Romsey Golf Club Women's Report

Results

17th April Monthly medal was played in fine weather conditions and won by Kath 102-25-77,

April 19 Kath, Denise and I travelled to Alexandra for their bowl. The day threatened to turn but a few umbrellas up saw the sun come out and remain a pleasant day for golf. The race track was again long and added to the challenge of their tricky greens.

26 April Kath, Jan and Denise played in the Yea Bowl---2 May. The day started with light drizzle and not much enthusiasm from us women, but we ventured to the first tee and were warming up when it was stated "Aren't we supposed to enjoy our golf". So with that thought we headed back to the clubrooms stripped off the wet weather gear and enjoyed a cuppa. The other group didn't complain. Let me explain, we aren't wimps, we just showed some good common sense. The guick meeting we had planned for after golf then took all morning and some more.!! Kath and Lorraine found the Goonawarra course in excellent condition for their Captain & President's Day on May 8. There was a bitterly cold wind early in the day but weather conditions improved as the day went on. Kath played extremely well, Lorraine enjoyed being carried. Unfortunately they didn't win but we played with the winning Goonawarra pair.

9 May: It was back to sunshine and warmer than some of us expected. Thankfully the fashion police didn't see the rolled up slacks. We were playing the Doris Chambers Foursomes. Kath and Leila combined to win on a count back with 27pts. They will go on and play in the state final at Gisborne in October.

10 May: The Romsey Challenge bowl was held. We had visiting clubs from Alexandra, Avenel, Bacchus Marsh West, Broadford, Euroa, Kilmore Lancefield, Eildon, Marysville, Seymour, Trentham Woodend and Yea. Our sponsors Beau Warrener (Made to Measure Golf Clubs) and Greg Gibson (Romsey Pharmacy) to whom we are very grateful both sent apologies on the day, But it was great to have Virginia Newell from P & V Newell Electrical Contractors join us for lunch and present the bowl. Virginia and Phil donated the bowl 20 years ago and if available make the effort to keep in contact on our day. The bowl was won by Broadford with 91 pts. A grade was won by Annette Zol (15) 33 pts Broadford and B Grade by Pam Pedder (37) 34 pts Avenel. Ntp on 15 went to Tina Baker Lancefield and 16 to Annette Zol Broadford. All winners and most of the players commented on the excellent condition of the course, which was a fitting tribute to the volunteer men and women who put in a lot of time mowing and trimming etc.

Recipe for this month: Curry Chicken Casserole

Leftover cooked chicken pieces
1 tin mushroom soup
1 large onion
Half tablespoon curry powder
Half cup milk

Fry chopped onion until soft. Slowly add curry powder and milk. Stir in soup. Place in casserole, add chicken. Top with breadcrumbs and grated cheese. Cook uncovered in mod. hot oven until heated through (approx 30 mins). Serve with rice.



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Romsey Golf Club – Men's Report

http://romseygolfclub.net Saturday May 19th, 2012 - Three Club Event - Stableford.

It was a hardy group of players who hit off in the club's three-club stableford event. Steady drizzle made club grips slippery forcing the odd miss-hit here and there. It was a day for a traditional Romsey golfer to shine, one who was used to biting wind and overcast, wet skies and one who really knew his bag and was able to select the correct three clubs for the day. One such golfer rose to the occasion with a great round. The day's winner was; Andrew Laing (18) 38 pts from John Laing (23) 28 pts and Steve Poulton (36) 26 pts NTPs went to; 16 - Rob Walker

Saturday May 12th 2012 - Stroke

Strong winds from the south made it another tough day to record a good score in the club's stroke event. The field was bolstered by a good number of players from many nearby clubs either enjoying a round at a different course or checking out Romsey for the coming Romsey Open. The course was again in wonderful nick, a credit to the many volunteers who do so much work to keep the golf course section of Romsey Park in the best possible condition. Despite the tough winds one player was able to consistently keep the ball on target and record a great score. The day's winner was; Kev Milner - 74/10/64, other good rounds came from Ron Walker -90/17/73, Andrew Laing - 92/18/74, Jim Patton - 93/18/75 & Kevin Dunn -98/23/75. The only NTP went to J. Freestone - 1st.

2012 Pennant Finals - Sunday May

Our Handicap Team travelled to Broadford on Sunday May 6th for their final against Woodend. In a tough match our boys were able to pull off a great win, 4/3. This is the club's 15th pennant shield. **Congratulations** to Neil Jarman (C), Graeme Clement, Craig Wood, Tony Freeman, Ron Walker, Les Gaunt, John Freestone, Tyson Ellis and Andrew Laing on their victory.

Saturday May 5th 2012 - Stable-ford

A large field hit-off in the club's stableford competition. Whilst the course remained in excellent condition and the sun broke through now and then, it was a "tough day at the office" with strong, gusting winds from the south west often playing havoc with shots or forcing players to second guess their club selection and under/over hit their shots. A number of players were in contention for selection in the handicap final against Woodend, this also added a little extra to the round. It was great to see Mal Mottram and Kevin Dunn back on the course (and playing well after lengthy lay-offs) and also to see a good field of women players. On a day when posting a good score proved difficult the winner was;

Graeme Clement (13) 35 pts from Andrew Laing (18), Mal Mottram (14) & Kevin Dunn (23) all with 33 pts. The women's winner was Kath Jekabsons (23) 32 pts from Jan Harver (45) & Sharron Carroll (44) both with 31 pts NTPs went to 1 & 15 Jim Patton and 16 Kev Milner

2012 Pennant Round 5 - Sunday April 29th

5th Rd results were; **Scratch** had a narrow loss to Trentham at Mt Macedon - 4/3. For the 2nd year in a row

we have come so close only to fall on the last Sunday 4/3. A great effort by the team, so near yet so far. **Handicap** had a close win against Lancefield at Hidden Valley - 4/3. Perhaps the most notable performance was by Les "Twig" Gaunt (Playing at #1) who was four down with six to go. He had squared his match by the 18th and he teed-off on the 19th with the round square at 3 all. Les was able to take the 19th to give us the day. Handicap will now play Woodend in the final.

Saturday April 28th 2012 - Monthly Medal - Stroke & Putts

April Medal winner Ron Walker 89/17/72.

2012 Pennant Round 4 - Sunday April 22nd

4th Rd results were; **Scratch** hosted the round and had a bye **Handicap** played Woodend at Woodend suffering their first loss of the season - 0/7

Saturday April 21st 2012 - Stableford

Another stunning autumn day, 24C, virtually no wind and the course in magnificient condition. Golfers had everything in their favour as they loaded-up and headed out for the club's stableford competition. Again, many players took advantage of the conditions to play some excellent golf and record good scores, others, seemed to have the round in the bag only to fall at the final few holes. Andrew Laing and Jim Patton continued their recent run of good form. The day's winner was;

Andrew Laing (19) 39 pts from Jim Menzies (11), John Laing (24) & Jim Patton (19) 37 pts with Mick Nichols (27) 36 pts. The only NTP, 15th, went to Jim Menzies

Book Review: Jandamarra

Everyone has heard of Ned Kelly, but how many people have heard of Jandamarra?

Jandamarra was an indigenous Australian man born in the Kimberleys during the early stages of white settlement in Australia. Jandamarra was a skilled horseman and marksman and therefore lived in both worlds, he worked for the white people and lived their ways, however he also retained strong links to his indigenous heritage and family. Jandamarra was employed as a police tracker until in an effort to protect his people, he shot and killed a police officer, he then went on to lead a 3 year long resistance, guerrilla campaign against both the police and European settlers to defend his people and their land.

Jandamarra is a legend amongst indigenous people yet he is virtually unknown amongst the rest of the population, therefore, this book is an important read for all Australians.

Macedon Ranges Book Club ph: 0427135271



BUDGET DELIVERS ON SPORTS PROMISE

Federal Labour Member for McEwen Rob Mitchell has delivered on his election promise fund the much needed Romsey Park Sports Precinct, with the Gillard Government this week committing \$3.3 million in the Federal Budget. Mr Mitchell said the funding would provide new and upgraded facilities for families in the Romsey and Macedon Ranges area.

"Investing in local community infrastructure such as sports facilities is all part of the Gillard Labor Government's economic plan." Mr Mitchell said. "The Government has funded this work to begin as soon as possible with Macedon Ranges Shire Council responsible for managing design, planning and construction of the project. Council has formed an expert reference group to get the best outcomes for the community."

Plans for the precinct include:

new multi-use sports field;

new pavilion, canteen and change rooms at Romsey Primary School:

new junior pavilion, including a spectator area; new pavilion with amenities and disability accessible change rooms;

oval upgrade including new cricket nets;

two new tennis/netball courts;

lighting for night sports;

new turf bowling green;

upgraded playground and picnic area;

car parking and landscaping.

"Council has indicated to the Department of Regional Australia and the Arts that a plan for Stage One of the project (pavilions and cricket nets) will be submitted for assessment by the end of May. Once the funding agreement for this project is signed, I expect that contracts will be awarded at the end of August. The intention is for everything to be in place for construction to commence after the finish of the current football season.

The project was a key part of the Mr Mitchell's original 2010 election promise.

"I am committed to supporting infrastructure that encourages active and healthy communities and stimulates regional economies. I am excited at the potential for this project to transform Romsey Park, creating a hub that will benefit local sporting clubs, businesses and schools," Mr Mitchell said.



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ALL BRETHREN WELCOME





The Romsey UCAF

Invites you to join us for our annual Winter Luncheon

What Time: 11.45am

When: Wednesday 13th June,

2012

Where: Romsey Uniting

Church

Pohlman Street Romsey 3434

Cost: \$10.00

Come And Enjoy "A Food and Fellowship Day"

Our speaker this year will be from the Royal Flying Doctor Service

Trading Table and Door Prize.

RSVP. Alice Long 5429 6567 Jeni Clampit 5429 5480 By 30th May, 2012

FAREWELL TO FR. GEORGE O'CONNOR

Father George O'Connor, our parish priest of St. Mary's Lancefield/Romsey for the last 17 years will be retiring from our parish on 31st July 2012.

The 10.00am Mass at Lancefield on the **29th July** will be his last Sunday Mass in the parish as parish priest.

At 2.00pm on that afternoon we shall be farewelling Father at an afternoon tea and presentation in St. Mary's Primary School Hall, Raglan Street, Lancefield.

If you are attending the afternoon tea, to assist with catering, would you please RSVP by 14th July to any of the below contacts.

RSVP: Rhonda Cusack 54291044 Rosalie McCarthy 54291282 Rose McCarthy 54295270 Joanne Reuther 54292130



NETWORKING ON A PLATTER

Put your tourism business on a platter and come and share your story in a fun networking event hosted by Tourism Macedon Ranges.

On Monday 18th June at 7pm Tourism Macedon Ranges Inc invites all tourism businesses to attend a free networking night at Newham Mechanics Institute. This evening will be an opportunity to showcase your business and meet other Macedon Ranges tourism businesses.

Chair Patrick Bell said 'The tourism industry in the Macedon Ranges is so wonderfully varied and Tourism Macedon Ranges Inc sees this event as a fantastic opportunity to get everyone together to become familiar with each other's businesses in an interesting way'.

Attendees will be provided with a platter to display their business upon through products, images, business cards, brochures and flyers – they will then present their platter in an informal networking session. Attendees are encouraged to be as creative as possible to share their story. This is a great opportunity to develop partnerships and gain an understanding of the product available in the region. Light refreshments will be provided by a local supplier.

. Please RSVP by 11th June to dphyland@mrsc.vic.gov.au or call 5421 9638

Play and Connect

Families of young children with an <u>Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)</u> now have a safe place to go and let their children play while they have a cuppa with other parents.

Play Connect Playgroup runs each Friday of school term from 10-12 at the Romsey Hub. Families from all over the Macedon Ranges and from as far as Kilmore and Wallan attend.

This playgroup allows families to connect with others that are going through similar experiences with their child. Parents can ask questions, share information and help their children develop new skills along the way.

Cassie Ryan explains that she likes to use the Play Connect Playgroup as social therapy for her son. "There is no better way for him to learn these skills, than through play with his peers".

The play skills of children with an ASD are often restricted. Play Connect has an experienced facilitator who supports children to develop new play skills through modeling and visual play scripts.

"I like to come along to the Play Connect Playgroup as my child does ABA therapy at home. It is very intense and he

learns many new skills. The Playgroup allows him to practise these skills with his peers", says Kerri James. "The Romsey Playgroup facility is ace!" Shantelle Grant enthuses. "It's warm and safe. It has a great outdoor space with

"The Romsey Playgroup facility is ace!" Shantelle Grant enthuses. "It's warm and safe. It has a great outdoor space with a sand pit, climbing equipment, swings and areas to run and explore. It is really stimulating for play especially imaginative play, which children with an ASD often struggle with. There is even a pirate ship!"

If you are a parent of a young child diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder or are in the process of exploring if that might be what is going on for your child, please come along to the Romsey Playgroup on a Friday morning. For more information please call Bernie on 54211680.

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Whole Town Garage Sale It's on again!

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Watch the Rag for details of how you can register. Registrations will open in July, and information will be available from the Romsey Community House.



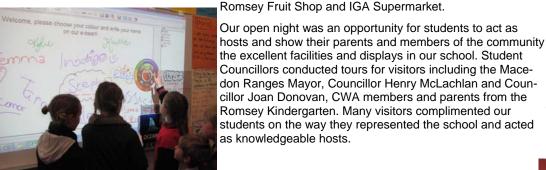
Romsey Primary School News

Celebrating Learning Excellence During Education Week

Taking students work into the community has been a highlight of Education Week for Romsey Primary School. The 'Adopt-a-Shop' program has led to various displays in local shops has showcased student work from each class. We hope members of the community have taken time to enjoy seeing the wide range of students' work. The senior students designed a brochure or poster to promote Romsey as a tourist

place or a place to reside. We would like to give our sincere thanks to all of the local businesses who allowed us to display work: Romsey Charcoal Chicken, Bendigo Bank, Charlu 4 Kids, Romsey Pharmacy, Macedon Ranges Meat Supply, National Australia Bank, Romsey Hub, Romsey Post Office,

Romsey Fruit Shop and IGA Supermarket.



Above: Some of the state-of-the art technoloav in our classrooms.

Below: Fitness testing with our senior stu-



help tidying up gardens, and assisting with displays both in the school and the community. This initiative has strengthened our link with families and the community and gives our parents further ways of being involved in their child's education.

Class parent representatives have been an outstanding



At left: Our young Prep scientists making their volcanoes erupt.



One of the many local businesses participating in "Adopt-a-Shop" during Education Week.



Above: Constructing scarecrows for our gardening program.

School Athletics Sports

The Athletics Sport's Day was closely contested and for the first time McIntyre House reigned supreme. House Captains, Jemma Hoctor-Turner and Alex Nicola proudly accepted the shield on behalf of their House. They won by just 5 points showing how important it is for all stu-

dents to enjoy participating and contributing points for their effort. The young students enjoyed a number of fun activities along with the traditional athletics events. All students received coaching in running, jumping and throwing events.

Maths for Parents Night a Winner

With over 50 parents in attendance, the message about the teaching and learning of Maths and the development of numeracy skills was delivered very clearly by Maths expert Michael Ymer on Monday May 28th. Michael discussed a range of topics including how there has been a major shift in how Maths is taught, and the need for young children to develop the understanding of number facts to 9 as the foundation for their success in learning Mathematics. He also emphasized the role that parents can play at home in helping their children to learn, and in supporting their teachers at school in the education of their children. We have had overwhelmingly positive feedback from this session.

Interested in enrolling your child at Romsey Primary School?

Join us for a school tour and see for yourself our excellent facilities, grounds, buildings and programs.

> School tours this term: Thursday 7, 14 and 21 June at 10am Please phone 5429 5099 to book a tour.

Is your child ready for school? **Information Evening** Wednesday 13th June 2012

School readiness: determining that a child has the necessary maturity and development to begin

Preparation: the strategies that are used to assist children in acquiring and practicing skills and routines prior to commencing school.

Transition: the techniques and processes Romsey Primary School uses to initiate and familiarise children and parents with the school for the forthcoming year.

7:00pm Time: Location: Romsey Kindergarten



School contact details:-Station St. Romsey 3434 Phone: (03) 54295099 Fax: (03) 5429 5765 Website: www.romseyps.vic.edu.au

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BOLINDA & MONEGEETA News (May-June 2012) COMMUNITY NEWS:

Our lovely autumn weather continues; we've had some beautiful autumn days - and some nippy ones too, but that's the season. 25mL (100 pts) of rain last month (April) so it could be drying out again...but who would dare predict the weather?

HISTORY BOOK Bolinda History book is now available again. There will be some copies at the Monegeetta General Store, so you might like to pick up a copy there. Still iust \$10.

BOLINDA HALL(Melways 610 J9; cnr Mullaly's and Melb-Lancefield Road): Bolinda Primary School held their Anti-Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea at the Hall as part of the school Open Day Celebrations on May 24th. It was a fun event, and certainly for a worthy cause. Don't forget our community hall is available for hire at very cheap rates. We want to see it used by the community. Not available for !8ths or 21sts, however, per Council regu-

BOL-DARRA (Bolinda-Darraweit) GARDEN CLUB:

We had a great get-together last month. We met at the Hall to chat over problems and issues and had some nice Arum palaestinum and Dianella to swap. Then a very pleasant drive to Lancefield to see Geoff and Richard's garden, which is enclosed in lovely local stone walls, set on a gentle slope and leads to a beautiful dam; and with Mt William as a backdrop. We enjoyed the lovely walks (got plenty of cuttings!) and greatly admired the enormous Manna Gums set on the lawn above the house. They are a stunning feature. We admired the very productive vegie garden - the figs were delicious! Then in to Lancefield for a good cuppa and chat at Fleur de Lys (we vary cafes when we have afternoon tea so we get to know lots of the great eating places around). It's always a very enjoyable

afternoon with the Garden Club -and we have nongardeners, too! Generally the last Saturday afternoon in the month...come to meet some nice folk! We meet at 1:30 at the Hall to move off to our garden visit at 2:00. Our next meeting is May 26th; a garden at Macedon, with lots of special plants, especially Salvias and Nerines. Afternoon Tea at Braeside Café.

BOLINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL:

Our local school keeps up its busy programme. The children have settled into the new term and are busy with their learning. The school encourages students with Achievement Awards and the children strive to do their best. The school has arranged Open Days this month (May) to showcase some of their achievements. Students enjoyed a French focus day at Clarkefield recently to support the language programme, with students from Darraweit also attending. Art and craft, games, croissants, a performer what a great way to learn a language. The Biggest Morning Tea is in May 24th and keep in mind July 28th for the Trivia night.

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH:

Ruth Green54285347; 0415256911)

One of the best places to find out happenings and catch up with district folk is the MONEGEETA GENERAL STORE. The Habib Family (3 families) took over in June 1993 and enjoy looking after the locals in different ways. There is a good passing trade as well as locals to call in, make purchases and mull over problems local, national and global...All the basics are there, so whatever you have run out of, you'll probably find it there. So next time you feel like a cup of coffee and a snack (all pies and pasties, etc) or one of the excellent range of biscuits, etc, call in for some friendly service with the good food! Cheerio from Bolinda & Monegeetta (Enquiries: John and

Community Survey Prize Winners!

The Macedon Ranges Healthy and Active People Initiative recently conducted a community survey to gather information about our community's healthy lifestyle behaviours. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the survey; we received a fantastic 600 plus survey responses.

Congratulations to the following prize winners:

1st Prize, 10 Pass Gym Card: Daniel Berger, Mt Macedon

2nd Prize, 10 Pass Swim Card: Mrs C Van Arkel, Romsey

3rd Prize, \$25.00 Coles Myer Gift Card: Karen Challis, Gisborne

4th Prize, \$25.00 Coles Myer Gift Card: Glenda Anstey-Sprigg, Kyneton

5th Prize, \$25.00 Coles Myer Gift Card: Rosemarie Rollfink, Mt Macedon

Information collected through the community survey will be used to assist in planning healthy lifestyle programs and activities across the Macedon Ranges Shire.

For further information on the Macedon Ranges Healthy and Active People Initiative please contact Rebecca Putland on 5422 0216 or email healthycommunities@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Alternatively you can register to receive our bi-monthly enewlsetter by visiting www.mrsc.vic.gov.au for updates on programs and activities happening soon.



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Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club

President: Mrs. Jean Buist 5429 1116 **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 wishing to have more information please contact the President or Secretary at the above phone numbers.

On Wednesday June 20th, we are visiting the "Ancient Rome Exhibition" at Docklands.

Our June meeting will be on Thursday 28th June.

GRAAP News

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Draft Budget Welcome

GRAAP was pleased to note an allocation in the Macedon

Ranges Shire Council's Draft 2012-2013 Budget for a feasibility study into the old Primary School site. GRAAP's objective to have this historically significant and beautiful block of land reserved for community use has been supported by Council, although the land is currently State government (Department of Education and Early Childhood Development) owned. So, GRAAP welcomes and supports the Council's commitment to investigate this further

Fundraising Continues

GRAAP recently conducted a very successful stall at the Light Up The Sky community evening. In mid June, it will be doing another sausage sizzle at IGA to further boost funds. Very soon, a "Fundraising Thermometer" will be erected in town to chart the progress of donations and pledges towards the construction of an iconic outdoor community space in Romsey.

For further information regarding GRAAP, please contact -

Raelene Mottram (President) Phone: 0428 928908 Email: graap@exemail.com.au P.O. Box 53, Romsey, 3434.



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Romsey Country Women's Association



For lovers of Irish jokes:

Father Murphy walks into a pub in Donegal, and says to the first man he meets, "Do you want to go to Heaven?" The man says, "I do, Father." The priest says "Then stand over there against the wall". The priest asks a second man, "Do you want to go the Heaven?" "Certainly Father", was the man's reply. "Then stand over there against the wall", says the priest. Then Father Murphy walks up to

O'Toole and says "Do you want to go to Heaven?" O'Toole replies "No, I don't Father".

The priest says "I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to Heaven?"

O'Toole says. "Oh. when I die. ves. I thought you were getting a group together to go right now".

Romsey Branch of the Country Women's Association held their Association Day early in May, with local resident Anne Phelan as guest speaker. Over 60 people, some coming from as far away as St. Albans, enjoyed her interesting talk on how she first got involved in her acting and singing career. It was assumed by an amateur theatrical producer, that because Anne's brothers had good singing voices, she should also be able to sing. This lead to Anne to be chosen for the chorus of the show and the rest is history. Anne also spoke of her involvement with Positive Women Victoria, an organisation that assists ladies dealing the HIV virus, and well as her interest in asylum seekers. A donation was made by our Branch to Positive Women Victoria in lieu of appearance money. All visitors enjoyed a typical CWA afternoon tea.

Next item on our Agenda is four of our ladies are to attend the CWA State Conference in Swan Hill in late May. Following this is a Group Meeting to be held early in June.

Our ladies are continuing with their current project of making art smocks for our local primary school. Several have been made, and the balance of the cut-out ones were started on at our Craft Day on May 17th.

More than a dozen beanies, both adult and child's, have been knitted for the Kilmore Ambulance Station to be given to patients being transported and need that extra bit of warmth on their heads. Teddies also have been knitted or crocheted for our local station for kiddies that need their assistance.

Lots of other trauma teddies have been made by one of our members also, some going to hospitals for children, maybe undergoing an operation, as well as a supply for young cancer patients. The ones for young cancer sufferers are dressed, but heads are left plain, as they may be after chemotherapy. As a grandma who has gone through this traumatic time, I know these small gifts are much appreciated, both by the child as well as the parents.

Would you like to join our busy Branch? For further information, please contact our Secretary, Val Jordan on 5429

Community Support Continues

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To date the Lancefield and Romsey Community Banks have put \$420,000 back into our local communities. When you bring your business to either the Lancefield or Romsey Community Bank, profits are retained in the community - with some 80% disbursed to valuable community projects and to support local organisations.

Last year, after input from an independent panel, 19 local community groups received grants – the projects included \$10,000 to the Lancefield Cemetery Trust to assist in building toilet facilities; the Romsey Bowling Club purchased a Defibrillator and our 6 local CFAs received \$2.000 each.

Applications for 2012/13 community investment grants will soon be open

We have emailed all community groups in May to confirm their contact details. If your community group, school, kindergarten or sporting club has not been contacted and would like to apply, please register your interest to — Emily Blades at emily@itsmeanttobe.com.au by Wednesday 28th June. Please provide details of your group and contact person (name, postal address, ph and email).

The grants process will open on the 1st July and all applications must be in by 10th August.





Pastor's Parables



The power of one light.

In one corner of the world squatted a sullen, sulking, friendless darkness. Suddenly a tiny light appeared. It was very small but it was a light. Someone had put it there. It just stood there and sent out its rays. A passerby remarked to the light: "Don't you think you would be of more use somewhere else and not in this God-forsaken corner?" "Not really," said the little light. "I shine because I am a light. And because I shine, I am a light. I don't

shine in order to be seen, but so that others could see in the dark." When the gloomy darkness heard this, it gritted its teeth and full of fury, tried to put out the light. But the gigantic darkness was powerless against this tiny light that wanted to shine.

John 8:12 - Jesus said "I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

How are you seeing life right now?

Is it confusing, bewildering, sometimes seems full of hopelessness?

When we come to Jesus, we are able to see things clearly - as they really are.

If you would like to learn more about Jesus, see more clearly and make sense of life, feel free to join us at any one of our Mid week Life groups, or either of our Sunday services:

(10:00am Romsey; 6:00pm – Woodend)

Or contact us at our Church office on 5429 6327 to speak to someone.

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The Practical Results from Budget 2012

There are always a number of publications following political budgets which either focus on the politics of the budget or the content of the budget. In our response, we've decided to take a different approach to both the budget and the upcoming end of financial year. This is a practical guide – decisions to make and actions to take NOW to get the most from every dollar and avoid some traps.

- 1.Private Health Insurance the 30% federal government rebate for Private Health Insurance premiums will be means tested from 1 July 2012. If your premiums will rise as a result of this change you can prepay your premium prior to 30 June, 2012 and retain the benefit of the rebate for the period prepaid. Where the monthly premium currently paid with the benefit of the rebate is \$250, a 12 month prepayment could save you in excess of \$1,200
- 2.Superannuation Contribution Limits from 1 July 2012 the maximum deductible superannuation contribution will be \$25,000 per annum regardless of your age. For over 50s this means that if you want to maximise your deductible superannuation benefits this financial year is the last time you can obtain a \$50,000 deduction. For people of all ages this is a trigger to review all salary sacrifice arrangements currently in place the \$25,000 is made up of both salary sacrifice superannuation contributions and the employer superannuation guarantee. If the total of these exceeds \$25,000 you will pay 46.5% tax on the excess so there is a penalty for exceeding these limits.
- 3.Trust Distributions if you have a trust and wish to distribute income amongst your family group this paperwork should be prepared by 30 June, 2012 to be valid. Remember that minor beneficiaries are no longer eligible for the low income tax offset and the distributions should reflect this.

4.Medical Expenses Offset – from 1 July 2012 this offset is means tested. If your family income exceeds the limits where Medicare Levy Surcharge is payable the medical expenses offset threshold increases from the current \$2,000 to \$5,000. If you have children who are on longer term medical or dental payment arrangements (eg braces) and there may be a benefit to paying those costs all before 30 June. Of course the tax benefit should be considered against the cash flow impact of an upfront payment.

5.From 1 July 2012, depreciable assets costing less than \$6,500 may be written off immediately for small business entities. Unlike the general principal of rushing out to buy equipment and tools before 30 June, this year it may be more tax effective to hold off purchases to the 2012/13 financial year.

6.From 1 July 2012, motor vehicles purchased by small business entities will be entitled to an immediate write off of the first \$5,000 of the purchase price with the balance to be depreciated as per the usual rules. Again, this may result in holding off purchases until the 2012/13 year. Alternately, this change may result in a greater ability to negotiate the purchase price prior to 30 June if this change leads to lower motor vehicle sales in June.

Whilst there were a number of other changes announced for non residents, higher income earners, fringe benefits tax and company tax losses which will be relevant to some the above are simply 6 practical matters to consider between now & 30 June, 2012.

To find out more about these issues or anything to do with the budget, simply call McMahon Osborne Group on 03 9744 7144 to discuss your specific issues. If you would like an extended budget wrap email your name & contact details to kristie@mcmahonosborne.com.au

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NEWSLETTER

Clinic Hours – Romsey Medical

Monday to Friday: 8.30am to 8.00pm Saturday: 8.30am to 1pm

Sunday: CLOSED

Clinic Hours – Lancefield Medical

Monday to Friday: 8.30am to 5.30pm Saturday: all services through Romsey Medical Sunday: CLOSED

After Hours Services

When the two centres are closed, we always have an on-call doctor available for urgent matters. Please call 1300557512 to speak to a nurse who will contact the doctor on-call if required.

(we always provide 24 hours urgent medical care)

Telehealth Consultations Available

Telehealth Consultations from the Medical Centres with your Melbourne based specialist is now an option, this saves patients having to travel long distances for review appointments. Speak to your doctor to check if this service is available to you.

Bulk Billed Flu Vaccinations

Free Flu vaccinations are still available for:

Patients over the age of 65

Patients under the age of 65 with a chronic condition.

Patients under 65 years of age can purchase a flu vaccine for \$20.00 from the practice on the day of vaccination.

Please speak to your doctor or contact reception to book an appointment.

Travel Clinic (pre trip medical check-ups)

All patients travelling overseas should seek advice from a doctor to ensure their health and safety whilst away:

- Especially if you have Coronary Heart Disease, Hypertension or any other chronic condition, if you have had recent surgery or experienced a heart attack.
- To discuss any particular health concerns you may have such as dietary changes that could have an impact on your specific condition.
- To find out how to safely stagger your medications to fit different time zones.

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- To discuss having vaccinations depending on the areas which you intend to travel to, especially for those area with infectious diseases.
- To obtain a written note from your doctor detailing prescribed medications you intend to take with you.

Mental Health Nurse

Romsey Medical and Lancefield Medical now have a Mental Health Nurse working from the practices.

The aim of the nurse is to assist the GP (when consent is given by a patient) to provide Mental Health Care Services.

Please speak to your doctor for eligibility requirements.

Care Plans & Dental Referral

Care Plans are available for eligible patients with chronic health conditions to enable Medicare funded Allied Health Services to be provided. Care Plans also give eligible patients access to funds for Dental treatment.

Health Assessments

During your next doctors visit see if the Practice Nurse is available for a quick health assessment whilst you wait. This will include your blood pressure, height, weight.

Remember:

Bulk billed **Quick Clinic** appointments are available every weekday at both centres, for urgent/lost repeat prescriptions, re-referrals and some vaccinations.



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Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.

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The Society needs help!! We are seeking new members. For as little as \$20.00 per year you can help our Society fund its two areas of responsibility. Seymour Cottage built c1855 and the Archives held at the Lancefield Courthouse. As with most people our costs have risen and any small donation would assist greatly. The assistance of anyone with a spare couple of hours a week to assist at the archives would be greatly appreciated. We have a number of projects underway in regards to the history of the area. Computer skills are not essential.

The Obituary Book is available for sale from the Courthouse or Cottage for \$10 each

Sheryl has been busy making fund-raising ribbons in red and black, and yellow and black, prices for these vary. They will be available for purchase at the Cottage and the Courthouse.

The July Lunch will be held on 24th July, cost will be \$10.

The Cottage is having a Christmas in July Morning Tea on 10th July at 10.30 a.m. Come along and have a cuppa with "Mrs. Seymour."

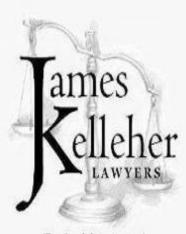
As you walk around the town you should notice the plagues identifying some of the early buildings. As mentioned previously these plaques were organized by the Society and purchased with money donated by RRBATA from the Romsey 150th dinner.

The Society is very interested in collecting information on houses in the towns of Lancefield and Romsey. It is quite difficult at times to know where and who owned homes and businesses in earlier times.

The School project is continuing. Do you have a special item from your school days? We would love to have a look at this item and photograph or copy it - we are not asking for it to be donated to the Society - we only want to see it and hear your story about it.

There are two events listed for July and they are open for anyone interested in attending. If you do not have transport to either event and wish to attend, you can contact S. Kishere 0402 248 540, R. Miller 0418 172 659, W. McDonald 0421 599 876. We will arrange for you to be collected and returned to your home following the event.

We will be assisting the Library in conducting a preliminary Family History meeting on 21 July 2012 at 2pm.



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You are most welcome to come to the Romsey Uniting Church Services and share in fellowship and worship

Fundraising Dinner:

On Friday 1st June at 6.30pm the Romsey Uniting Church are holding a Casserole Dinner and Bon-fire to raise funds for Share Winter Appeal. BYO Drink, Tea & Coffee provided. \$10 per person, \$20 per family.

Contact S.Strack 5427 0472

Romsey Uniting Church Adult Fellowship Winter Luncheon.

On Wednesday, June 13th at 11.45am, there will be a Winter Luncheon at the Romsey Uniting Church. All are invited. Our Guest Speaker will be from the Royal Flying Doctor Service. There will be door prizes and a trading

(See full size advertisement in Romsey Rag)

PEACE

"The harvest of the Spirit is peace..." Galatians 5: 22 "You must not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword." Matthew 10: 34

"Peace is my parting gift to you, my own peace such as the world cannot give. Set your troubled hearts at rest, and banish your fears." John 14: 27

Was ever the word "peace" heard on so many lips as it is today, yet so little peace to be found?

We talk of one world, but it still seems a long way off, for peace talks stretch on over months and even years, while men go on dying.

And, on the personal front, we indulge in smooth talk, as if all were well - yet allow resentment and bitterness to destroy our lives.

Is there peace to be found in our world?

We look to your words for a clue, Lord, but find that one time you offer a sword, and another time, peace.

Some salesmen these days will guarantee peace of mind as part of their deal.

But you were too honest for that.

You knew that your call to new ways of living and thinking would lead to divisions and strife.

Yet you offered peace; not absence of war or tension you can't have meant that - or escape from the grim realities of life but – in the very midst of these – a peace like the still centre of a moving wheel.

Your peace. A peace beyond understanding.

In a world of computers and supersonic speeds we have forgotten how to stand still.

In a world of constant change and constant tension we have forgotten where to find peace.

O Lamb of God, still daring to take to yourself the sufferings and sins of our world, Grant us your peace. And so, in you, we discover a new meaning in love, we learn that the proof of love is not how we feel but how we act.

Conversations with God by Joy Merritt

Church Services in June 2012

9am Worship Service conducted by The Worship Team

10th 9am Worship Service and Communion Conducted by Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones

17th 9am Worship Service

24th 9am Worship Service conducted by Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones

Karate Classes for 2012 resumes Tuesday 7th February.

& Tai Chi Classes resume Saturday 4th February at 11am. Beginners are most welcome at any time. Come and try a complimentary class.

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Romsey Recreation Centre

Facility Update



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Macedon Ranges Tri-Series Basketball Tournament

Around 35 kids from Romsey and Lancefield represented Romsey in the Macedon Ranges Tri-Series basketball tournament. The tournament was held over 4 weeks concluding on May 11th. For many of our young players it was their very first taste of representative basketball, and they played extremely well.

The **Under 11 Boys** team started the tournament against top ranked team Kyneton. It was a tough start for the youngsters against Kyneton who already had rep team experience. After being defeated in the first round the Romsey boys improved with every game. They had a close one against Riddells Creek in round two, going down by only 11 points, and managed to defeat Woodend by two points in the final round. Round 1: Kyneton 41 def Romsey 4; Round 2: Riddells Creek 27 def Romsey 16; Round 3: Romsey 8 def Woodend 6

The Under 13 Girls also had a tough start against competition favourites Kyneton. The Kyneton girls experience showed early as they got on to the board quickly, proving too strong for the Romsey girls in their first representative match. With only three teams in their draw, the girls were looking forward to their match up against Woodend. The Woodend girls got the jump on romsey early outscoring them in the first half 22-2. Romsey showed constant improvement, and matched Woodend in the second half, scoring 8-10. Round 1: Kyneton 67 def Romsey 4; Round 3: Woodend 32 def Romsey 10.

The Under 13 Boys kicked off their tournament with a great win against Woodend. Romsey lead by 3 points at the half time break, but pulled away in the second half to win by 10 points. Round two saw a match up against Riddells Creek. Romsey was right in the match at the break, only 2 points down. Riddell proved two strong in the second half pulling away and winning by 14 points. The final round saw Romsey up against Kyneton. The Kyneton team had dominated the tournament each week, and their experienced showed defeating Romsey by 42 points. Round 1: Romsey 21 def Woodend 12; Round 2: Riddells Creek 26 def Romsey 12; Round 3: Kyneton 46 def Romsey 4.

The Under 15 Boys had the toughest of all draws. Competition was fierce, with all teams fighting for a place in the final. While being defeated in all 4 matches they showed some really great skills, and improved throughout the tournament. The highlight match was against Woodend. Romsey were defeated 51 – 16, but at times throughout the match they really took it to the eventual tournament champions. Round 1: Riddells Creek B def Romsey 8; Round 2: Woodend 51 def Romsey 15; Riddells Creek 75 def Romsey 10; Round 3: Kyneton 67 def Romsey 6.



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What's New

Mini Maestros could be coming to Romsey! Mini Maestros offers fun and educational music classes for children, including babies, toddlers, and preschoolers.

Anyone interested should contact Jo on 0417-703-690

Enrolments - Now Open -

Senior Mixed Soccer Competition

Friday Nights from 7.00pm Commencing June, 2012

Under 16 Basketball Competition

Tuesday nights from 7.00pm Commenced May, 2012 Limited spaces available

Under 20 Basketball Competition

Tuesday nights from 8.30pm Expressions of interest

Ladies Daytime Netball Competition

Thursday mornings from 10.00am Expressions of interest

Senior Mixed Netball Competition

Thursday nights from 7.00pm Expressions of interest

"Please note: All programs are subject to minimum numbers to operate

LANCEFIELD AND ROMSEY HISTORY MORE THAN JUST A MEMORY

The local stories, buildings and memories that make up the history of Lancefield and Romsey will continue to captivate future generations thanks to the work of dedicated local volunteers supported by a \$1080 Local History Grant.

Member for Northern Victoria, Donna Petrovich, said the Coalition Victorian Government was committed to the preservation of local history, and grateful for the hours contributed by historical societies in achieving that goal.

"Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society received a grant to develop booklets detailing historical sites located along the Lancefield and Romsey History Trails," Mrs Petrovich said.

"This beautiful region has a long and rich history and we are lucky enough to have many historic buildings still in use today.

"This booklet will be of great interest to locals and tourists alike and will also form a valuable historical document for future generations."

Premier of Victoria and Minister for the Arts Ted Baillieu said 58 Victorian community groups would undertake important local history projects this year thanks to more than \$340,000 in grants through the Victorian Government's *Local History Grants* program.

The projects include writing and publishing books, developing displays and exhibitions, oral histories, heritage trails and multimedia projects.

"The Victoria of today has been shaped by the aspirations and actions of millions of people and groups with a range of backgrounds – all with a fascinating story to share," Mr Baillieu said.

"These community-based projects are driven by volunteers, whether through historical societies, community museums, cultural centres or primary schools. These groups work hard to gather and preserve historical materials and memories, and are passionate about telling their local stories."

A full list of grant recipients is available on Public Record Office Victoria's website www.prov.vic.gov.au

Antiques Fair for Romsey

Plans are under way at the Romsey Community House for the inaugural Romsey Antiques and Collectibles Fair to be held on Saturday April 27th and Sunday April 28th 2013.

Depending on the success of this event, the plan is to make this an annual event.

Interested stall holders will soon be invited to register their participation.

and an information package will be available in June.

Please watch the Romsey Rag for further information, or enquire at the Romsey Community House from mid-June.



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This will be a variety type/cabaret style concert with choral, duet and solo items carefully selected to appeal to a wide audience and will be a serious break from their traditional classical choral work.

Proceedings will commence with an art and craft exhibition from people in the Macedon Ranges. Patrons will be seated at round tables and bring their own food and refreshments. The programme is diverse and includes medleys of Les Miserables and Beatles as well as a carefully selected range of classical favorites of Byrd, Bach, Haydn, Rutter and Schubert, and some wonderful foreign songs. The show will include an oboe solo, Banjo Patterson recitation, Flanders and Swan skit, a piano duet and much more.

Where-------Sat 28th July 2012
Doors open------6.30 p.m. Art and Craft Exhibition

Show starts-----7.30p.m.

Tickets-----\$25 (no conc.) - under 12 free.
Bookings-----gisbornesingers@iprimus.com.au or Eliz-

abeth on 5426 2467

All tickets must be prepaid. This is a one off concert and based on previous years early booking is highly recommended for individuals or groups.



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Clothes, bric-a-brac, books, toys in good condition are most welcome.

Goods can be left at the back of the Op Shop.

Entries open for 10th year of Premier's **Sustainability Awards**

Victorian businesses, community groups, education institutions and government agencies are

invited to enter the 10th anniversary year of the Premier's Sustainability Awards.

"The awards recognise businesses, institutions, communities and individuals that have demonstrated leadership in taking actions that not only contribute to their bottom line but also foster a more sustainable future for Victoria," Minister for Environment and Climate Change Ryan Smith said today.

"This year, the tenth year of the awards, there is an improved focus on the built environment with a new category which recognises excellence in sustainable design, as well as a performance category which focuses on improved resource efficiency and cost savings," Mr Smith said.

There are ten award categories in 2012:

- Large Business
- Small and Medium Enterprises
- Products or Services
- Built Environment Performance
- Built Environment Design
- Community
- Local Government
- State Government
- Tertiary Education
- Premier's Recognition Award

Category winners also have the opportunity to win the prestigious Premier's Recognition Award. Previous winners reflect the diversity of the awards and include Godfrey Hirst Australia; VEGA Press; Sustainable Plumbing Solutions and the Great Ocean Road Committee.

"Businesses and organisations that make the commitment to sustainability reap the benefits economically, socially and environmentally. These awards acknowledge professional commitment to leading innovation and staying ahead of the pack." Mr Smith said.

The awards are managed on behalf of the Premier by Sustainability Victoria. Information sessions will be held on 31 May and 13 June to provide applicants with assistance in submitting

applications.

Entries close Friday 13 July. For more information please go to www.sustainabilityawards.vic.gov.au

Interested in Family History Research? Don't know where to look or how to begin?

The Romsey library is going to be running workshops for people looking to research their ancestors. We will have researchers with years of experience who will show you how to begin your search for your long lost relatives. Even if you have been researching for years and have reached a dead end, these ladies may be able to help you They will show you which websites are the best to use and also offer any local history that may be of interest. The library has access to websites that need a subscription to use and they can be used in the library free of charge, some of these are Ancestry and Find My Past. So if you're interested why not drop into the library on Thursday 21st June at 2.00 for a chat or some help with your research. Please call for any other info on 54293086.

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RISKIEST TIME OF THE YEAR FOR **HOME FIRES BRINGS TIMELY WARNING**



The family of a five-year-old burns victim has pleaded with Victorians to make their homes fire safe this winter, the most common time of year for house fires. Famke Biesheuvel was just two years old when a flame from a faulty gas heater ignited her pyjamas, extensively burning the back of her legs. In the seconds it took Famke's parents from hearing their daughter's screams to extinguishing the flames and stripping Famke of her burning pyjamas, the damage was done. Famke was facing lasting scars and a lengthy recovery, including many skin grafts over a number of years.

"It happened so quickly," Famke's mother Gretha Oost said. "There are so many ways it could have been avoided - we should have chased the landlord to fix the heater, we should have had a screen in front of the heater, we should have been in the room with the girls when the heater was on."

Famke and her family were joined today by Victoria's fire services and the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Peter Ryan, calling on all Victorians to take responsibility for their home fire safety.

In the past 10 years there have been 164 fatalities from residential fires and countless injuries. Winter is the riskiest time of the year for fires in the home in Victoria with about 1000 homes fires over winter each year.

At today's launch at the Royal Children's Hospital, Minister Ryan said there is really no excuse for these statistics. "Most fatal fires in Victoria occur in people's homes and, sadly, most of them can be prevented. I cannot stress enough the importance of every person in our state taking action to prevent fires starting in their home in the first place, and knowing what to do if a fire does start. At a bare minimum, having a working smoke alarm could save your life." Director of The Royal Children's Hospital Burns Unit, Dr Russell Taylor, said any burn requiring hospitalisation resulted in months or years of recovery, and most left lasting physical reminders.

"Recovery from a burn, such as the one Famke received, takes many years," he said. "Already she has received two skin grafts and we expect she will need two more before she is 18."

CFA Deputy Chief Officer of Readiness and Response, Steve Warrington, said it's easy to reduce the risk of fire in your home. "There's a number of really simple actions people can take that may end up saving their life – from keeping at least one metre clear space around heaters and open fires, to never leaving cooking unattended and making sure your smoke alarm is working," he said. "You can check how fire safe your home is and get support for developing your home fire escape plan by visiting homefiresafety.com.au or calling 1800 799 203."

Of the 1042 residential fires in Victoria last winter, 37 per cent started in the kitchen, 14 per cent in the lounge room and 10 per cent in the bedroom. Leaving cooking unattended was the main cause of home fires in Victoria last year, responsible for 25 per cent of incidents. This was followed by electrical faults (11 per cent) and heating malfunctions (10 per cent). Residential fires last winter resulted in an estimate \$20 million in damages and six lives were lost.

Tips for being fire safe in your home this winter:

Complete a simple fire safety check list

- Plan and practice your fire escape plan with your family
- If a fire starts, get out and stay out. Call 000
- Talk with your friends and family about what to do in an emergency
- Check your electric blanket, heater and other electric appliances for broken or worn wiring
- Don't overload your power boards
- \mathfrak{H} Don't deadlock yourself in your home
- \mathbb{H} Make sure your smoke alarm is working
- \mathfrak{H} Dry your clothes at least a metre away from heaters
- \mathfrak{H} Use fire screens on open fires
- Put fires out and turn off heaters before going to bed
- Never leave candles unattended

ROMSEY / LANCEFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS Meet each Monday.

Come and enjoy lunch, a game of cards, indoor bowls or just a chat with a very friendly group of people. Bus trips arranged each month.

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

RRBATA Support for Lancefield Neighbourhood House Project

RRBATA recently pledged support for the Lancefield Neighbourhood House's plans to develop a Lancefield website which will be in a similar vein to Romsey Online. Whilst each town's website would be accessed separately, some pages (such as Events/What's On) could be common to the two sites, thereby potentially strengthening the "pulling power" of each town.

As a Romsey **region** association, RRBATA hopes to develop its partnerships with Lancefield. The two "eastern corridor" towns, whilst having distinctive identities, have the potential to support each other in business and tourism issues common to both.

Business Breakfast

The 3rd Annual RRBATA Business Breakfast is coming! Please keep *Friday 3rd August 2012* free for a great Soltan Pepper breakfast with exciting guest speakers and a lucky door prize! More details to follow in next month's Rag.



Historical Society Plaques

Last year, RRBATA made a donation of profits from the Romsey's 150th Birthday Gala Dinner to the Romsey Lancefield Historical Society to launch its historical building plaque program. Recently, in conjunction with Macedon Ranges Shire Council, a number of these plaques have been installed. RRBATA is proud to have facilitated the initial plaques with its donation. However, there are more historical buildings which need recognition to highlight Romsey's rich history. Potential plaque sponsors should contact the Romsey Lancefield Historical Society's Wendie MacDonald (0421 599876 Email lancefieldcourthouse@gmail.com)to discuss a contribution to this worthwhile project.



And Speaking of Plaques.....

RRBATA wishes to express its gratitude to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council for its financial and organizational support of the commemorative plaque at the illuminated eucalypt. You will recall this tree illumination, unveiled last year, was a gift from RRBATA to the Romsey community on the occasion of Romsey's 150th anniversary of

being gazetted as a town.



Romsey Online Update

And 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. Membership is \$50 per annum which includes a complimentary listing on Romsey Online (worth \$20) as well as reduced prices for events such as the Business Breakfast. 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

The Rag Needs You

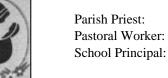
We are always looking for new volunteers to help with the production of the Romsey Rag. If you can spare a couple of hours once a month to assist with collating the Rag, or if you are interested in the formatting and production side of things (experience in using Microsoft Publisher needed) please contact 54295099.

Without volunteers we have no Rag!



The Rag Team hard at work.

St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey



Fr. George O'Connor Presbytery: 5429 2130 er: Mrs. Joanne Reuther Presbytery: 5429 2130 al: Mr. Anthony Falls St. Mary's Primary: 5429 1359

MASS TIMES Saturday:

6.00 p.m. 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

at the Presbytery, 27 Chauncey Street, Lancefield.

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

Spiritual Guidance: Last Tuesday/Wednesday of each

BINGO!! BINGO!! BINGO!!

Every Thursday evening
St. Mary's Church Hall at Romsey
Poors Open 7 00 p.m.

Doors Open 7.00 p.m. EYES DOWN 7.30 p.m.

\$3.00 per 15 game book

No entry fee Canteen facilities Free tea and coffee

Time Travel at St Mary's Lancefield.

The senior students at St Mary's have travelled back in time with their investigation into some of the events which have shaped Australia's identity. They began by looking at Aboriginal settlement, followed by the explorers and then the impact European settlement has had on our national identity. This included investigating the economical and social impact of the gold rush, bushrangers and our involvement in various wars.

Each student created a 3D model with an accompanying explanation, show casing an event, period or person which shaped our national identity. Our senior students became historians for a day, sharing what they'd learnt and explaining their models to others from our school community who visited the show case.



Part of the exhibition included a gallery of war images created by the students



Caitlin is explaining her bushrangers' model to Ruben Schembri, Oliver Nuttall and Thomas Knott



Jack Ryan is showing his model of a first fleet ship to Jack Perry and Maclaren Forbes



Emily Phillips is showing her gold rush exhibition to Kayla Dyer and Jessica Stirling



John Doria and Tessa Burley are explaining features of their Aboriginal Exhibition to Mark Bennetts and his mum Nicole



Molly Choate is doing some gold panning with some girls from Grade 1/2



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ROMSEY ANTIQUES FAIRE SATURDAY 27TH — SUNDAY 28TH APRIL 2013

For more information contact Romsey Community House

Health, Fitness & Wellbeing

Romsey Garden Club (New)

There is a proposal to form a Romsey Garden Club that will:

- ⇒visit Nurseries and Gardens once per month
- ⇒will be conducted from Spring through to Autumn ie. No outings in Winter
- ⇒Provide fellowship with fellow garden enthusiasts, swap cuttings, share and increase garden knowledge
- ⇒Small fee to cover refreshments approximately \$2 per person To Register your interest contact Romsey Community House

<u>Yoga</u>

Mondays 7pm-8.30pm @ Romsey Community House \$14 per class when Term Paid before end of Week 1 \$18 Casual Contact: Leisa Kirk 0408 934 656 Thursdays 7pm-8.30pm @ Romsey Community House

\$15 per class when Term Paid before end of Week 1 \$18 Casual Contact Lisa Moore: 0448 345 338

Sun Style Tai Chi

Tuesdays 1pm—2pm

\$8 per class (Minimum Numbers Apply)

To join—Contact Romsey Community House

Gentle Exercise for Over 50's - \$5 per class

Every Monday 10am - 11am. These classes are designed to be fun and are specifically tailored to meet the capacity of each participant. Can assist with balance, mobility, bladder control and joint pain. Chair based exercises also available. Register now. Cost \$5 per class

*join us after class for a cuppa and morning tea (\$2/Gold Coin Donation)

Heart Foundation 'Walk Together' Program

Tuesday's 9.30am - 10.30am. Meet Eileen at the Lions Park, near the creek.

Social & Creative Activities

Art Classes

Adult's Classes: Tuesdays 10.30am - 12.30pm (weekly)
Wednesdays 7pm—8.30pm (fortnightly)

Children's Classes: Thursdays 3.45pm - 4.45pm (weekly) For all bookings call *Tanya 0400 053 829* or Romsey Community House.

Romsey Arts Society

Meets at the Community House Wednesdays fortnightly at 7pm till 9pm.

Gold coin contribution on the day. Please feel welcome to bring in your own artwork and enjoy the company of other artists.

For more information please ring Tanya Salter 04000 53 829 or 5429 6029

Line Dancing

Mondays 9.30am - 10.30am & Fridays 7.30pm-8.30pm at the Mechanics Institute Hall. Cost: \$6 per class. Open Age

Craft Group

Thursdays 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.

Writers Group

Meets on the 2nd Friday of each month 9.45 - 11.45am. We share our work and ideas whilst providing encouragement, feedback and support. Gold Coin contribution. Phone Jack 5429 6095 or Lila 5429 3732

Workshops for Children and Adults

(with Stavroula)

Workshop 1 Expressive movement through dance and sound. Includes meditation

Workshop 2 Sound vibration session using Tibetan drums, flute, crystal bowls and circle dancing

Include: 'Introduction to Theraputic Sound', 'Drum Circle and Peace Dance', 'Adult Chakra Dance' and 'Spiritual Development' Children: Every 1st Wednesday of the month. 4.30pm-5.30pm

Adults: Every 1st Monday of the month. 10.30am-12.30pm Adults: Every 1st Wednesday of the month 7pm-9pm

For more information or to book – Contact Stavroulla: 0400 032 518

It's All About You' 4 Women.

Let's get together and chat in a relaxed, safe, fun and supportive environment. If you have something you want to share, learn or understand please come along to the Romsey Community Hub. Sessions include meditation, a free cuppa and a different topic each week (if needed). Sessions will be led by Gillian Gorrie, Life Circle Solutions, Tutor, Teacher, NLP Practitioner. For more information contact Gillian on H:0409 801 082 or H:54295448.

Open House

Our 'Drop in Room' is open to the public weekdays 9.30am - 5.00pm. Enjoy a quiet cuppa alone or socialise with friends. Gold coin donation.

Pre-Accredited Courses

Computer Basics 1

Learn the basics of Microsoft Office Word 2010. This is an 8 week course that run on Tuesdays from 12.30pm - 3pm. Cost \$165.00 / Concession \$60.00 Minimum Numbers Apply

Computer Basics 2

Build your knowledge around computers, Microsoft Office and Word 2010. This 8 week course will on Thursdays from 12.30pm - 3pm

Cost \$165.00 / Conc \$60.00. Minimum Numbers Apply

Upcoming: Romsey Community House will host:

Town Garage Sale September 2012

Details of registrations will be available in the July

Romsey Rag

For All Bookings & Enquiries
Phone: 5429 6724
Office Hours 10am-1pm
Monday-Wednesday - Friday
(Closed Tuesdays and Thursdays)

Landcare 25'th Anniversary Garden Gets Going

The "Celebrating Landcare Indigenous Garden" at Lancefield Park, the recreation centre of the town, is nearing completion after the Deep Creek Landcare Group had a rewarding Sunday morning working bee and well deserved bbg lunch.

Funding of \$3,731 for the project has been provided by the State Government as part of the Victorian Landcare Grants delivered by the Port Phillip and Westernport CMA Community Grants Program.

Meets second Monday Lancefield Hall 8.00 pm

All welcome

Contact:

Robin 0428 315846 Hayley 0409 936814

www.deepcreeklandcare.org.au



DEEP CREEK LANDCARE GROUP Covering Lancefield-Romsey Districts



All the works are being undertaken by the members of the Deep Creek Landcare Group, and President Robin Ford says that the Group would love to have more local community members join in the fun at both their Lancefield and Romsey projects currently underway.

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Upcoming Business Events

Home Based Business Morning Tea

Thursday 21 June 2012, 10am at Bay Tree Cafe, 119 Main Street, Romsey. Cost: FREE.

If you are a home based business and facing the challenges of working in isolation then this informal morning tea is an opportunity to meet with other like-minded business people in a friendly environment. Enjoy a FREE morning tea and listen to guest speakers with presentations on a range of topics relevant to small business.

Understanding Financial Statements

Tuesday 26 June 2012, 7pm-9pm at Victoria Hotel, 67 High Street, Woodend. Cost: \$20.

Do you struggle to read financial statements? The key to financial success is to understand how to read and use financial statements to make sound business decisions.

Find out how a balance sheet will assess the financial health of your business and gain a greater understanding of your profits through your Profit and Loss statement. Armed with the right tools achieving financial success is closer than your think!

Business Networking Evening

Tuesday 31 July 2012, 6.30pm-10pm at Zarbys Bar and Bistro, 84 High Street, Woodend. Cost: \$30.

Join us for the second Business Networking Evening of the year. A great opportunity for local businesses to network, expand client bases and access current business information from Council.

Marketing Basics

Tuesday 14 August 2012, 7pm-9pm at Holgates, 79 High Street, Woodend. Cost: \$20.

Understand what marketing really is in this hands-on and results-orientated seminar for those with little marketing knowledge. Learn how to develop a marketing plan, how to separate yourself from the pack, how to identify your target market and gain tips on cost-effective marketing strategies to promote your business.

Bookings and further information:

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