

Romsey Golf Women

The women ended last year with a couple of fun days. We always enjoy playing North Pole rules as our imaginative captain varies the rules each time we play.

The breakup at Soltan Pepper was enjoyed by all. Great meal and good company. It seems some of the ladies have a chook fixation which was displayed during the Chris kringle.

Back to golf on the 9th of January and straight into 18 holes on the cold day. Kath won the Stableford event with 35pts. Lorraine and Beryl also played below their handicaps and Wendy birdied the first hole which was very exciting. The course has dried out resulting in lots of run (which is OK if you hit straight). The corellas have been busy vandalising the greens.

Recipe for this month.

Tuscan Meatballs and Pasta

Serves 4

1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
1 brown onion, finely diced
2 tbsp pine nuts, chopped
3 cloves garlic, chopped
1/2 bunch flat leaf parsley chopped
1 sprig rosemary, finely chopped
2 tsp ground fennel seed
1 cup breadcrumbs
1/2 cup finely grated parmesan
finely grated zest of 2 lemons
1 egg
600g pork mince
sea salt flakes and freshly ground black pepper to season
2 x 400g cans diced tomatoes
2 tsp brown sugar
2 tsp red wine vinegar
400g dried linguine
extra shaved parmesan to serve
extra chopped flat leaf parsley to serve

Heat 1/2 the oil in a large frying pan over a medium heat. Add onion and pine nuts and cook until onion just softens. Stir in garlic, parsley, rosemary and fennel and cook for 2 mins. Remove from heat and set aside for 10mins to cool.

Put onion mixture, breadcrumbs, ricotta, parmesan, zest, egg and pork in a large bowl. Season well with salt and pepper. Stir until pork becomes sticky.

Form mixture into 24 meatballs. Heat remaining oil in same pan over a medium heat. Add meatballs and cook until lightly browned. Add tomato, sugar and vinegar, then season. Cook for a further 10 mins.

Meanwhile cook pasta following pack instructions. Drain well and stir into sauce. Serve with extra shaved parmesan and extra parsley.

Men's Report contd.

Saturday December 22nd - Stableford

As players assembled in the clubrooms we were treated to the final few ends of the Romsey Bowls Club - Men's Championship. Golfers watched as Graeme Cuthbert and Cameron Austin, bowling with great precision, fought out a tough championship match. At 12.15 pm golfers headed out with the bowls final still undecided. A strong field hit off in the Stableford competition. The recent hot, dry weather has seen the fairways harden considerably; all players knew they would get good value for their drives and approach shots. The greens were generally in good nick however a few had been attacked by the birds leaving some damaged areas. As the day wore on and the temperature rose players felt some relief from a gentle NE breeze. At the end of the day the hard fairways and true greens saw a number of golfers play at or better than their handicaps. The day's results were (Bowls - Cameron Austin 25 D Graeme Cuthbert 22);

Winner; Graeme Clement (15) 42 pts from Bob Dwyer (28) 41 pts, Mick Nicholls (28) 40 pts, Kev Milner (9) 38 pts, Peter Scanlon (28) 37 pts, Anthony Freeman (21) 37 pts, John Freestone (20) 36 pts, Les Gaunt (6) 36 pts & Andrew Clement (9) 36 pts.
NTPs 1 - Mick Nicholls, 15 - Sharon Carroll, 16 - Alan Williams.
Women's Winner - Jan Harver (45) 41 pts from Sharron Carroll - 35 pts.

Saturday December 15th - Par

On Saturday morning players assembled under dire predictions of 10mm- 20mm of rain and possible thunder storms however the afternoon was clear and generally sunny with occasional northerly winds. With around 5mm of rain falling over Thursday and Friday the course had freshened a little however there was still good run on the fairways. The greens were a little "furry" so putting required a firm hand and a strong stroke. The good conditions allowed a number of players to get on top of the course and return good scores. The day's results were;

Winner; Dean vanDenHeuval (12) +5, from Anthony Lakey (21) & Graeme Clement (16) +2 with Les Gaunt (6) & Steve Poulton (35) all square.
NTPs went to 1 - Graeme Clement, 15 - Anthony Freeman & 16 Anthony Lakey.

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Council Launches Local Emergency Facebook Page

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has launched a Facebook page to support community preparedness, relief and recovery from emergencies and hazards in the region, such as bushfires, heatwaves or floods.

The page provides useful tips for residents and businesses in the region on how to prepare themselves, their family and their property for a possible emergency situation. It will also be used to provide community updates on local relief, support and recovery services should an emergency arise within the shire.

Council is encouraging Facebook users in the region to like the page and share it with their friends, and to use the page to ask questions and share knowledge or tips about emergency preparedness with their community.

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Romsey Golf Club – Men's Report <http://romseygolfclub.net>

Saturday January 19th - Stableford.

Players hit off under clear, blue skies and almost no wind so good scores were there to be taken. The fairways gave excellent run and the greens had survived the ongoing heat and the seemingly endless attacks by our feathered friends. With a bit of luck the cockies will have eaten all the grubs and will soon be moving on to give someone else a few headaches. The day's results were;

Winner; Steve Poulton (33) - 46 pts from Anthony Freeman (19) - 42 pts, Dave Richardson (25) - 41 pts, Mick Nicholls (25) - 40 pts, Peter Scanlon (26) 38 pts, Pat Chisholm (20) - 37 pts & Les Gaunt (6) 37 pts.

Women's winner; Jan Harver (45) 41 pts.

NTPs 1 - Les Gaunt, 15 - Dave Richardson & 16 - Kev Milner

Saturday January 12th - Stroke

After a number of days of over 35C it was a pleasure to hit off under clear, sunny skies with the temperature in the mid 20s. There was almost no wind and players were certainly getting good value from their drives. However, approach shots had to be carefully thought out as missing the green could see you well passed with a difficult shot to get "up and down". Never the less a number of players took advantage of the conditions to register good scores. The highlight of the day was Les "Twig" Gaunt paring the course. The day's results were;

Winner Les Gaunt - 72/7/65 from John Laing - 92/26/66, Rob Rea - 85/18/67, Graeme Clement - 80/13/67, Anthony Freeman - 90/20/70, Dave Richardson - 96/26/70, Neil Jarman - 85/15/70 & Bob Dwyer - 100/28/72

NTPs went to 15 - Les Gaunt, 16 - Andrew Laing

Saturday January 5th - Ambrose

The searing heat of Friday finally put paid to any greenness on the fairways (however the fairways still had good cover) and those pesky birds had been at it again on three of the greens; as soon as any damage is repaired they just seem to fly in for another go! So golfers had more than a few challenges in front of them in the club's Guest Day Ambrose competition, still this is country golf in summer in Victoria. The day's results were;

Winners; Les Gaunt, Graeme Clement, Leigh Watts & Gary Watts - 62/6.3/55.6 from Luke Rebbechi, Anthony Freeman, Dave Richardson & Bob Dwyer - 67/10.5/56.5

NTPs went to 1 - Graeme Clement & 16 - Luke Rebbechi.

Tuesday January 1st - Stableford

After more hot, dry days golfers had to cope with very extended run on the fairways, some bird damaged greens and difficult rough as they hit off in the club's New Year's Day stableford competition. The hardy Romsey G. C. regulars were joined by a number of ex Coburg District cricketers who had travelled to Romsey for a reunion. The cricket discussion, of the halcyon days of the 1970s/80s CDCA, continued on the course and back in the rooms after the round. The day's results were;

Winner; Mick Nicholls (25) - 39 pts from Graeme Clement (13) 38 pts, Sharif Abdel-Sayed (20) 37 pts and Steve Poulton (33) - 36 pts.

NTPs went to 15 - Kev Milner and 16 - Daniel Wright.

The club wishes to congratulate Kev Milner on his recent success as 2012 Hume Veterans Champion.

Saturday December 29th - Monthly Medal - Stroke & Putts.

A cool morning turned into a beautiful, sunny afternoon, perfect for the large field of golfers as they hit off in the December Monthly Medal. The fairways continued to give good run and the greens generally held well. Bird damage again effected three greens however, with players able to take relief, play was not greatly effected. One highlight of the day was an eagle 2 on the 360m Par 4 by Les Gaunt. Playing over some trees no-one in the group saw the ball land and, after a brief search, Les went back to play another ball. This shot dropped onto the green rolling up to the flag prompting Kev Milner to have a look in the cup and sure enough there was Les's first ball. □ □

Winner and December Medalist; Gary Watts - 86/16/70 from c/b Pat Chisholm - 90/20/70, Anthony Freeman - 91/20/71, John Laing - 97/26/71 and Peter Scanlon - 99/27/72. Eagle, - 360m Par 4 18th - Les Gaunt

NTPs 1 - Anthony Lakey, 15 - Andrew Laing, 16 - John Freestone. Least Putts - John Boyce - 26

Wednesday December 26th - Boxing Day Stableford

The extreme heat over the weekend had continued the drying of the fairways seeing many players teeing off with fairway woods or low irons in an effort not to run too far. The greens had generally held up however a couple were showing signs of stress. They continued to be quite true so determined putters were well rewarded. The day's results were;

Winner; John Freestone 41 pts from Mick Nicholls and Graeme Clement 38 pts and Sharif Abdel-Sayed (20) 37 pts

Bolinda & Monegeetta News

COMMUNITY NEWS: AND THE WEATHER

109pts (27mL) for November and just 77pts (19mL) for December means that we ended the year with 22.66inches (566mL), slightly below the 50 year average of 23 inches. The last 10 years have seen our summer rainfall markedly increase, so this too dry spell, combined with too much heat, is a concern for the year ahead. Well, we might get a down-pour tomorrow to even things up!

HALL COMMITTEE:

We are busy planning for a great year for the Bolinda-Monegeetta community, as the Bolinda Hall celebrates its centenary. We are still looking for any postcards, photos, clippings etc, if you know of any that we can photocopy. Hopefully, we will get permission to explore a couple of interesting local sites during the year which we've already started looking at with an archaeologist. Not quite 'Time Team', but fascinating all the same. The State library has been a brilliant resource so far with a intriguing range of early maps. At the moment we are planning for our biggest 'Back To' event in May/June, though we need to confirm this. Please let any ex-residents know.

HISTORY: FROM THE MINUTE BOOK:

'First Meeting May 5th, 1912. Meeting convened by Messrs T. Martin and P. Brady.' 26 people were present – 20 men and 6 ladies. It was moved that Cr Brady take the chair – and he thanked the meeting for this honor! 'The chairman then explained the object of the meeting and then discussion ensued and it was finally decided...that a Hall be built at Bolinda. Discussion then took place on the site of the Hall, when the Chairman announced that a site next the school had generously been donated by Mr Thos. Martin. On the motion...a hearty vote of thanks was given Mr Martin and carried with acclamation.' Discussion then took place on the method of financing the Hall and the motion to issue 1 Pound debentures was defeated in favour of 5 Pound debentures @ 4%. 150 Pound worth of debentures was promised in the room.

BOLINDA HALL (Melways 610 J9: cnr Mullaly's and Melb-Lancefield Road): Don't forget our community hall is available for hire at very cheap rates. We want to see it used. That's why it was built! Great for adult or children's parties with lots of safe outdoor space available.

BOL-DARRA (Bolinda-Darraweit) GARDEN CLUB:

Great visit to Elizabeth and Brian's for our year's finale. They have planned a wonderful sustainable garden to complement the foresight and planning they put into their sustainable house. Always lots of interesting plants and creative ideas, with a mix of indigenous, native and exotic plants. I especially noticed the *Cotinus* (Smoke Bushes) looking great; a range of different coloured hop bushes had fascinating seedpods; lots of perfumes and colours and contrasting textures and the many orchard trees were thriving. The vegie garden is always a special treat, with a delicious range of edibles grown in a companion planting plot. All this set off by a view-to-die-for!

We meet at Bolinda Hall at 1:30 for a chat and problem solving session, and then we move off to our garden visit about 2:00. Please feel free to join us.

PEOPLE OF THE MONTH: It's a real pleasure to introduce our closest neighbours, Mary and Ian, officially Boldiston Contractors. The firm is based in West Footscray and they do many things! A top priority is the supply of fine quality Merri Creek soil for such venues as the MCG for its cricket pitch. They undertake lots of maintenance work in the civil engineering and construction areas. New pipes and rehabilitation of older pipes is a big field - they patented a technology to recoat piping without taking it out – and work for all the major companies such as Shell, Mobile, Exxon, BP, etc. They were one of the first to lift and refloat those giant tanks at the oil refineries. Ian has worked with CSR for 45 years and has recently been interviewed to highlight some of the engineering changes in that time. And when you drive into Tullamarine Airport, via the underpass, you now know who is responsible for that excellent roadway! That was a stint Ian and his brother Graeme did in 24hr shifts together, one working while the other ate/slept. Well, the firm used to employ 50 plus workers and then many contractors, but Ian is at last thinking of retiring, perhaps this year. And that American accent of Mary's? Well, Ian was invited to Japan by Mitsubishi to help improve safety of hydraulic excavations and was able to design controls to be universal (from one machine to another); he was invited to the U.S.A and in Houston, Texas, where Mary lived! They will have many interests to sustain them when retirement happens. The U.S. is still a favourite, with Mary's family there; Ian and son Craig recently completed the Route 66 trek. He is also an avid collector of vintage/veteran cars and trucks and has a large range to show, care for, enthuse over, etc. (I remember he and the Derek Rae over here discussing cars; it was during the talk as to whether it was a 1936 or 37 Ford because of the minor change in the shape of the grill, that I awoke, realising John was still asleep—mind boggling stuff that these enthusiasts never tire of!) Mary is a wiz at handcrafts and they also maintain a lovely garden. Great neighbours, generous Bolinda Hall supporters, and always helpful – eg Mary says, 'You're having people? Let me send over....'(some delicious treat) and Ian, this man of many vehicles, comes putt-putting over on his favoured ex-Postie bike; or Ian says, 'I have a truck-load of this beautiful garden loam. Would you like it?' Or, 'You need a hand?' And over comes the crane... And to finish with cars - Ian paid 42 Pound 10 shillings for a car when he was 16 – and he still drives it!

Cheerio from Bolinda & Monegeetta

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ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

I am excited for students to be returning to school on Thursday 31st January 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 is a wide range of opportunities for students to excel. All teachers and educational support staff returned to school on Tuesday 29th January and spent the first two days profitably engaged in a range of professional learning and setting up their classes for the new year. With the beginning the School Strategic Plan 2013 – 2016 the focus in student learning is to differentiate tasks so that higher achievers are extended, students working at the expected level are challenged and students who require additional support have tasks at the appropriate level which are engaging and they will be able to complete with success. In student wellbeing we are looking forward to introducing the You Can Do it Program. On the 8th March we will be hold a student free day for professional learning for all staff with the program being implemented at the start of term two. Another priority throughout the year is to look for additional leadership opportunities for students at all year levels.

Throughout the year we will continue to work with Michael Ymer with additional professional learning for teachers, a parent information evening and a day when Michael will work in classes modelling instruction.

This year we are happy to welcome new teachers Liam Devlin, Lauren Pincini, Michelle Hackett and our new Performing Arts teacher Clare Hopper. We also welcome ES staff member Rebecca Cudmore. Thank you to Steve Westbury and Craig Jones from the facility team who have been busy making improvements over the holiday break and to our cleaners who have the school beautifully presented for a smooth start to the beginning of the year.

Graduation 2012

A highlight of the school year is the year 6 Graduation. I would like to congratulate all year 6 students from 2012 on an outstanding year. Last year we introduced a new planning team for graduation with teachers, parents and students planning the program. The introduction of a more casual meal with finger food gave everyone a better opportunity to mix before the formal part of the evening. Thank you to our Canteen Manager Patricia Smith for preparing the excellent range of platters. This was followed by a formal ceremony in the gym with the students presented to the audience, the presentation of excellence awards and two dance presentations. Once the formal part was completed students enjoyed a disco in the Performing Arts room. Thank you to the parents Joanne Carroll, Juanita Townsing, Sheree Birch and Tahlya Rosta and the teachers, Karren Baker, Erin Moore, Sandra Anderson and Brian Tannenbergh who worked so hard to make this evening a wonderful success. Overall it was a wonderful celebration of their time at Romsey Primary School and personally I'd like to congratulate them on their success and wish them all the best in their future endeavours. The following students received awards:

Principal's Award -
Bethany Reynolds and Cameron Stein
Community Spirit Award sponsored by Joanne Duncan
Jemma Hoctor-Turner
Masonic Lodge Awards
Keith Traill, Abbie Quigley
Lions Club Award
Isabelle Emond
CWA Encouragement Award
Alyssa Rosta
Community House Award
Jessica Taylor
Rotary Award
Mitchell Linder
Student Choice Award
Abbie Quigley
Physical Education Award
Annalea Presparkis and Declan Betrame
Visual Arts Award
Amanda Hickey and Heather Walton
Performing Arts Award
Isabelle Emond and Seth Skinner

A special thank you to our sponsors, The Rotary Club of Lancefield / Romary, The Romsey Lions Club, The Masonic Lodge, the CWA, The Community House, Joanne Duncan and to Balloontopia who donated the decorations for the disco.



Awards recipients Alyssa and Jessica at Graduation

Term Dates for 2013

Term 1: 31 January to 29 March

Term 2: 15 April to 28 June

Term 3: 15 July to 20 September

Term 4: 7 October to 20 December

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. Phone 54295099 and arrange a time for an appointment.

From Bees to Beef, Grapes to Grains – Macedon Ranges Agribusiness Plan

If you are involved in agriculture, horticulture, viticulture, aquaculture, apiculture or value-add to locally grown produce in the Macedon Ranges, we want to hear from you!

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is currently developing an Agribusiness Plan to ensure a secure and sustainable agricultural future for the Macedon Ranges.

We have developed a survey to capture data on the economic contribution of both primary and value-added produce to our region and to gather information that will guide the development of the plan.

The Macedon Ranges Agribusiness Survey is now open and is available both online (www.mrsc.vic.gov.au) and in hardcopy at all Council offices. The survey will close on Sunday 10 February 2013.

By completing the survey, you will also have the opportunity to be entered into a draw for the following prizes:

- A \$300 voucher from either Landmark Dwyer Kyneton or Elders Kyneton
- One dozen bottles of local wine

For more information, or if you would prefer to complete the survey by telephone or in person, please contact Gaynor Atkin on 5421 9615 or email ecodevsurvey@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

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 wish to have more information please contact the President or Secretary at the above phone numbers.

On Wednesday February 20th we will be traveling to Hanging Rock for lunch.

Our first meeting for 2013 will be on Thursday 28th February, 2013.

Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club now has a website:
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Romsey Kindergarten News

15 th February	Uniform orders due
2 nd March	Family portrait session

Welcome!

Welcome or welcome back to the Romsey Kinder for 2013

Interviews for the different kinder classes have now commenced and the kinder is back in full swing! If you have any queries or concerns please feel free to chat to our teachers or the committee, we will be glad to help you!

Fundraising

Fundraising for the kinder has started in earnest with a Uniform fundraiser commencing at the start of Term one. Hats, T-Shirts and Windcheaters are all available for purchase with a percentage to be added to our fundraising budget for this year, plus it's a great way for kids to learn to wear a "uniform" and a great memento of kinder! Various colours and sizes are available. Please check your child's bag for the order form.

T-Shirts \$15, Hats \$10 and Jumpers \$20

Also a family portrait session was organised for 2013 by the 2012 committee to be held on the 2nd of March. Flyers and information for this will be sent out with the kids in the next couple of weeks.

Bookclub will be up and running this year again and is one of our favourite fundraisers

I hope everyone can get behind our fundraising efforts for 2013.

Be Sunsmart

Just a reminder to all parents that it is now summer and all children need to be sunsmart while at Kinder.

Hats – Children are required to wear appropriate hats for outside playtime, otherwise they will have to play under the verandah. Hats are available for purchase for \$10

Sunscreen – please apply before dropping your child at Kinder.

Clothing – During Term 1 & 4 children need to wear clothing that will cover and protect their shoulders from the sun. Shoes are to be closed toe such as runners (no thongs please!)

Water – don't forget to fill your child's water bottle!

Transition Times

Transition or adjusting into Kinder will be undertaken in the first 3 weeks of Kinder in Term 1 for 2013

Interviews will take place with allocated times on your information pack and reduced kinder session times will be undertaken in the first 2 weeks of February.

From the 18th of February normal times for each session of kinder commence and will be maintained for the rest of the year.

UNIT 1

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5429 5294

UNIT 2

Acacia **Liz Keily & Kay Fitcher**
54296 076

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Congratulations to the new RediSupport Team who attended their first activation on New Years eve, cooking breakfast of bacon, eggs and toast for the CFA members who did an amazing job controlling the rapidly moving grass fire at Metcalfe.

New members are welcome, training and uniforms supplied. Next training evening Tuesday 5th February 7pm at The Uniting Church, Pohlman Street.

Team leader: Trish Dunn 5429 6761

Romsey Red Cross Fundraising Unit

Thank you to everyone who attended our Street Stall and purchased tickets in our Hamper Raffles drawn on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th December. Congratulations to the winners: Jim Boxall, Wendy McDonald and Bob (Romsey resident).

We all look forward to a successful year.

The next meeting 1pm Tuesday 12th February at The Uniting Church Pohlman Street.
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Romsey Mechanics Institute

Notice is given of a
PUBLIC MEETING

To be held at the
ROMSEY MECHANICS INSTITUTE

122 Main Street Romsey

on Tuesday 26th February

commencing at
7 pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three (3) and no more than nine (9) persons as the Committee of Management for the ROMSEY MECHANICS INSTITUTE for a term of three (3) years.

All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night. Nominations from women and young people are encouraged.

Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting your local Department of Sustainability and Environment Office or at the meeting.

For enquiries please contact Kathy on 0458726106
rmibookings@gmail.com or President Simon Pinnock on 0401147908 or presidentrmi@gmail.com

Where Are We Headed? Your Vision for Our Shire

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is developing its next Council Plan and is inviting people to share what they think needs to be changed, protected or created across various aspects of life in the Macedon Ranges.

The plan sets Council's course for the future and outlines what we want to achieve over the next four years. Council wants to hear your comments and ideas about what we should focus on.

Council will be exploring five key themes with the community: Families and children, young people, working and living, older people and Council leadership.

To share your thoughts and ideas about the future of our shire, you can attend a community gathering in Kyneton, Woodend, Romsey or Gisborne in February. You can also complete an online survey or send in a written submission by 31 March 2013.

Community gatherings will be held on Tuesday 18 February at the Kyneton Mechanics Institute from 10am-12pm and the Woodend Community Centre from 6-8pm. Further sessions will be held on Thursday 21 February at the Romsey Community Hub from 10-12pm and the Gisborne Administration Centre from 6-8pm.

To complete the online survey, visit www.mrsc.vic.gov.a. You can also send a written submission to Peter Johnston, CEO Macedon Ranges Shire Council, PO Box 151, Kyneton VIC 3444 or mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.a

ROMSEY COMMUNITY HOUSE NEWS FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2013

Our routines get thrown out the window over Christmas and the New Year so once the celebrations are over and we settle back into our usual activities it is probably the ideal time to be thinking about what we would like to do for ourselves. At the Romsey Community House you will discover many opportunities to indulge yourself a little, make some friends and learn new things.

The Committee of Management and myself have been working hard on providing our local community with activities and events that stimulate your interest and maybe even whet your appetite to discover a whole range of things you had never contemplated doing before. Last year we consulted with the community on what you thought the Community House was all about. Our survey revealed that many people believe the house is about skill/personal development, physical activity and supporting people. The programs and activities offered through the house are provided by independent instructors who cater to this

belief (please refer to our brochure in the Romsey Rag for further information).

EVENTS
In 2013 we will be bringing you the following events:
February 23rd: Sustainable Dwellings Event and Silent Auction as part of the sustainablelivingfestival from 1-4pm at the Romsey Community House. Includes Guest Speakers and community groups.

COMMUNITY BROCHURES
We also provide current brochures to the public on a wide range of topics so if you are looking for some information on legal, consumer, financial, family matters etc then please come and see what we can offer you.

Have a wonderful start to 2013 and we look forward to seeing you soon,
All the best,
Judi Nicholson



Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.

E-mail: lancefieldcourthouse@gmail.com
Website: www.lancefieldcourthouse.org

P.O. Box 101
LANCEFIELD 3435

The Society had a good year in 2012, we achieved a lot and had many visitors from near and far enquiring about their family histories. We had a family from Western Australia looking for their Grandfather Davis Smith who had a fruit and vegetable shop in Romsey, we were able to help them out. Last week we had a descendant of the original Mackay family who had the Hotel, Blacksmiths and Doctor's surgery at North Lancefield.

We had a successful day at the Lancefield Show in October, we are volunteering at the Lancefield Town House (next door to op shop) where we are able to help out with local knowledge, sell locally made products as well as photocopying, faxing etc.

WE NEED HELP !! Following the AGM in November, we were unable to find a nomination for President, so if you feel you have some interest in history or genealogy please come and join our friendly group. We also have vacancies on the committee for any interested member. And as always if you have any spare time and would like to volunteer at either the Court House or Seymour Cottage we would love to have your assistance.

Seymour Cottage will be open on the third Sunday of each month from now until May 2013 10-00 am to 3-00 pm. Some changes have been made to enhance the cottage. Also it is 200 years since Sidney Seymour was born and 100 years since he died we are looking at having a celebration to mark this fact if you are interested please email seymourcottage@gmail.com for further details. Dates and details will be published here in coming issues. Contact:- Sheryl phone 0419 597 947

The February general meeting of the society will be held at Seymour Cottage on the 26th Feb 2013 at 7-30 pm all welcome.

National History Week will be on again in April, the Courthouse and the Cottage will open to the public. Watch next months issue of local paper for further details.

The courthouse is open again for research from the 4th February 2013 Contact Robyn :- phone 0418 172 659

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Pastoral Associate: Mrs. Joanne Reuther
School Principal: Mr. Anthony Falls

Presbytery: 5429 2130
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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

SVPD 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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2013

Parents of children not attending St. Mary's Parish School wishing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (grade 3 above) or Confirmation (grade 6) in 2013 are asked to contact Joanne Reuther the Pastoral Associate of St. Mary's Parish Lancefield/Romsey on 54292130.

There will be a meeting on **Tuesday 26th February at 7pm at St. Mary's Church in Lancefield.** All children are required to attend with their parents. This will be the final date to enrol in the St. Mary's Sacramental program for 2013.

MOVIE EVENING

Our Parish is holding a reflective evening on the Movie "The Way".

The Journey is more important than the getting to the destination.

The Way is a powerful and inspirational story about family, friends and the challenges we face while navigating this ever-changing and complicated world.

Tom decides to embark on the historical pilgrimage "The Way of St. James" to honour his son's desire to finish the journey. And the profound impact this trip has on Tom and other pilgrims on the way.

After the film, our Guest Speaker: Fr Gerard Spillane, Parish Priest of St Brigid's, Gisborne, will talk on his experience on walking "The way of St James" as a Pilgrim.

Date: Friday the 8th of February 2013

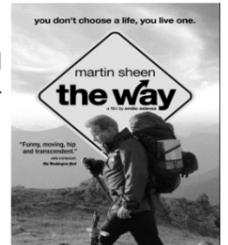
Time: 7.00pm

Venue: St Mary's Primary School Hall

Light Supper Supplied

Contact: Please Contact Joanne Reuther, Pastoral Associate at the Presbytery on 54292130 ASAP or no later than the

5th of February if you wish to attend. For catering purposes **A Night you do not want to miss out on.**



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Pastor's Parables

"GOOD" GRIEF

I'm sure most of you know what an oxymoron is. It's a figure of speech that seems to contradict itself. There are lists and lists of the things, and here are some of my favourites: Artificial Grass, boneless ribs, big town, harmless lie, communist party, green oranges, easy labour, fresh frozen, jumbo shrimp, cafeteria food, military intelligence, one choice, random order, slumber party, freezer burn, small fortune, government organization, living dead, same difference, plastic glasses, peace force, pretty ugly, head butt, working vacation, Dodge Ram, work party, healthy tan, devout atheist and **good grief!**

Grieving over the loss of a loved one is not wrong; it is necessary and right. Some people do not give themselves permission to grieve. There is a false thought for some of needing to be strong. Jesus, in everything, is our model and He wept when Lazarus died and Martha and Mary were grieving.

John 11:32-36 When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw Him, she fell at His feet and said, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. "Where have you laid him?" He asked. "Come and see, Lord,"

they replied. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said "See how He loved him!"

Mary shared her heart and her questions with Jesus about her brother's death. It didn't make sense. Jesus could have saved him. Where were You Lord? Jesus did not stop and rebuke her but He was moved deeply by her grief and by His love for Lazarus.

Jesus does not condemn you in your time of grief and questioning. He reaches out to us. He knows what you are feeling and He grieves with you in your time of pain.

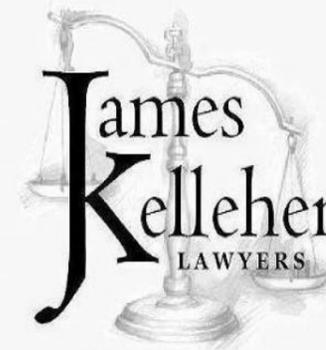
If you have lost a loved one and feel deep sorrow, we pray God touches your heart and that you feel Jesus close, not far off. He knows. He sees. He cares. He loves you. And so do we.

If you would like to know more about faith in Jesus please contact the Encourage Church Office on 5429 6327. We would be happy to assist you in your search for the true meaning of Life.

You are also invited to join us at one of our Sunday Services or one of our fortnightly Life Groups.

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

News from the Romsey Uniting Church:

During the months of December 2012 and January 2013 we have had alternate combined services with Lancefield Uniting Church.

This has been a very enjoyable time as we all come together to worship God and enjoy fellowship with each other.

As from February 3rd, 2013 our services will continue with the normal times.

Romsey 9am; Lancefield 10.30am.

During the process of placing a call for a new Minister, the Rev. Max Woolcock, a retired minister from Sunbury, will be conducting services in the four churches ie. Romsey, Lancefield, Riddells Creek and Mt. Macedon.

The Turning of the Times

Everything that happens in this world happens at the time God chooses. He sets the time for birth and the time for death, the time for planting and the time for pulling up, the time for killing and the time for healing, the time for pulling down and the time for building. (Ecclesiastes 3: 1-3)

Here you are, at the beginning of another year, poised between the past, which proved to be so potent with both pleasures and pains, and the emerging reality of a new year with all its threats and promises. You face this turning of the times with both terror and titillation.

You ask yourself whether it will be a good year or not, all the time knowing, deep down, that it will be both, complete with its share of birth and death, planting and harvesting,

curing and killing, war and peace. The coming times will turn from one to the other, as always.

What tips your contemplation of this mixed potential to a positive view is knowing that it will all happen 'under heaven', with God in charge. He rules over the world with a benevolent eye. He has the power to turn the times in favour of those like you who belong to him, and he loves you enough to do so.

Under God it will be a good year.

Lord, as I step tentatively into this new year, help me to understand that, whatever it might bring, I am not alone but under the caring attention of your loving eyes.
Amen.

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Services conducted during February 2013

- 3rd 9am. Worship service conducted by the Worship Team.
- 10th 9.am Communion Service conducted by Rev. Max Woolcock
- 17th 9.am Worship Service
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A PICNIC OF GOURMET PRODUCE AT HANGING ROCK

Leading local chefs, gourmet produce and premium wines will go on show at the 2013 Harvest Picnic at Hanging Rock, which today received \$5,000 in funding from the Victorian Coalition Government.

Member for Northern Victoria Donna Petrovich said the Harvest Picnic, to be held on 23 February, would highlight Victoria's exceptional food and wine through local growers, provedores, chefs, restaurateurs and vignerons.

"The Macedon region is seen one of Australia's finest food and wine destinations, and one which attracts tourists from across Australia and internationally. Last year the Harvest Picnic attracted more than 6500 people from Melbourne and regional Victoria," Ms Petrovich said.

The event promotes more than 80 small to medium Victorian owner operators and includes food and wine marquees to showcase gourmet food, wine tasting, cooking demonstrations by leading chefs, and live entertainment.

"It is a fun filled weekend event that also features activities on the Saturday including a farmers' market and cooking classes.

The Festival is managed by the Harvest Picnic Foundation Ltd with support from the Daylesford and Macedon Ranges Tourism Board as part of its strategy of encouraging overnight stays in the region.

"This reinforces the Victorian Coalition Government's commitment to regional tourism events and the promotion of local business opportunities across the State," Ms Petrovich said.

DAYLESFORD MACEDON PRODUCE HARVEST WEEK FESTIVAL

Donna Petrovich has also welcomed the announcement of \$10,000 Coalition Government funding for the 2013 Daylesford Macedon Produce Harvest Week Festival, which runs from 26 April to 5 May.

Mrs Petrovich said the festival is a vibrant showcase of the outstanding produce and food culture in the Daylesford and Macedon Ranges region.

"The festival features a huge range of food-related activities, displays and events and attracts a large number of visitors to the region," said Mrs Petrovich.

Mrs Petrovich said the Victorian Government funding towards the Daylesford Macedon Produce Harvest Week Festival would be provided to Daylesford Macedon Produce Inc through the \$1 billion Regional Growth Fund's Putting Locals First Program.



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"Johnny, please wait until we say Grace" said his mother. "I don't need to." said Johnny.

"Of course you do." his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house". "That's at our house." said Johnny. "This is grandma's house and she knows how to cook proper food."

During December, our President, Jay, and I were guests at our local primary schools where Romsey Branch of the Country Women's Association Encouragement Awards were presented to Grade 6 students going on to secondary education. The following children were the recipients:

Clarkefield Primary School – Claire Eisentraut
Bolinda Primary School – Rebecca Murray
Romsey Primary School – Alyssa Rosta

We extend to these three young ladies our best wishes for the next phase of their education. Each school presented many items for the audience, and the children and teachers are to be commended for their polished performances.

We start this year getting ready for our Creative Arts Exhibition at the Romsey Mechanics Hall in April. Ladies are being kept busy making items for our Craft stall, the first of these days held during January, with our first meeting for the year held on January 31st. This day replaces the first Thursday in February to avoid clashing with the Central Highlands Group meeting.

For more details of our Branch, please contact Secretary, Val Jordan on 5429 2311.

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The glitz and glamour, romance and charm of the 20's, 30's & 40's comes to Macedon. Gisborne Peak Winery is hosting 'The Cotton Club at Macedon' featuring the 'Naturally Cool' Big Band at Jubilee Hall on Friday, 15 February.

Swing and jazz mixed with some pop and rock all with the Big Band sound. The night starts at 7:30 p.m. with supper served at 9:30. Music to midnight, with dessert and coffee at 11:15.

Book now, as there are limited seats. The band members play for free, but the Band charges a fee that is then donated to local charitable organizations.

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Term 1 Programs

Facility News

Renovations to the Romsey Recreation Centre amenities will commence in January, and will be completed during February. The toilets will be closed for use, with the disabled toilet to be utilized during this time. The renovations will include showers, baby change facilities and completely new fixtures.

Junior Basketball

Our Junior Basketball programs resume from Monday 4th of February. We are currently accepting new enrolments for Aussie Hoops and Under 10's. All other competitions re-start in April (limited spaces may be available in some current competitions).

Aussie Hoops: 5 – 10 years Tuesday
Under 10's D'ment: 2004/2005 Wednesday
Under 12's Comp: 2002/2003 Monday
Under 14's Comp: 2000/2001 Tuesday
Under 16's Comp: 1998/1999 Tuesday

Junior Indoor Soccer

Our junior soccer competitions resume on Friday 1st of February. New enrolments are now being accepted for under 14's and Goal Kick. Under 12's new competition will start in April.

Goal Kick: 5 – 10 years Friday
Under 12's Comp: 8 – 11 years Friday
Under 14's Comp: 12 – 14 years Friday

Senior Mixed Basketball

The Summer season resumes on Wednesday 6th of February. We are accepting expressions of interested for the Winter season which will commence in April.

Senior Mixed Soccer

The Summer season resumes on Friday 1st of February. We are accepting expressions of interested for the Winter season which will commence in April.

Senior Mixed Netball

We are now accepting team an individual registrations for the summer season of senior mixed netball. Season expected to commence in February 2013.

Senior Mixed Squash

The Romsey Squash Competition runs on Tuesday nights from 7.30pm. A fun social comp for people of all abilities. Contact Bruce on 0402 595 368.

Romsey Netball Association

Romsey Netball Association will be starting junior and senior competitions again in term 1. For more information contact Chris Dickinson on 0407 855 082 or christinedickinson@bigpond.co

Mini Maestros

Mini Maestros term 1 classes commence in February on Thursday mornings. Mini Maestros offers fun and educational music classes for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Call Jo on 5426 4719 or 0417703690 for bookings and information.

You Can Fitness

You Can Fitness offer a range of fitness classes, boot camp and personal training for all fitness levels and abilities. They also offer Kids fitness classes. Call Mel and Anthony at the Studio on 5429 3857 or email info@youcanfitness.com.a.

Romsey Occasional Care

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CFA offers free advice at home



With fast moving grassfires burning in the Macedon Ranges and Central Goldfields areas, and more hot weather on the way CFA is reminding residents to prepare their properties and put in place their fire plan. CFA's Home Bushfire Advice Service can help. A CFA Fire Safety Officer can visit your home and give you advice which will help you prepare your property and plan for the remainder of the fire season.

Home Advice Coordinator Neil Munro said this service is effective because residents receive one-to-one personal advice.

"Our Home Bushfire Advice Service can help you prepare. It's delivered at your home, meaning it's all about you and where you live. Our guys are very effective when it comes to assessing the best possible fire preparations you can make according to your location, time and budget," said Mr Munro.

"A team of Fire Safety Officers are concentrating on Macedon Ranges and Central Goldfields over the next month, so there's no excuse not to take advantage of this service," he added.

To book the Home Bushfire Advice Service, visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/hbas, call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667 (Monday to Friday 8am - 6pm) or contact your regional CFA office.

Community Fireguard Program

Get together with your neighbours for a chat about your bushfire safety.

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- Understand actions you can take

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 - Personal safety
 - Preparing your property for bushfire
- Creating your Bushfire Survival Plan

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Cancer fundraisers out to beat \$1m

Raising money for cancer research is all the more meaningful when one is given a say in where the funds are directed.

Every year the Cancer Council Victoria recognises teams who raise more than \$5000 at Relay For Life events by letting them nominate an area of research for assistance from a list of priority projects.

In 2012, five teams participating at the Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life earned a Research Award. Between them they collected more than \$45,000, with the highest fundraiser, Evergreens, amassing \$17,465. Other teams to win awards were: Romsey Birdies \$9316; Lynne & Wendy's Walkers \$8325; Team Cutajar \$5686; and 3 Ways \$5322.

More than \$110,000 was raised by the 34 registered teams in 2012, bringing the event's tally for the past 10 years to \$984,249.

A record number of cancer survivors and carers attended last year's Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life. Organisers hope to have another strong turnout for this year's opening lap which is dedicated to cancer survivors and carers. Whether a team member or not, all are encouraged and welcome to join in the celebrations.

The smaller walking track introduced in 2012 will again be used this year at Lancefield Park and tent sites will also be inside the oval boundary, both moves which have enhanced the event's atmosphere. Live music and performances, children's activities, and cancer health information will feature over the weekend. Meals and refreshments will be available.

Relay For Life is a major fundraiser for the Cancer Council Victoria. Last year \$5.2 million was raised by events across the state to fund cancer research, education, advocacy and support services.

The Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life starts at 3pm on Saturday, March 2 and runs until 10am on March 3. To register go to www.relayforlife.org.au, contact Kelly Milne on 0419 319 429 or call the Cancer Council Victoria on 1300 656 585. To register for the Survivors Walk or for further information email relayforlife@cancervic.org.au



What is happening in 2013??

Our committee has started the year with a bang and mapped out the schedule of our monthly gatherings for the whole year, so lock them in your diary! We meet at 7pm on the 3rd Thursday of every month, so take some time out for yourself and please come join us for a glass of wine and a chat!

- Mt Macedon Pub, Thurs, 21st February
- Book Event @ Red Door – Thurs, 21st March, to be confirmed
- Cooking Class – Thurs, 18th April
- Soltan Pepper – Thurs, 16th May
- Sicilian Vespers – Thurs, 20th June
- Christmas in July @ Cope Williams – Fri, 19th July, to be confirmed
- Romsey Hotel – Thurs, 15th Aug
- 2nd Anniversary @ Spices & Pestle, Riddells Creek – Thurs, 19th September
- Lancefield Hotel – Thurs, 17th October
- Budburst Wine & Food Festival – Sun, 17th November
- Christmas Party BBQ @ Hanging Rock – date TBA, December

NB. These venues are subject to change depending on weather & unforeseen circumstances but email & Facebook notification will be given to members well in advance and up-to-date information can always be viewed in our monthly article.

In addition to our monthly gatherings, we will be organising a special event this year, **High Tea @ Campaspe House**. The focus will be on women's mental and physical health and the importance of women gathering in friendship to create a new and healthier community. Last year our women's network was fortunate to be awarded \$2500 by the **Lancefield Romsey Community Bank®** to hold this event and it will be open to all women in the Macedon Ranges, not just our members. Please look to this space for more information once planning is underway.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Enquiries: -
Romsey Region Women's Network Inc.
111 Main Street, Romsey VIC 3434

Annual membership: - \$20
Tracey (President) – 0416 497 623
Natasha (Secretary) – 0421 289 137

Be Rewarded – Become a Volunteer!

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is seeking Community Support volunteers to deliver meals on wheels and drive people to appointments and social visits.

Council's volunteers provide a vital service to the community. They support the elderly and those living with disabilities to remain living independently for as long as possible.

They also support people's health and wellbeing by providing social support and alerting their supervisors if a client's health is deteriorating.

Volunteers need to have good communication skills, be reliable and punctual and have a genuine interest in other people, their needs, hopes and aspirations.

Council's Community Support volunteers find their role extremely rewarding, as they develop strong links in the local community and encourage community independence.

To register your interest in being a volunteer, contact Stephanie Harper on 5422 0258 or email sharper@mrsc.vic.gov.au



Program Term 1 2013

Romsey Community House Inc.
A Learning and Activity Centre
96-100 Main Road, Romsey, Vic 3434
Email: romseyhouse@bigpond.com
Ph/Fax: 03 5429 6724

Health, Fitness & Wellbeing

A variety of programs promoting health and vitality are offered to suit a range of needs

Yoga

Mondays 7pm-8.30pm @ Romsey Community House
\$15 per class when fees are paid in full at the commencement of the term.

\$20 Casual Participation: Enquiries to **Leisa Kirk** on **0408 934 656**

Thursdays 7pm-8.30pm @ Romsey Community House
\$15 per class when term is paid before end of Week 1
\$18 Casual Participation: Enquiries to **Lisa Moor** on **0448 345 338**

Sun Style Tai Chi

Tuesdays 1pm—2pm

\$8 per class (Minimum Numbers Apply)

To join—Contact **Jan** on **5428 1223** or **0412 219 900**

Gentle Exercise for Over 50's

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

Enquiries to **Jan** on **5428 1223** or **0412 219 900**

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

Heart Foundation 'Walk Together' Program

Tuesdays 9.30am - 10.30am. Meet with group leader Eileen at the Lions Park on Main Road (near Five Mile Creek).

Social & Creative Activities

Providing opportunities for you to join in; express yourself and have fun in a supportive environment

Art Classes

Children's Classes with Tanya Salter: Tuesdays and Thursdays 3.45pm - 4.45pm (weekly)

\$80 for a ten week term.

Bring your own materials.

For all bookings call **Tanya** **0400 053 829**

Line Dancing

Mondays 9.00am - 10.30am at the Mechanics Institute Hall. Open Age. Enquiries to **Anne** on **5429 1650**

Craft Group

Thursdays 10.30am - 12.30pm. Come and practise a variety of crafts including; quilting, card making, knitting, smocking, embroidery etc. Contact **Leanne** on **5429 5185**

Writers Group

Meets on the 2nd **Tuesday** of each month. We share our work and ideas whilst providing encouragement, feedback and support. For further information call **Lila** **5429 3732**

Workshops for Children and Adults

Meditation (silent and guided) Workshop 1 Expressive movement through dance and sound. Includes meditation
Meditation through guided dance Workshop 2 Sound vibration session using Tibetan drums, flute, crystal bowls and circle dancing

Include: 'Introduction to Therapeutic 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 **Stavroula: 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.

Gillian's Meditation Sessions will be commencing in February (Tuesdays 7pm, Fridays 9.30am). For more information contact **Gillian** on **M:0409 801 082** or **H:54295448**

Open House — We'd love to see you!

Our 'Drop in Room' is open to the public weekdays 9.30am - 5.00pm. Enjoy a quiet cuppa; peruse our community brochures or spend some time socialising with friends—perhaps make some new ones! Gold coin donation applies.

Information sessions

2013 sees the return of the information sessions series. These sessions will be presented by a variety of speakers on topics of interest to the community. A light lunch is also provided. Cost \$8.00 per person. For further information contact the house.

Newcomers Morning Tea

Here is an opportunity for those of you new to the Romsey Community to learn more about what is available to them regarding local services and activities. It is also a great opportunity to meet other Romsey locals. Please contact the house for bookings. Gold Coin donation applies.

For All Bookings & Enquiries

Phone: 5429 6724

Office Hours 10am-1pm

**Monday- Wednesday - Friday
(Closed Tuesdays and Thursdays)**

**Public Internet Access Available
10-1pm on**

Mondays-Wednesdays-Fridays

Macedon Ranges Book Club

Inviting New Members



The Macedon Ranges Readers book club has been meeting for 9 years. It is a casual friendly group that meet once a month to discuss a book of the month over light refreshments. Book titles are chosen by the members. The group is kindly supported by the Red Door Book Shop in Lancefield. We would like to invite new members to join our group. So if you love reading and enjoy meeting friendly locals from all over the Macedon Ranges, please come along.

Date and Times - Second Tuesday of the month

7pm at Red Door Book Shop (Lancefield)



Like us on Facebook

Contacts

Donna – 0427 135 271

Red Door Book Shop – Lancefield