. The FDP for the City of Greater Bendigo, Shire of Mt Alexander and Central Goldfields Shire was introduced on Monday 3 January.

Fire Restrictions: the details

- Under a fire restrictions regime, a permit is required to burn off grass, undergrowth or weeds. This permit is issued by the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer.
- Barbeques and fires for cooking and warmth, however, do not require a permit, but must be lit in properly constructed fireplaces, within limits of wind speed and clearance perimeter, and are to be supervised at all times.
- All burn-offs should be registered with the VicFire Burn-off notification line on **1800 668 511**.
- Lighting a fire in the open without a permit is an offence and can bring a penalty of up to \$5,500 or 12 months imprisonment.
- The *Can I or Can't I?* brochure, also available from the CFA website, details the fire restrictions regime, including the differences between fire restrictions and Total Fire Ban days.
- CFAs *On the Land: Agricultural Fire Management Guidelines* provides practical fire management advice for people living and working on rural properties and is particularly useful to those new to farming. To view and/or download the guidelines, go to www.cfa.vic.gov.au.

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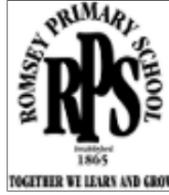
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Romsey Primary School News

I am excited for students to be returning to school on Friday 4th February and to welcome back all students, parents and members of the community. We are all looking forward to continuing to provide excellent educational programs for all students. With the diversity of programs we offer there are a wide range of opportunities for students to excel. All teachers and educational support staff will return to school on Tuesday 1st February and will spend the first three days profitably engaged in a range of professional learning and will be setting up their classes for the new year. The main focus for all teachers will be on a whole school approach to teaching reading. This means no matter which class you're in everyone will be following the same structure.



This year we are happy to welcome our new Assistant Principal Mrs Wendy Ashworth from Abberfeldie Primary School. Other new staff we welcome are Fiona Holland from Parkwood Green Primary School, Petra Harboud from Malmsbury PS who worked at Heskett PS last year, Sharon Hocht-Turner from Keilor PS, Jacinta Hipwell and a new integration aide Lisa Powell. We also welcome back Nicole Dettmann who returns from her year of leave. With the heavy rain over the holidays the grounds look fantastic and the vegetable garden is flourishing. I'm sure we can look forward to another successful veggie garden market when the students harvest their produce. Our maintenance man and cleaners have been busy over the holiday break making sure the school is in readiness for a smooth start.

Term Dates for 2011

Term 1: 1 February to 8 April

Term 2*: 27 April to 1 July

Term 3: 18 July to 23 September

Term 4: 10 October to 22 December

(25 April is Easter Monday - a public holiday - as well as ANZAC Day. 26 April is a public holiday in lieu of ANZAC Day)

Parent Information Evenings

This year we are trying to keep families better informed about the classroom programs and will be having information evenings for each year level. These will be presented in a range of formats; some teachers are planning on having student presentations, others a more formal teacher presentation and some are considering a picnic. This will give all families a better opportunity to know their child's teacher and to be better informed about the year's program.

New Enrolments

At the beginning of the year new families may have moved to Romsey and we welcome new enrolments to our school. Please come into the office and meet me. I would be delighted to organise a school tour to show off our outstanding facilities. The office will be staffed from the 24th January each day (not Australia Day) or phone 54295099 and arrange a time for an appointment.

School Uniform

After our comprehensive school uniform policy review in 2010 we look forward to its implementation this year. All students are required to wear the school colours of red and black with a strong recommendation for logo items. Three new items have been introduced, a winter skirt/pinafore for girls, a polar fleece vest and a polar fleece beanie.

2010 Graduates

We celebrated the achievements of our graduating year 6 students on the last Thursday of 4th term, 2010, at an most enjoyable graduation ceremony that was very well attended by families, friends and staff members. As they start the next phase of their education at secondary school, we would like to congratulate them all and wish them well for the future.

Romsey Red Cross Unit

Our next meeting will be held on 8th February 2011 at 1.30pm.

Our new venue is the Uniting Church Hall, Pohlman Street (off Murphy Street).

Any queries please contact
Julie Reynolds, PH: 54293161

The recent floods in Queensland and Victoria only serve to highlight the vital role that the Red Cross plays in times of emergency. Please think about joining the Red Cross so that they can continue to effectively serve the community in

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You are most welcome to come to the Romsey Uniting Church

Services and share in fellowship and worship
Christmas and New Year has come and gone.

Another disaster has happened. It seems that in the first months of the New Year we have a major disaster somewhere in the world.

2009 Black Saturday in Australia;

2010 Major Earthquake in Haiti;

2011 Disastrous and tragic floods in Australia. Also at this time there is the terrible mud slide and floods in Brazil with so many lives lost, and extreme flooding in other parts of the world. Australians are generous people. Giving of their time and money. We are all going to be affected by these floods for quite a long time. Let us all give generously to help those who have suffered tragedy and loss.

Goodness:

"The harvest of the Spirit is ... goodness."

Galatians 5:22

"He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6: 8

I am not sure it is fashionable these days, Lord, to talk about goodness.

It is thought to be dull, just a bore.

"Be good" is a kind of a joke, and not to be taken too seriously – by adults at any rate.

The thing is to "have a good time" – which is not the same.

Yet something tells me the world today could use a bit more old-fashioned goodness.

I do not want to be called a "do-gooder – It is almost a dirty word.

Yet I would like to be good.

I would like to feel that my life is a useful one, that I do some good in an unobtrusive way.

What is goodness, Lord?

Is it to do great works of charity?

Or to influence many lives at important points?

Your people of old proclaimed their won good works and expected you to be pleased.

But your prophet spoke of justice, and kindness, and humility, and of walking with you in the paths you chose to tread.

I know that I am not cut out for spectacular deeds and for great achievements, Lord, but for me, too, truly to walk with you in justice, and kindness, and humility, would be a tremendous thing.

Let me walk with you, Lord.

Conversations with God by Joy Merritt

Church Services during February 2011

6th	9am.	Worship Service.
13th	9am.	Worship Service and Eucharist conducted by Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones
20th	9am	Worship Service conducted by The Worship Team
27th	9am	Worship Service conducted by Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones

Woodend Neighbourhood House

We have lots on offer at WNH this term, for children and adults during the day, evening & at weekends. Opportunities for children include

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DONNA PETROVICH HONOURED TO BE RE-ELECTED TO VICTORIAN PARLIAMENT

Donna Petrovich is honoured to be re-elected as a member of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Victoria for the Northern Victoria Region following the release of the seat's official election results.

"I wish to thank the people of Northern Victoria for re-electing me as their member in the Legislative Council in the Parliament of Victoria," said Mrs. Petrovich.

"It is a great privilege to represent country Victoria and I am humbled and honoured to continue to serve my constituents."

"There are many people who have supported me and the Liberal Party over the last four years and I would like to thank them for their dedication."

"To the volunteers, friends and staff who helped in so many ways over recent times a big thank you."

Mrs. Petrovich will join fellow re-elected Liberal-Nationals Coalition MPs for Northern Victoria Wendy Lovell and Damian Drum in Victoria's Legislative Council.

Mrs. Petrovich has welcomed her appointment as Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Environment in the new Baillieu-Ryan Coalition Government.

"I am looking forward to the role and working with Ryan Smith, Minister for Environment and Climate Change," Mrs. Petrovich said.

"I will be drawing on my experience as Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Bushfire Response and a member of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee in the previous Parliament as well as my many years in local government."

"Although my role will encompass many different aspects of environmental management I have a particular interest in sustainable forest management."

BLACK BELT GRADINGS AT WU LIN RETREAT

Tiny township of Lancefield in the heart of Victoria conceals many gems. One is a hand and purpose built mud brick centre modelled after the famous Shaolin Temple. Wu Lin is nestled in the forest, 4 kilometres from the township. Last weekend it attracted 50 members from many local Macedon Ranges towns and even interstate for the annual Summer training Camp. Some were also there to be evaluated for an intensive Black Belt Dan grading by James Sumarac, Head Instructor of Goju Ryu Kakurin Kan Karate-do International.

Special guest on this occasion was Master Toshio Morita 8th Dan from Goju Kensha SaisshinKan dojoTokyo Japan, teacher and mentor to James Sumarac for 37 years.

Under the watchful eyes of the masters the select students were taken through their paces all weekend and expected to demonstrate their understanding of fundamentals, form, self defence application and free sparring.



Successful applicants were:

4th Dan: Warren Rees ,Peter Zarb & Ashley Trotman

3rd Dan: Rachel Luckhurst, Billy & Jake Trotman

2nd Dan: Glenn Cannon, Lazar Sumarac, David and Nathan Knight, Jane Mann and Emilia Borkowski

1st Dan: Steven Hawker, David and Frank Brogno, Tyler Sheridan, Brent and Bailey Andrews, Shayla, Tylah andA Michael Spiteri

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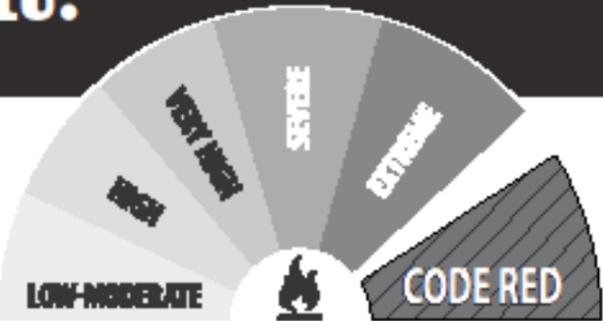
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 Starts back on Monday February 7th 9.30 to 10.40am, held in the Romsey Mechanics Hall.
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 Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend libraries
 AGM
 Thursday 10th February 2011
 Woodend Library 4.00pm
 Please join us for a round up of 2010 activities and the election of a new committee.
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Relay continues to help cancer crusade



The Lancefield-Macedon Ranges Relay For Life will be held on the weekend of March 5-6, 2011.

Since the regional event at Lancefield Park began in 2003 it has raised \$794,314 for the Cancer Council Victoria.

Relay For Life is the largest fundraising event in the world. In Australia, 150 communities participate and raise over \$14 million each year. The money is spent on cancer research, preventative education, support services and advocacy.

The Relay is an opportunity to celebrate the lives of cancer survivors, to remember those who have lost their lives to cancer, and to fight back by raising funds to support research and other activities of the Cancer Council Victoria.

It features ceremonies of celebration and remembrance, a full program of musical entertainment, games for children and a host of other activities. Teams are challenged to keep their baton moving around the track for 19 hours. Many camp overnight and a festive atmosphere is created.

Survivors and carers play a major role in the event and are warmly encouraged to participate in the opening lap tribute and attend a dedicated afternoon tea as well as be involved as much as they wish.

Registration for the Relay For Life is \$15 per person. For more details about the Lancefield-Macedon Ranges event contact Melissa McCarthy on 0438 831 427 or tmac@bigpond.net.au.



2011 Professional Development Calendar for Local Business

If you are a business owner or thinking of starting a business, you and your staff now have the opportunity to attend a range of interactive courses and workshops (majority are FREE of charge) right here on your doorstep!

The Economic Development and Tourism Unit recently launched its 2011 annual calendar of workshops and seminars designed to assist with a range of matters including business planning, financial management and social media.

In 2010 Macedon Ranges Shire Council's business networking, seminar and workshop program increased in popularity as businesses realised the value of attending these sessions not only for learning and developing skills, but because it provides a forum for open discussion and business to business networking.

The first Business Networking Event for 2011 will be on Tuesday 22nd March, 6.30pm at Rasputin's Bar in Macedon with guest speaker Ailsa Page from AP Marketing Works. Ailsa is a qualified marketing professional with over 18 years marketing experience and expertise and specialises in the small business, services and education sectors.

Bookings are essential to download the booking form or for more information, visit www.mrsc.vic.gov.au and follow the links to Tourism and Business. Alternatively, contact Macedon Ranges Shire Council on 5421 9616 or email bobrien@mrsc.vic.gov.au

2011 MACEDON RANGES BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENTS CALENDAR

14 Feb Sustainability Business Workshop (Free) Woodend	4 May Business Panel PM (Free) Kyneton
22 Feb Tax Basics Workshop (Free) Woodend	24 May Social Media (Free) Woodend
2 March Business Panel AM Session (Free) Gisborne	1 June Macedon Ranges Business Awards Kyneton
2 March Business Panel PM Session (Free) Kyneton	28 July Business Networking Evening (\$25.00) Kyneton
8 March Record Keeping Workshop (Free) Woodend Romsey	5 August Romsey Region BATA Annual Breakfast
22 March Business Networking Evening (\$25.00) Macedon Woodend	8 Aug Sustainability Business Workshop (Free)
March (Details TBA) KDBATA Annual Breakfast Kyneton	25 August Working with your council (Free) Gisborne
18 April Business Deductions (Free) Woodend	3 October Barista Course (Cost TBA) Gisborne
18 April Activity Statements (Free) Woodend	24 Nov Business Networking Evening (\$25.00) Lancefield
4 May Business Panel AM (Free) Gisborne	

For further information & to make a booking please go to www.mrsc.vic.gov.au and follow the links to Tourism & Business or call the Economic Development Unit at Macedon Ranges Shire Council on 54219 616

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Romsey 150th Birthday Gala Community Dinner

A Celebration of Romsey

and Fundraiser for the Lancefield Romsey Historical Society

On Saturday 26th February 2011 at 7.00pm (Pre Dinner Drinks)

A 3-course culinary feast with a colonial twist prepared by our local chefs from Sicilian Vespers, Soltan Pepper and The Bay Tree served under a silk-lined marquee, with the circa 1860 Romsey House as a historical backdrop.

Wines supplied by Cope-Williams and Midhill Wineries

Ticket price: \$95 per person

(Includes Drink on arrival, Canapés, 3 course meal, Entertainment, Commemorative Gift and "Romsey Passport")

Bookings close 8th February 2011. Seats are limited!

Enquiries: Joanne Hagen hages10@optusnet.com.au, ph. 0432 320553



St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey

Parish Priest: Fr. George O'Connor
Pastoral Worker: Mrs. Joanne Reuther
School Principal: Mr. Anthony Falls

Presbytery: 5429 2130
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St. Mary's Primary: 5429 1359

MASS TIMES

Saturday:
7.00 p.m. (summer time) Lancefield
6.00 p.m. (winter time) Lancefield
1st & 3rd Sunday of the month:
8.00 a.m. Lancefield and 10.00 a.m. Romsey
2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday of the month:
8.00 a.m. Romsey and 10.00 a.m. Lancefield

RECONCILIATION

After weekday Mass or by arrangement.

BAPTISMS

February, April, June, August, October, December.
For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

REGULAR EVENTS

SVDP Drop-In: First Thursday of each month, 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey. All welcome to come for a game of cards/chat and free lunch.

Spiritual Guidance: Last Tuesday/Wednesday of each month at the Presbytery, 27 Chauncey Street, Lancefield.

John Stuart, Counsellor and Guide. Appointment necessary. Tel: 5429 2130 for more information.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2011

Parents of children wishing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist (grade 3 or above) or Confirmation (grade 6) in 2011 are asked to contact the Parish Secretary on 54292130. There is a meeting on Wednesday 16th Feb. at 7.00pm at St. Mary's Church Lancefield. All children are required to attend with their parents. This will be the final date to enrol in St. Mary's Sacramental program.

BINGO!! BINGO!! BINGO!!

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Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA) **UPDATE**

2011 in Romsey – It's All Happening!

The New Year in Romsey is set to kick off with a bang as the town celebrates its 150th Birthday as a gazetted town on 25th February 2011.

The birthday weekend promises to be one big town party as we celebrate our history, our community and an exciting future. On *Friday 25th February*, the large eucalypt

Tree Illumination will be officially launched at the Lions Reserve (skate park) with a family night. Activities and a free BBQ will commence at 6.30pm followed by the tree illumination at 8.30pm. Bring a picnic, family and friends for a great community celebration.

The next morning, on *Saturday 26th February*, the Historical Society will be conducting a **History Focus** with guided walking historical tours of Romsey in addition to a display in the Mechanics Institute. Historic photos, postcards and other items will be on sale. More details will be listed closer to the day on Romsey Online (www.romsey.org.au).



On the evening of *Saturday 26th February*, the **Gala Community Dinner** will be held under a silk lined marquee roof with Romsey House as a backdrop. The chefs from The Bay Tree, Soltan Pepper and Sicilian Vespers have been carefully planning the 3 course meal with a colonial twist. Midhill and Cope-Williams wineries are planning the wine list and the evening's entertainment promises to be superb. Guests are encouraged to wear "period attire" for the evening. Newrap Costume Hire at Kyneton has offered to donate \$10 from every costume hired by guests for our evening to the Historical Society! Tickets (\$95 per head for 3 course meal, drink and canapés on arrival, commemorative gift, Romsey Passport and entertainment) have nearly sold out so contact *Joanne Hagan (Ph. 0432 320553 Email: hages10@optusnet.com.au)* ASAP to book your seat for this very special event.

So, as RRBATA has been spruiking to the community,
Be a Part of the Celebration!

TMR Update

RRBATA was represented at the December Tourism Macedon Ranges (TMR) meeting held at Campaspe House. As a follow up to concern expressed to RRBATA following the Leonard Chen event at Hanging Rock that not enough information was communicated to Melbourne visitors about the alternative route through Romsey, TMR intends to communicate such information directly to Frontier Touring Company. If an alternative travel route is promoted by the event organiser, in addition to reducing traffic load on the main arterial, it may facilitate passing trade in towns like Romsey.

New Business in Town

RRBATA is always welcoming of new business in Romsey. Mr. Kammy Badwal has notified RRBATA that he will soon be opening his Indian Restaurant in Main Street Romsey, directly opposite the Bay Tree, providing residents and visitors with even more culinary choice for their dining pleasure!

Romsey Online Update

At the risk of sounding repetitive, Romsey Online (www.romsey.org.au) is Romsey's own resource for both local residents and visitors to our region. Advertising for businesses is very affordable, and community groups can list their contact details or events and news at no cost.

Please note that news/information of the 150th birthday celebrations can be tracked at Romsey Online over coming weeks.

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.

Thinking About Membership?

RRBATA is only as good as its membership. Consider being a beneficiary of the exciting initiatives planned ahead by becoming a RRBATA member so as you can be heard!!

Membership Enquiries:

Joanne Hagan (Secretary) Phone: 0432 320553

Email: hages10@optusnet.com.au

Next RRBATA Meeting:
General Meeting
Monday 21st February 2010 at 7.30pm
Romsey Community Hub
Supper Provided.
ALL WELCOME

Barry's Mowing



- Lawns mowed
- Rubbish removed
- Gutters cleaned
- Painting



Phone 5429 3757
Or 0417 336 228



Romsey 150th Birthday



PHOTO DRIVE

As part of the celebrations, RRBATA invites you to submit photos depicting Romsey and its people from any time over the last 150 years.

Please email them to Romsey Online (info@romsey.org.au) for their inclusion in feature photo galleries on www.romsey.org.au and at other events on the 25th/26th February weekend.

Note: *Please attach consent from anyone still living featured in the photos.*

Be a Part of the Celebration

Enquiries: Joanne Hagan hages10@optusnet.com.au, ph. 0432 320553
Jenny Stillman jennystillman@optusnet.com.au ph. 0412 349849

Victorian landholders have a legal responsibility to treat locust hoppers on their land. Here's what to do:

If you had locust activity in your area in autumn by now you should have purchased or at least identified the appropriate chemical for your situation. If you are yet to do this, your local chemical reseller, the DPI website

and the DPI Locust Hotline (1300 135 559) can assist you with this decision. You need to be prepared to spray locust 'hoppers' around 14 days after they hatch. At this stage they will be forming bands or groups and are

easiest to treat. A 100% rebate is available on chemicals used in the treatment of locusts by eligible landholders in worst affected areas. Visit dpi.vic.gov.au/locusts, or call the DPI Locust Hotline on 1300 135 559.



Locust control starts at your place.



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February Training Courses In Romsey

Business Planning Workshop

Thursday 24th February 2011
9am–12noon, Cost: \$75

Job Skills Workshops

Preparing and Writing a Resume:

Thurs 17th Feb 2011,
10am -12noon , Cost: \$50

Preparing and Writing a Job Application:

Tues 22nd Feb 2011,
9.30am -11.30am Cost: \$50

Interview Skills Workshop:

Thurs 24th Feb 2011
12.30–3pm, Cost \$65

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- * Workplace Hygiene Procedures
- * Serve food & beverage to customers
- * Prepare & serve espresso coffee
- * Prepare & serve non-alcoholic beverages
- * Point of sale handling procedures
- * Receive and store stock

20 hour training course (16.5 contact hours plus 3.5 self directed study)

Completed one day a week for 3 weeks.

DATE: Wed 16th, 23rd Feb and 2nd March 2010

TIME: 9.30am – 3pm each day COST: \$350

Includes all workbooks, course notes and materials. Certificate on completion. Bookings essential.

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An Opportunity to Control your Financial Future

Did you know that in Australia the most recent statistics show that in June 2010 there were 815,399 members of self managed superannuation funds (SMSF)? This alone may not be very interesting but what many people will find of interest is that in June 2005 this number was 557,386 so in the last five years the number of members of SMSFs has increased by 46.29%. That's interesting but the real question is WHY?

SMSFs offer a vast number of opportunities to help many Australians increase their retirement benefit. This can be in the form of reduced fees paid on superannuation investments and by allowing investors the opportunity to take control of your money. Many people have found over recent years diminished returns from funds held within superannuation while the fund managers still receive fees. SMSFs allow you to take back control of your retirement savings.

SMSFs provide the same significant tax advantages offered to larger retail and industry super funds with one key difference – you decide where your money will be invested. There may be a particular property or share portfolio that you would like to purchase but you do not have the funds available to take advantage of the opportunity. Clearly you cannot direct your retail or industry super fund to purchase that particular asset but with a SMSF you are in control and can therefore look to make these more personalised asset purchases.

Of course, as with any asset or investment strategy SMSFs are not suited to everyone. This option is available to both self employed and employed Australian residents. While most Australian residents are eligible to be part of an SMSF the decision to establish an SMSF is one that should be considered carefully. A poor choice to establish an SMSF can in fact be a very expensive choice. Therefore it is imperative that you speak to an advisor or accountant who has experience in this area before you enter into any SMSF arrangement. You should always consider a cost/benefit analysis when making the decision to establish a SMSF or to remain with a retail or industry fund.

To assist in making these very personal and important decisions, Tim McCarthy of McMahon Osborne Group is running a series of **free one hour information sessions** locally to outline the costs and benefits of an SMSF arrangement and some of the key matters you should consider. The team at McMahon Osborne Group assists in the management and administration of in excess of 100 SMSFs and is experienced in helping decide if an SMSF is suitable for your personal circumstances.

The session dates, times & locations are available at our website www.mcmahonosborne.com.au and bookings can be made by calling 03 9744 7144 or email karen@mcmahonosborne.com.au. If the session times don't suit your needs please feel free to contact Karen Griffin who will arrange a time for one of the team to assess how and SMSF can work for you.



Romsey 150th Birthday



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Be Part of the Celebration

Tree Illumination Ceremony

FAMILY NIGHT

Friday 25th February 2011

Lions Reserve (Skate Park)

BBQ and Activities from 6.30pm

Tree Illumination at 8.30pm

Bring a picnic, your family and friends!

Enquiries: Jenny Stillman (RRBATA) Ph. 0412 349849

Email: jennystillman@optusnet.com.au

FREE Strategic Planning Session

Wednesday 2 March 2011

9am - 4.30pm (lunch included)

Richardson Room, Kyneton Town Hall

Mollison Street, Kyneton 3444

This one-day workshop, presented by Matrix on Board, is suitable for staff, boards and committees of community organisations that want to conduct a strategic planning process. It is designed to assist staff, boards and committees to:

- develop a greater understanding of the impact of strategic planning
- consider strategic planning in relation to community development, action research, capacity building, strengths based analysis and other important indicators of future success
- learn practical methods to undertake an environmental assessment, set strategic directions and goals, and develop and implement a strategic plan
- identify the role of the board, staff and community in the strategic planning process

The workshop will encourage questions and active participation from attendees across a range of practical scenarios common to many not-for-profit organisations. This workshop, is based on the methodology used by Matrix on Board in working with organisations to develop strategic plans, and uses tools developed to support this process.

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

To register for the FREE Strategic Planning Session, VCOSS Clearinghouse is using a new online system for registrations Eventbrite.

To find out how to register visit Register Now (<http://www.vcooss.org.au/clearinghouse/resources/R&R2011.html#Register>)

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If you have any trouble using this new system please call VCOSS Clearinghouse on (03) 9654 5050 for assistance.

Celebrating inclusive clubs

When we think of inclusive sporting clubs, too often our thoughts turn to the physical barriers that prevent people with disabilities from participating. While these concerns are obviously relevant and important to participation, there are other less tangible barriers to access and inclusion that are of equal, if not greater significance.

When we refer to sporting clubs creating a 'welcoming and inclusive environment', we are referring to the term 'inclusion' in the much broader sense. Stuart Craig, Sports Focus Business Manager defines a welcoming and inclusive sporting club as "one that provides a safe and friendly environment for all, irrespective of age, ability, gender, sexuality, cultural background or religion". A great example of a welcoming and inclusive club is the Macedon Ranges Basketball Association which has provided people with a disability the opportunity to play and enjoy the sport of basketball.

Since opening their doors to people with a disability in April 2009, the Macedon Ranges Basketball Association hasn't looked back. The club has now welcomed over 40 participants and their families as members of the association.

In doing so, the association has seen an increase in their membership, their profile within the community has been enhanced and they have received increased community support.

Your sporting club can also adopt simple measures that will create a more welcoming and inclusive environment for all to participate.

Being inclusive and welcoming is not hard work, but should be fun and rewarding, so go on give it a go... Sports Focus, through the Access for All Abilities program, is available to offer support and ideas to sporting clubs wanting to provide an environment more welcoming and inclusive of people with a disability. Please contact Sports Focus on (03) 5442 3101 or email admin@sportsfocus.com.au.

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**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
THROUGHOUT THE DAY**

Betty's Boop

(By Betty Doolan)

Christmas at the Elms & Oaks

My home is at the Elms Hostel in Gisborne and I would like to tell you about our Christmas.

It started in early December with decorations everywhere. We had five beautiful Christmas trees that had lovely flashing lights.

There were many Christmas outings and many Christmas dinners that led up to our Christmas Party on 19th December. We did a bus tour to see the Christmas lights. Residents invited their family and friends so



it was a big event for the residents, staff and volunteers who do a tremendous job. As it was raining we had an indoor BBQ.

The sausages in sliced bread tasted good and there was lots of beautiful food and mixed drinks. While we sat and enjoyed the food, 'Andy Dee' entertained us by singing and playing his guitar and then our own choir 'The Elms Golden Minstrels', dressed in red shirts with gold tinsel around their necks, sang carols. Their voices were loud and clear and they were a pleasure to listen to and credit must go to the choir and those that assisted them. The audience showed their appreciation by loudly clapping. Then Father Christmas arrived to the squeals of delight of the children and residents (you are never too old for Santa!). Santa gave out gifts of little puddings and lollies. But the best part was that 'kiss' from Santa!

During the afternoon residents spoke about their own Christmas days when they were children.

We now have another lovely memory to put away with all our other memories. On behalf of all the residents and staff we wish you all a happy and safe new year.

Betty's Boop will be a monthly column sharing special events, activities and projects from the Lifestyle Enhancement Program at Macedon Ranges Health Services

Do You Like Driving?

A very worthwhile role is played by our volunteer drivers at Macedon Ranges Health Services. The Carers Support Services funds us to provide essential transport to clients in the community. We need volunteers who are interested in driving locally or to Melbourne.

Volunteers bring skills and knowledge to this role and provide pleasant outings and socialisation to the residents and clients. Please consider this as something you might like to do to help our community. Please ring 5428 0446 for more information.

Men Needed!

Macedon Ranges Health Services is currently looking for men who would enjoy the experience of assisting clients in the Men's Shed on Tuesday. If you have an interest in woodwork, and would like to discuss the possibility of volunteering with us please phone 5428 0346 and have a chat with our Volunteer Care Coordinator.

Sponsors Night

Macedon Ranges Health Services held a very festive Christmas Drinks night at the Tavern Hotel Gisborne to thank their many sponsors and supporters. A number of organisations and businesses were represented including the CWA, Rotary, Bendigo Bank, GREAT, the Gallery Macedon, Hunt Real estate as well as private supporters. CEO Wes Carter spoke of the services desire to better connect with the community. He thanked community members for the many private donations made. An outline of several new ways businesses and organisations could support the local health service by way of sponsorships or donating to specific items was provided.

Among items listed was sponsorship of the Men's Shed for a year, decal for a bus and buying a hospital bed.

Please ring CEO Wes Carter 03 54280300 to discuss any of these sponsorship options or to receive an explanation package in the mail.



Anyone For Tennis?

Friday Social Mixed Tennis.

Beginners most welcome.

Meet each Friday morning at the Romsey tennis courts on Park Lane

Time: 9.00am—10.00am

Membership: \$75 per year.

Ages: 50-80 (Plus or minus)!!!!

For further details contact Eileen French on 0412 787 213.

Come along and enjoy our friendly group.



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Legal Services help people affected by floods

The Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre has started fielding calls from local agencies seeking to provide affected residents with relevant legal information, advice and referral.

The Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre's Principal Solicitor, **Peter Noble**, said:

"The Community Legal Centre understands that for many people affected by the floods, insurance and other legal matters may not be their immediate concern. But people affected by the floods should know that we and other legal services, including Victoria Legal Aid, are ready to assist with relevant legal issues when they are ready.

In the meantime we'd like people to take away with them two key messages:

1. If you have an insurance contract you believe covers you for flood damage, you should make a claim as soon as possible. Your insurance company must expedite your claim if you are in urgent financial need. Even if the claim is rejected, you may be reviewed at no cost by the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS).
2. If your insurance policy excludes floods, you may still be able to claim for water related damage."

The Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre's website (URL below) has information on relevant legal support services and direct links to online legal resources for those affected.

Legal Support Services

1. Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, 5444 4364 or 1800 639 121, www.communitylaw.org.au/loddoncampaspe
2. Victoria Legal Aid: Mon-Fri 8.45am-5.15pm, 9269 0120 or 1800 677 402, www.legalaid.vic.gov.au
3. Insurance Law Service: Mon-Fri 9.30am-4.30pm, 1300 663 464, www.insurancelaw.org.au

Local governments and other service providers who are assisting flood victims can contact our Community Legal Education Worker, Steve Womersley, on 5444 4364 if they would like to organise a lawyer to attend community meetings, information ses-

 **loddon campaspe
community legal centre**

FUNDING BOOST FOR MACEDON RANGES & SUNBURY TAFE STUDENTS

The Coalition Government has fast-tracked an election pledge to ensure TAFE concession fee places for 15 to 24 year old students holding a Health Care Card will be available from 1 February this year making TAFE study accessible to a broader range of students in the Macedon Ranges and Sunbury, says Donna Petrovich, State Member of Parliament for Northern Victoria Region.

Minister for Higher Education and Skills Peter Hall this week announced the Coalition would provide \$56 million to cut fees for Health Care Card holders by 95 per cent, resulting in major savings for young people in the Macedon Ranges and Sunbury regions accessing Diploma and Advanced Diploma courses.

"The Coalition Government's commitment will ensure annual TAFE training fees for youth health care card holders will cost just \$100 – a substantial saving from the usual tuition fee rates of up to \$2,000," Mrs. Petrovich said.

"Young people continue to be under-represented in Victoria's education and labour market with around 17 per cent of 15 to 19 year olds and almost a quarter of 20 to 24 year olds not engaged in full time education or employment."

Mrs. Petrovich said families with lower incomes often struggled to meet TAFE fees upfront and were less able to accumulate significant debt, and this often acted as a disincentive to take up higher levels of vocational training.

"The Coalition Government is committed to removing barriers to vocational education to help young people enter employment and gain the skills they need to contribute to the Victorian economy," Mrs. Petrovich said.

Mrs. Petrovich said the implementation of concession fee places had been fast tracked to ensure that students enrolling in new courses in 2011 would not miss out.

"As the bulk of enrolments take place in January/February the Coalition has sped up the implementation of concession fee places, and in doing so, removed a major financial barrier to training for young people from families with lower incomes," Mrs. Petrovich said.

Mrs. Petrovich said the Coalition had also committed to reviewing all fee structures across the training system introduced by the previous government after one year to ensure there was continued support for those who needed to broaden their skills to gain or maintain employment.

Concession fee places will only be available to students studying at TAFE institutes in Victoria, and TAFE Enrolment Officers will identify eligible students.

Romsey Mowing,
Maintenance & Property Care.

Lawn mowing (including ride on)
Gardening - Edging.
Weed spraying - Pruning.
Mulching - Fertilizing.
Tree lopping - Gutter cleaning.
Rental clean ups.
Full yard clean ups.
General maintenance.
Window cleaning.

Rick Hammond

0438 301 621

GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A RADIO PRESENTER??

Got a spare couple of hours per week and want to have some fun?? 100.7 Highlands FM is looking for volunteers to be presenters, admin assistants and technical advisers.

Perhaps you'd like to offer some feedback? We are asking our community to tell us what you want to hear on your community station!

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new people, have some fun and even learn new skills if you want to.

Highlands FM is located in the Community Center at Woodend and is on air 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

If you are interested, please contact Milton Perkins on 0419 226 032 or Email desk@highlands.org.au.

Anyone For Tennis?

Friday Social Mixed Tennis.

Beginners most welcome.

Meet each Friday morning at the Romsey tennis courts on Park Lane (next to the Romsey Recreation Centre).

Time: 9.00am—10.00am

Membership: \$75 per year.

Ages: 50-80 (Plus or minus)!!!!

For further details contact Eileen French on 0412 787 213.

Come along and enjoy our friendly group.



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Romsey Youth Space

The Romsey Youth Space is run on a Tuesday
4.30 - 6.30pm at the Romsey Community Hub.

There is food and activities for High School students.

Up coming events include:

February

15th - Chill out night - WII, internet, games, cooking, jewelry making. Also planning for future activities.

22nd - BBQ at skate park - bring your skateboard, scooter, bike etc and show u what you can do. Other outdoor games as well!

March

1st - Scavenger Hunt - A race around Romsey to find answers and treasures!

8th - Movie night - Come and watch a movie on the big screen. Movie to be decided.

Don't forget to check out the Romsey Youth Space web page on the Macedon Ranges Youth Web Site at <http://mrys.info/> The term program will be posted there!!

All events are fully supervised and a gold coin donation is appreciated. For more information on activities or to become involved please call Amanda Summers on 0457 795 891.



Program Term 1 2011

Romsey Community House Inc.

A Learning and Activity Centre
PO Box 418, Romsey, Vic 3434
Email: romseyhouse@bigpond.com
Ph/fax: 03 5429 6724

Health, Fitness & Wellbeing

Pilates

Wednesday's 12.00 - 1.00pm. For bookings/enquiries phone April on 0427 150 976. \$12 per class, term enrolment at end of 1st class.

Casuals welcome once minimum class numbers are met \$14 per class.

Overeaters Anonymous

Meets every Tuesday at Romsey Community House 1.30 - 2.30pm. All enquiries please contact Debbie on 0403807739.

Walk Together Program

Meet Eileen at the Lions Park, near the creek. Tuesday's 9.30am.

REGISTER NOW FOR THESE UPCOMING CLASSES

Yoga Gentle Exercise for Over 50's - Commences March 2011

Social & Creative Activities

Art Classes

Through the support of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, The Romsey Community House is running a series of subsidised age specific art classes. In Term 4, 2010 we presented a 5 week Introduction to Drawing course.

Introduction To Painting - 8 Week Course

In Term 1 2011 Gillian Gorrie will run the following classes on Thursday's 10/02/11 - 07/04/11. No Classes on 10/03/11

Adult (Daytime): Time: 1:30 - 3:00pm. Term Cost: \$70

Adult (Evening): Time: 7:00 - 8:30pm. Term Cost: \$70

6 - 8yrs:Time: 3.45-4.45pm. Term Cost: \$50

9 - 12yrs:Time: 5.00- 6.30pm . Term Cost: \$70

Expressions of Interest are being taken for:

13 -18yrs: Wednesdays 9/2/11 - 6/4/11 Time: 4:30 - 6:00pm
Cost: \$70.

For all bookings/enquiries call the Romsey Community House . Class sizes are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Over 50's Information and Activity Group

Postponed until further notice. Watch the Romsey Rag for future details.

Writers Group

Meets **2nd Friday** of each month 9.45-11.45am. Gold Coin contribution.

Craft Group

Every Thursday 10.30am - 12.30pm. Come and practise a variety of crafts including; quilting, card making, knitting, smocking, embroidery etc .Gold coin contribution on the day.

Drop in for a Cuppa

Any week day 9.30am - 5.00pm. Gold coin donation.

Writing Workshops with Dee White

Includes how to create great characters, where do I start & finish, Story ideas plus other necessary attributes for authors of all ages.

For All Bookings & Enquiries

Phone: 5429 6724

Office Hours: 10 - 1pm Mon - Fri

Certificate Courses - Accredited Training

Computer Basics 1

8 week course on the basics in Microsoft Office Word 2007. Commences 31st May, 2011. 12.30 - 3pm. Cost \$185 or Conc \$60.

Computer Basics 2

Build your knowledge around computers, Microsoft Office and Word.

This 8 week course is held on Tuesdays 15/02/11 - 05/04/11.

12.30 - 3.00pm. Cost \$185 Conc \$60. Call 5429 6724 to register.

RSA -Responsible Serving of Alcohol

Tuesday 1st Feb 2011. Cost \$120.00. Time: 9.30 - 2.00pm

This course will also be run In April & June 2011. Register now.

Construction Induction (Formerly Red Card)

Tuesday 8th Feb, 2011. Cost \$180.00 Time: 9.30 -4.30pm

This course will also be run In April & June 2011. Register now.

Follow Workplace Hygiene Procedures

Tuesday 15th Feb, 2011 Cost \$110.00 Time: 9.00 - 5.00pm

This course will also be run In April & June 2011. Register now.

Level 2 First Aid Certificate and CPR Refresher

Level 2 runs over 2 days. Saturday 19th & 26th Feb, 2011 from 9.30 - 5.00pm Cost: \$195.00.

CPR is on 19th Feb, 2011 from 9.30 - 2.00pm. Cost \$60

These courses will also be run In April & June 2011. Register now.

Non-Accredited Training Courses

Introduction to Quickbooks

2 day course, Tuesday 8th & 15th Feb, 2011. Time: 6 - 9pm
Course Cost \$60.00

Quickbooks Advanced

An 8 week course, Tuesdays 22/02/11 - 5/4/11. Time: 7pm—9.30pm. Course Cost \$165.00, Concession \$60.00

Computer Maintenance

Wednesday 30th March, 2011. Time: 7pm-9pm. Cost: \$20. Book early

Learn to Use the Internet

Wednesday 5th April, 2011. Time: 7pm-9pm. Cost: \$20. Book Early

Register Now - Courses Coming in 2011

- Internet Safety for Kids
- Introduction to Microsoft Excel
- Food Supervisors Courses
- Volunteer Induction courses
- Workshops in customer service and telephone skills
- Drink Driver course (June 2011)
- Certificate I Hospitality (March 2011)
- Certificate I Work Preparation (May 2011)
- Certificate II Retail (July 2011)
- Certificate II Business (Sept 2011)

Public Internet Access Available 10am - 1pm Mon - Fri



Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club

President: Mrs. Alice Long 5429 6567 **Secretary:** Mrs. Jeni Clampit 5429 5480

Probus Meetings are held at St. Mary's Hall, Main Street, Romsey at 10am on the fourth Thursday in each month.

Probus is a mixed club for men and women

There is a guest speaker at each meeting.

We have an outing on the third Wednesday of the month. (Either a trip or luncheon)



Friday Morning Coffee



Musical Afternoons each month.



Ten Pin Bowling each fortnight.

Persons interested in this club and wish to have more information please contact the President or Secretary at the above phone numbers.

The outing on 16th February 2011 will be lunch at Hanging Rock.

Our first meeting for 2011 is on Thursday, 24th February.

The Mount Players

Happy New Year from all of us at The Mount Players. Our 2011 season opens with the spine chilling ghost story, *The Woman In Black* adapted by Stephen Mallatratt from the book By Susan Hill. Directed by Frank Harvey and featuring David Runnalls, Adam Gehling and Georgina Barley, this thriller tells the story of a young solicitor who is sent to wind up the affairs of a recently deceased woman. However, the dead woman had led a reclusive life in a remote and mysterious house. He discovers he has to sort her affairs without any help from the locals who will not approach the house because they believe the house is cursed! Years later, he recounts his ghostly experiences with the aid of an actor/director, who helps him prepare to tell his story in front of his family and friends in a desperate bid to exorcise the ghosts of the past.

The Woman in Black is regarded as the most spine chilling ghost story ever told on stage. Season : Fri 11 Mar - Sat 2 April.

To book on line, go to our website www.themountplayers.com or phone bookings 1300 463 224 Tues - Sat 10am - 5pm.

Hello Dolly Auditions to be held 1, 5 & 6 February - details on our website.

Get Fit, Get Fit Walk For Your Life!

The Walking Group meets near the Bay Tree Café every Tuesday morning at 9.30 for a leisurely walk. Return time is approximately 10.15am.

Dogs—please bring your owners (if they are friendly!)

All ages welcome.

Please feel free to ring Eileen for any enquiries on 0412 787 213.

Advanced walkers meet at the Laundromat at the same time.



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