

Romsey Golf Club

Womens Report

March 19th: We played the second round of the Silver Spoon and Wendy Gosden 112-40-72 was the winner.

March 20th: Lorraine Kath and I played in the Kilmore Bowl on a fine sunny day. Greens were fast and the course beat us all.

Monday 24th was the Dalhousie District player of the Year presentations and 4BBB at Yea. While the breeze was cool the day remained fine. A field of 32 pairs contested the day. Lorraine and Leila paired up and Kath and Wendy also represented Romsey.

March 26th: Stableford was played at Romsey and Secret 9. The winner of the Secret 9 was Elaine (36) with 24pts

Thursday March 27th: Wendy, Kath and I played in the Mt William Cup at Lancefield. This was the first day of playing on a heavy course after having some rain on the Wednesday evening. Casual water and some water in the creek saw the scores higher than usual.

Sat 29th: A monthly Medal was played on a Saturday as a trial and it was successful with a few ladies turning up for the Saturday comp. Elaine 111/35/76 was the Medal winner for March.

Mon 31st saw the first round of pennant. The Romsey and Lancefield women have entered a combined team and squared with Woodend at Hidden Valley in division 3. This was an excellent result as we

played two women who haven't played pennant before.

April 2nd was the day before our bowl and with a lot of work to be done we only played 9 holes of Mulligan's, which is fun, before our big day. There were a few spits of rain making us nervous for the next day but all ended up well. Jan was out on the mower and Kath continued to whipper snip getting the course into excellent shape. Romsey Ladies Challenge Bowl was held on Thursday 3rd April in typical Romsey autumn conditions of a fine dull day with a cool breeze. Some excellent scores were returned from 40 players representing 12 different clubs from Dalhousie district and neighbouring clubs.

The day was sponsored by Beau Warren from MTM golf clubs and Mathew from Romsey Amcal Pharmacy. The challenge bowl was donated by P&V Newell 21 years ago. We were fortunate to have Beau attend our day to present the trophies to the winning team of Woodend with a combined team total of 107 Stableford points. Individual winners were: A grade: Glenda Woods (12) from Seymour golf club with 35 Stableford points on a count back from Jennie Cooke (20) from Broadford. B grade: Sheena Withers (35) from Gisborne with 40 points. All players enjoyed our course but found our greens challenging and of course we excelled with our catering.

Many thanks to all involved in preparing the course for the day. Monday 7th April was the second round of pennant played at Woodend. We played

against Kilmore and won 3/2, with the three matches we won going to the 18th hole.

On Wednesday 9th April Lorraine and Kath travelled through the mist to Bacchus Marsh to play 4BBB in the Presidents and Captains Day. It was quite a mild day, ensuring they removed their jumpers but kept on their wet weather gear in an attempt to stay dry, which they were able to do. The fairways are lovely and green, but do not venture off them with wayward shots, especially in the rain. First Kath cleaned the muddy wheels of her buggy, vowing not to do that again. So for the next wayward shot she walked to the ball but ended up at least two inches taller due to the mud that stuck to the shoes and golf club. An enjoyable day with great company.

Meanwhile at Romsey the weather wasn't as kind and with sense we had a cuppa and went home. While at Marysville the rain continued and with no clubrooms due to renovations they decided to postpone their bowl due to be contested on the Thursday.

Monday 14th the third round of pennant at Trentham was played against Hidden Valley and we lost 3.5/1.5 but a good effort by all players. Both teams were affected by school holidays and grandmothers doing duty, but the reserves called upon by Hidden Valley proved very handy.

Sorry no recipe this month, but hope you all had a happy safe Easter.

Beryl Cole 54295411

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Equipment grants to support young people in Macedon Ranges

Young people in the Macedon Ranges will be geared up and supported to get involved in their local community, thanks to Victorian Coalition Government's grants now available. State Liberal Member for Northern Victoria Region Amanda Millar MP called on local councils and community organisations in the Macedon Ranges to apply for grants of up to \$5,000 for equipment such as electronic equipment, educational resources and recreational equipment.

"The Coalition Government's Local Equip Grant program is set to support young people in rural and regional areas to get involved in their local community," Mrs Millar said.

"We know that local groups in rural and regional areas have great ideas to get young people more involved in their community, but sometimes need a helping hand," Mrs Millar said. "With these grants, groups can apply for funding for equipment such as a projector for youth movie nights, a laptop for youth council meetings or a PA system for youth events". Minister for Youth Affairs Ryan Smith said it is important that young people are supported to get involved in their local community.

"Young people across Victoria play a significant role in shaping their local communities and the Victorian Coalition Government is committed to supporting all young people," Mr Smith said.

The Equip Grant program is part of the Coalition Government's \$3.2 million Shape It! strategy which supports young people in rural and regional Victoria to participate in local decision-making and their community.

The program will be delivered through the Youth Affairs Council of Victoria's 'Victorian Rural Youth Services' initiative which promotes research, training and policy development to support young people living in rural areas.

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Sunday April 13th - Rd 3 Pennant, Handicap Div 3 - Trentham Golf Course

Another top day for golf at the beautiful Trentham course;

Romsey **D** Trentham - **4/3**. (Wins; Rob Rea - 19th, John Freestone 2/1, Jim Patton - 4/3 & Mick Nicholls - 20th. Losses; Bob McLennan - 6/5, Pat Chisholm - 20th & Tony Freeman - 2/1)

Woodend **D** Lancefield - **5/2**

Kilmore **D** Broadford - **4/3**

Saturday April 12th - Stroke

Players hit off with a steady easterly wind and an overcast sky however this cleared quickly and the easterly wind died down (before later swinging around to the south and providing a few challenges late in the day). In general, it was an almost perfect afternoon for golf. The steady rain during the week (40 - 50 mm) saw more than a green tinge across the course and very receptive greens so whilst players got less run on the fairways they knew that balls landing on the greens would hold. The wetter greens again favoured those who attacked the hole. On a beautiful day for golf the results were;

Winner; Anthony Lakey - 91/23/68, from John Laing - 93/23/70, John Freestone - 89/19/70 & Bob McLennan - 83/11/72

NTPs went to - 1st - John Laing, 15th - John Freestone.

Sunday April 6th - Rd 2 Pennant, Handicap Div 3 - Broadford Golf Course

On a beautiful, still day the six teams battled out round 2 at Broadford. Our boys were again right in the competition with three matches that could have gone our way.

Kilmore **D** Romsey - **4/3** (Wins; Rob Rea - 3/2, Ron Walker - 4/3 & Mick Nicholls - 2up. Losses; Tony Freeman - 1down, Dave Richardson - 2/1, Jim Patton - 5/4 & John Freestone - 19th)

Woodend **D** Broadford - **5/2**

Trentham **D** Lancefield - **5/2**

Saturday April 5th - Stableford

The Stableford field hit off on a cooler day with clear skies and a southerly zephyr. Fortunately, after a few holes, the sun came out and it was a glorious afternoon for golf. Some rain and heavy dews during the week had continued the softening of the course and whilst there was a deal of green beginning to show, many areas of the fairways had very little cover so relief was again given. The greens had recovered well from the recent scarifying and seeding program and held well so players could confidently attack the flag. Putting was still a little chancy but those who really believed in their line generally got good results. On a wonderful day the scoring was good with players having to card 38 pts to score a ball. The day's results were;

Winner; Mick Nicholls (22) 41 pts from Dave Richardson (24) 39 pts, Mitchell Clement (13) 39 pts and Sharif Abdul-Sayed (19) 38 pts

NTPs went to; 15th - Ron Walker & 16th - John Freestone.

Sunday March 30th - Rd 1 Pennant, Handicap Div 3 - Lancefield Golf Course

In 2014 RGC entered only one team in the Dalhousie District pennant competition. Our team was placed in Handicap Division Three, co-captain Tony Freeman was named as captain of the team. We were to play teams from Lancefield, Kilmore, Woodend, Broadford and Trentham Golf Clubs. Round 1 results were;

Romsey **D** Woodend **4/3**. (Wins; Rob Rea - 20th, Jim Patton - 3/2, Mick Nicholls - 3/2 & Ron Walker - 5/4. Losses; Pat Chisholm - 5/3, John Freestone - 7/6 & Tony Freeman - 2/1)

Kilmore **D** Trentham **4/3**.

Broadford **D** Lancefield **4/3**.

It looks as if this division will be a very close fought competition.

Saturday March 29th March Medal - Stroke & Putts

The round saw both men and women in the field contesting their monthly medals on a beautiful early autumn afternoon. With newly scarified, seeded, fertilised and unmown greens and some rain during the week players knew they were in for a tough round. Whilst the greens proved difficult to predict golfers who chose a line then putted with conviction usually came up with close to or the desired result, others were often left well short of the hole. The week's rain had completely flattened the cover on the fairways and had also taken at least 30m of run so, for the first time in many weeks, players found their approach shots more challenging. On an interesting day the results were;

Winners and March Medalists; Elaine Scanlon - 91/25/66 & Pat Chisholm - 82/14/68. Other good rounds came from John Moody - 83/12/71, Anthony Freeman - 90/19/71, Mal Mottram - 87/15/72 & Anthony Lakey - 95/23/72

Least Putts; Sharif Abdul-Sayed - 26

NTPs; 1st - Pat Chisholm & 15th - Anthony Freeman

Saturday March 22nd - Final Algie Mitchell Singles Knock-out & Par

Just as the early rains of autumn snuck into town and slightly heavier dews began to settle we were again visited by a flock of "Bona Fide Travellers" who must be allowed refreshment. After attacking the 7th, 16th and 1st greens we hope they have had their fill and will now continue their travels. Some rain overnight softened the fairways but also uncovered a few more bare patches where balls picked up mud, so last week's relief was much appreciated. The greens continued to

hold and putt true but golfers had to be aggressive to get their shots home. A gusting northerly wind blew for most of the round providing challenges for golfers especially on the 18th where an in-course out-of-bounds lurked eager to catch any errant shots.

The final of the Algie Mitchell Shield Andrew Laing Vs Jim Patton, was an up and down affair. Andrew was 3up at the 9th and then quickly went to 5up however Jim fought back winning the 13th, 14th & 15th to be 2down with three to go. On the 16th Andrew chipped to 50cm while Jim had a 3m putt to square the hole. Jim's putt just failed to fall and Andrew had it all wrapped up.

The Par competition saw some excellent scoring as all players took advantage of the extra run and the consistent greens. The day's results were;

Algie Mitchell Shield; Andrew Laing (17) **D** Jim Patton (18) 3/2

Par competition; Mal Mottram (16) +6 c/b from Steve Poulton (27) +6, Pat Chisholm (15) +3, Anthony Freeman (19) +3

NTPs; 15th - Mal Mottram, 16th - Rob Rea.

Over the past few months a number of golfers have had their golf balls "souvenired" by children walking across the course. No-one would walk onto a football or cricket ground during a game, pick up the ball and keep walking. We ask that parents please discuss this with their children.

Recently the Macedon Ranges Shire contacted the club to discuss the state of a number of large, old trees on the borders of the Park. We hope that RGC and the MRSC will be able to attend to the dear/dying and or dangerous trees as soon as possible



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FILM SOCIETY VISITS THE DESERT

At the April meeting of the Macedon Ranges Film Society, there was gentle laughter as the Israeli film, The Band's Visit, played out its magic on the screen. Eight musicians from the Alexandria Ceremonial Police Orchestra arrive from Egypt to play at the Arab Cultural Centre but a misunderstanding puts them on a bus and takes them to a town in the desert where challenges, some funny and some thought-provoking, mean they must call on all their strengths to get through the visit.

Directed by Eran Kolirin, the film won many Ophir prizes.

In May, a more sombre mood is set with the screening of Memento.

Starring Guy Pearce as the man who struggles to overcome memory loss following an horrific event, the film has been labelled as an American neo-noir mystery-psychological thriller. Directed by Christopher Nolan, it is presented as two different sequences of scenes - a series of colour episodes which are shown in reverse order and a series in black and white that are shown chronologically. The thoughtfulness and drama of the unfolding story make it compelling viewing.

The Macedon Ranges Film Society meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Woodend Community Centre. Film notes are provided and for those who wish, there is supper, kindly supplied by members, following the screening. Enquiries about membership must first be made by visiting the website - mrfilmsociety@gmail.com - or by phoning Christine on 5429 5452 or Lorraine on 5427 0921.

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Celebrating Term One's Learning

Parents of Year 5 and 6 students were invited to come along for morning tea, while viewing the students' work, and also to watch them performing the dances they learnt in the recent Footsteps dance program. The students did a great job in remembering 4 quite complex dances taught to them in a relatively short period of time. It was terrific to see students developing confidence and having fun with this program, with even the more reluctant ones finally relaxing and enjoying themselves.

Students proudly shared their PowerPoint presentation and while parents enjoyed a cuppa they viewed an impressive display of models of pioneer buildings created as part of their studies of early Australian history.



Prep students invited their grandparents to a special afternoon tea during the last week of term. There were many smiling faces as grandparents watched a video of their grandchildren explaining why they were so special. The preps prepared special treats for the occasion and proudly showed off some of their work before sharing afternoon tea. It was pleasing for me to receive many compliments from these visitors about how happy their grandchildren were and impressed about the way students can already read and write.

House Sports

The new oval is a fantastic venue for the school athletics sports. Students were colourfully dressed in their house colours and participated in a variety of track and field events. The prep to year 2 students held their events on a separate day and also enjoyed a number of novelty events. The House Captains provided valuable assistance to our Physical Education teacher, Mrs Annie Horton, helping with the setting up of events and encouraging students to do their best. Clarke were the winning team on the day with McIntyre second, Clement third and Shaw fourth.

At the beginning of term two the school cross country events were held with all students participating. It was a wet and cold start to the day but didn't dampen our students' enthusiasm to do their best and score points for their house. Years prep to 2 ran 1 kilometre, students in the 8, 9 and 10 year old age group ran 2 kilometres and the 11, 12 and 13 year old age group ran 3 kilometres. Clarke (yellow) was again the successful winning house. The top place getters from the older age groups will go on to the next level—the District Cross Country at Hanging Rock on May 2nd. Thank you to all staff and parents who helped to make this another successful sports day at Romsey Primary School. Clarke were the successful winning team in both the Athletics Sports and Cross Country,

Heroes Day

Our Student Council are to be congratulated on the excellent fundraiser they organised for the Romsey CFA. Our School Captains Raveena Kerala Kumeran, Corey Day, along with Alice Quigley and William Collins visited local businesses and asked for donations. They were greatly rewarded by their generosity collecting \$345. The school dress up day and fun events were extremely popular. Students represented numerous heroes including firemen, police, vets, life guards, doctors, nurses and many others. The lunch time events saw long queues with Students Councillors showing amazing organisational skills. On the day the students raised \$384. Altogether the school raised \$729 and we look forward to presenting a cheque to the Romsey CFA for this amount.

Many thanks to the following business who support our fund raiser for the Romsey CFA:

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February fires leave lasting impact

From soil erosion and burnt trees to major re-fencing works, the task of property cleanup after the February fires is proving to be an ongoing challenge for many residents in the Macedon Ranges.

Council's recovery team has received 376 requests for assistance from fire-affected residents to date. Cleanup is proving to be a tough issue, especially for those with large quantities of fencing and burnt trees.

A work crew from Loddon Prison has joined the recovery effort to help Council with cleanup. The new partnership with Loddon Prison will bring some extra pairs of hands to the recovery effort, while giving prisoners preparing for release a chance to make a contribution to the community.

Other requests for assistance have included tank cleaning and water replacement, disposal of dead livestock, reinstating firebreaks, assessing burnt buildings, fixing cut fences, and referring residents to agencies that can help them with fodder, fencing and counselling.

Long-term recovery planning is also underway for issues such as soil erosion, introduced weeds and pests, livestock health and water quality, all of which pose an ongoing risk to the land and livelihood of farmers.

The BlazeAid camp continues to operate from Clarkefield, with more than 655 volunteer days already contributed to erect 29km of new fencing and remove 62km of burnt fencing. More than 66 properties in the Macedon Ranges have registered to receive fencing assistance from BlazeAid, and so far nine have been completed with new fencing.

Many fire-affected residents saying how important it is to stay connected with neighbours, friends and family who live locally, Council is now looking at ways to bring people together through community events and activities. Further details to be announced soon.

To request help with fire recovery or cleanup, contact Council on 5422 0333.



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WE'RE CELEBRATING OUR HALL'S 100th
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AND THE WEATHER

What a welcome autumn break we received! The plants have all responded so quickly – all perking up again and no longer looking that bit tired and dispirited. We had just 114 pts for March, but these 'soft' April rains have been the boon. The light frosts that have followed are so welcome; they seem to deepen the colours of flowers and foliage and help make autumn many peoples' favourite season. The fire affected areas are unfolding proof of the Dor-othea McKellar lines we love, 'The filmy veil of greenness, That thickens as we gaze.' And the beginning of the mushroom, and other fungi, season is with us. Now is the time for so many bulbs – belladonnas and crinums are finishing, but nerines are looking beautiful; crocuses are coming through and the 'yellow crocus' (Sternbergia) is looking bright, as are the Colchicums. I love Plectranthus (doesn't seem to have a common name) at this time – both the taller purple/blue one and the dainty trailing pink-tipped white one. The sedum 'Autumn Joy' is still looking stunning, with its dark maroon dried heads; that wonderful garden favourite looks good for at least three months! And in our plains area, April/May is the time for stunning autumn colors and bright berries.

HALL COMMITTEE: That kitchen upgrade is 99% finished and looking great. Really amazing, the uplift from a fresh-looking kitchen! Our local handyman has done a fabulous job. We're planning something special for the showing-off!

HISTORY: From the Minutes Book.

Whilst considering ways to celebrate our kitchen upgrade, etc, and how many we could invite I was intrigued to notice in the Minutes book for July 1914 (the month after the Hall was officially opened) that "It was decided that an effort be made to arrange a concert for August...200 tickets to be printed." The mind boggles - I simply cannot imagine where you would seat 200 people for a concert in the Hall! Interesting also to note that committee members were required – by roster – to take turns at preparing the Hall for events. (I like that one!) And before cars, telephones, and today's plethora of communication means, pity the poor Secretary who was directed to write dozens of letters requesting attendance, assistance, etc, at the Concert (Glad that one's out!). And it is perhaps not a coincidence that Sept 14th meeting notes,

'Discussion took place concerning the appointment of a successor to the late Secretary and it was ultimately decided that a temporary secretary be appointed pending the appointment of a permanent teacher to Bolinda. !!'

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BOL-DARRA (Bolinda-Darraweit) **GARDEN CLUB:** We enjoyed a delightful visit to Deb's wonderful 'new' garden at Pipers Creek. A perfect day – pleasantly warm, but not too hot, still and sunny. A splendid afternoon tea on the lawns - and the range of home-baked food – savouries (I refuse to say how many of the scrumptious egg 'n bacon pastries I had) and sweets (to die for) good friends and conversation. A veritable English Garden Party indeed. Our second picnic for the year. A most enjoyable day indeed.

What's that? Oh, right! I did forget to mention the garden. It also was a delight. Set up in the era of old roses, bulbs and perennials with lots of special shrubs/small trees (crabapples, viburnums, etc). It has become delightfully wild – swathes of bright orange seedpods of Iris foetissima, for example – but Deb will soon have all in pristine condition. And what a host for a garden club! She had put out the shovel and bags and insisted we go for it! Whatever we wanted, and some of us did! Next meeting is to friend and neighbours, Anna and Nic and their wonderfully productive Italian style garden...and yes, Anna is a superb cook, and they are very generous hosts.

You are always welcome to join us. We meet at Bolinda Hall at 1:30 for a chat and brief discussion session...and then we move off on our garden visit about 2:00. (Phone us first, if you haven't been before; we sometimes start earlier)

PEOPLE OF THE MONTH: I'm still amazed at those many people who are volunteering for BlazeAid via the Clarkefield organisation. Many retirees, yes, but still the younger folk turn up – regularly, or just for a day or two and then move on. And from so far afield! Was chatting to a lady from Glen Innes about her very productive garden – we exchanged sauce recipes –she's enjoyed the stay

here, but now ready to go back and harvest her vegies. The local response to helping with the one meal a day that the fencer volunteers are provided with, has been great. Lots of locals sharing the task and some willing to cook and share. Saw young Miss Emma-Rose Langdon there recently – efficiently organising her mum and dad. Of course, many of the volunteers of the district were busy during the fires, too. You don't hear about them all, but one couple whose names kept cropping up were Marie and Tom Hobin. They moved all Kevin Ryan's cattle out of the fire zone, whilst he was fire-fighting further afield. Many hungry and thirsty fire-fighters were very pleased to see this pair appear, towing a unit with an urn of boiling water for a cuppa – and edibles to go with it! Many folk have received a tasty treat from them since. BlazeAid have been the recipients also. When I mentioned some of these things to Marie she gave a pretty vague reply 'You just do what you've got to' before changing the subject. Wouldn't the world be a better place (though our part of it is already the best!) if everyone thought like that?

Reminds me of a lovely poem by Mary Oliver – 'The Summer Day'

(Look it – and others – up on the Library of Congress Poetry 180 site)

'Who made the world?

Who made the swan, and the black bear?

Who made the grasshopper?

This grasshopper, I mean--

the one who has flung herself out of the grass,

the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,

who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down --

who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.

Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.

Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.

I don't know exactly what a prayer is.

I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down

into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,

how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,

which is what I've been doing all day.

Tell me, what else should I have done?

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Romsey Garden Club

The Club had another successful outing in April and now has plans underway for activities until the end of the year. New members are always welcome as we are arranging activities to cover a wide range of gardening related interests. We have only been together for 18 months or so and are still growing.

Contact Allan Irvine on 5429 5427 or Hilda on 0490025459



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

Light Up The Sky 2014 Round Up

Great weather saw a huge crowd turnout for RRBATA's Light Up The Sky 2014 community event at the Lions' Reserve (skate park) on Saturday 29th March. Aimed at promoting the "Shop Local" mantra, community members of all ages enjoyed the family friendly games, food stalls, displays and entertainment. Encourage Church, Lancefield Men's Shed, 1st Romsey Scouts, GRAAP, Romsey Kindergarten and Red Cross had stalls whilst RRBATA was grateful for the fantastic volunteer assistance from members of Rotary and Lions Club. Dave Allen engaged the crowd with his wonderful musical talent whilst a huge screen featured images of the Romsey Region and its community.

Thanks also to Romsey CFA and electrician Milos Staric for their support and assistance on the night. The event, financially supported by Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Romsey Community Bank (Bendigo Bank) finished with a wonderful fireworks display provided by Crack-A-Jack Australia. RRBATA welcomes feedback from those who attended the event (contact Jenny Stillman (jennystillman@optusnet.com.au, 0412 349849). For more photos from the event, look at **Romsey Online** (www.romsey.org.au).



2014-2015: Big Years Ahead In Romsey

In addition to commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of the start of World War I and the one hundredth anniversary of Red Cross this year, next year marks the 150th birthday for Romsey Primary School. Many plans are being made in our community for events associated with these special dates. Such special events are important for community cohesion. RRBATA will do whatever it can to support the groups organising the commemorations and/or celebrations.

RRBATA Committee Resignation

The RRBATA Committee of Management wishes to acknowledge the huge contribution from Joanne Hagan over the last four years. Jo has been a vital contributor in a small but proactive committee. She has tendered her resignation from the committee to pursue other directions at this time.

RRBATA Business Breakfast

The Annual RRBATA Business Breakfast will be held again in August this year. Stay tuned for further details in the June edition of the Romsey Rag.

Romsey Online

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.

Membership Enquiries:

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Youth Spaces open for Term 2, 2014

Youth Spaces are starting back in Term 2 in Kyneton, Romsey and Gisborne with a brand new program of awesome activities for young people of secondary school age.

Youth Spaces open weekly during school term as follows:

Gisborne: Thursdays from 4pm-6pm, at Manaaki on Aitken St

Kyneton: Tuesdays from 4pm-6pm, behind the Town Hall on Hut-ton St

Romsey: Tuesdays from 4.30pm-6.30pm, at the Community Hub on Main St.

Youth Spaces are run by Macedon Ranges Shire Council. They are fully supervised and drug, alcohol and smoke-free.

For more information, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/youth or head to our Facebook page, [facebook.com/MacedonRangesYouth](https://www.facebook.com/MacedonRangesYouth)

Women from all walks
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Our group aspires to connect women in our rural communities in a warm & welcoming environment. It's a great way to meet new people in the area & have some laughs.

WHERE: Sicilian Vespers,
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WHEN: Thursday 15th May

TIME: 7.00pm

We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month to give women an opportunity to take some time out from their busy lives of an evening and stay connected.
Please come join us for a glass of wine & a chat!

Enquiries: -

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Tracey (President) - 0416 497 623
Natasha (Secretary) - 0421 289 137
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Romsey junior basketball competitions and programs

Grand final results, 25 and 26 March

The Under 11 grand final, played between the Lakers and Jazz, was definitely one of the best games of the season. The Lakers led at half time 20-17, but in the second half the Jazz kept the Lakers to 4 point and scored 11, giving them a 28-24 victory. The most valuable player (MVP) for the grand final was awarded to Corey Taylor who scored 16 points.

Most improved awards were given to one player from each team. The recipients were: Warriors—Josh Perkins, Grizzlies—Will Janky, Celtics—Thomas Knott, Lakers—Brandon Dowell, Jazz—Tayden Archibald. Thanks to the coaches of all the teams and to the parents who helped score throughout the season. Also thank you to our umpires Matthew Whyte, Jack Huxtable, Sean Gottschling, Jarod Lepore and James Durston.

The Under 14s grand final between the Grizzlies and the Lakers was a close game throughout, but it was the Grizzlies who came out with a win. The final score was Grizzlies 20 to the Lakers 16. Most improved award went to Kayley Reid from the Grizzlies and MVP was awarded to Ethan Beer, also from the Grizzlies.

The Under 16s grand final was between the Lakers and the Warriors. Coming into the game the Lakers were undefeated. The game was one of the best of the night, close throughout with the lead swapping many times. The Warriors came out with a one point victory over the Lakers. Most improved was awarded to Pryce Memmelo and the MVP was awarded to Maddy Prespakis who scored 19 points, including a game winning shot in the last 10 seconds.

The Under 18 grand final was played between Yellow and Maroon. Another close game, with Yellow leading 26-20 at half time but Maroon came out and took victory in the second half, final score 50-45.

Most improved was awarded to Phil Durston and the MVP was awarded to Tyson Lever who scored 18 points in the victory.

Winter 2014 competitions and programs

Winter 2014 competitions for junior basketball and soccer will begin in Term 2. The season will start with grading matches during the week of Tuesday 29 April–Friday 2 May.

Registrations are now open for the new competitions. To register, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/leisure, call 5429 5637 or email rrc@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

If your kids are a hesitant to join our competitions, why not let them develop their skills in our 5–10 year old sports development programs:

Aussie Hoops (basketball) begins Tuesday 29 April at 4pm.

Goal kick (soccer) begins Friday 2 May at 4pm.





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**Monthly Meetings are held on the
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St. Mary's Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey.**

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

Next meeting Thursday 22nd May at 10am.

The planned outing for 21st May will be a visit to the TAA Museum at Essendon followed by lunch at the Anglers Tavern in Maribyrnong.

Trip to Bright:

Twelve Probus members set off on 28th March to Bright. The bus had picked up people from Ballarat and we had to pick up some Probus members from Bulleen. We had a good trip to the Ovens Valley Motor Inn. We had a really lovely holiday in Bright. Visiting many interesting places. It poured with rain on the Sunday, but

every other day was perfect weather. The meals were excellent – three courses every night, cooked breakfasts etc.

Are you interested in Membership?

We meet once a month and we deal with the normal matters of a club, like correspondence, treasury, and discuss the last outing we had enjoyed, and most important, where we are going to next month, a short tour, a long tour, a lunch somewhere.



A few of our members enjoy 'Ten Pin Bowling' each fortnight at Watergardens (definitely non-serious) followed by lunch at a nearby hotel or club.



We also enjoy a monthly musical/film afternoon at a members home and Friday coffee mornings at a local café.

If you are retired, or close to retiring, come along and join us and learn more about what Probus can offer you to assist you in staying active.

All we want to achieve is a day of enjoyment and friendship.

Please come and have a look at what we do and who we are.

Please check out our website for information about the Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club
rprob.org.au

THE ART OF DRAMA

No doubt you have heard of the famous story, 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens, there's a chance you've even seen it performed live; but you've never seen it quite like this before. The Macedon Grammar School Drama Group is proud to present to you this wacky take on the timeless classic, 'A Christmas Chaos'. The Royal Shakespearean Company goes astray, and a motley crew of actors assembles to put on the play in just seven hours. With mistakes, bad puns and even worse acting antics, 'A Christmas Chaos' will be a riotous comedy! "When I first read the play, I thought it would be hard to pull off," says actor Matthew Sievers who is portraying 'Scrooge' in the production "but it's really developed and there's so much comical depth to it. I can't wait to perform it!" Along with the drama production, Macedon Grammar School Students will be presenting their first ever Art Exhibition and Sale; 'Courage'. Students are preparing their work for the Art Exhibition and are excited about presenting their work to the community. The Art Exhibition coincides with our Drama Production, and all students are involved. Join the Macedon Grammar School Students as we present these events for your enjoyment! Art Exhibition Friday June 6 at 7pm & Saturday June 7 from 10am. 'A Christmas Chaos' Friday June 6 at 7.30pm, for a night of fun, laughter and comedy you won't want to miss! Gisborne Mechanics Hall, bookings essential \$10 Adult, \$8 Child under 10, phone 5426 1751 or Amanda 0439 828 448. Article submitted by A. Carlyle



Macedon Grammar School Drama Group at rehearsals for 'A Christmas Chaos'.

Thanks from Bike Safe

Five local cyclists from Bike Safe Macedon Ranges were responsible for the biggest on road safety campaign run in the Macedon Ranges. The Pass with Care campaign asked motorists to take care and give space when overtaking cyclists.

Thank you to our honour roll of supporters starting with the editors of all the monthly community papers who published our safety messages, including the paper you are reading now. We appreciate the support of Dysons buses of Kyneton who generously provided advertising space on their buses for our signage and Macedon Ranges Signs for their stand out support.

Big shout out to Ricks Convenience Store of Riddells Creek, Macedon Newsagency and Post Office, Gisborne Plaza, Coles of Woodend and Gisborne, Sacred Heart College, Gisborne & District Community Bank, Gisborne Secondary College and Macedon Ranges Shire Council for hosting our cyclist safety displays and thank you to all the small service stations and cafes that put up our posters.

Finally thanks to the 10 local cyclists who became the faces of our safety campaign. If anyone would like to become a member of Bike Safe Macedon Ranges connect through our Facebook page.

Look out for our post campaign evaluation via survey monkey, we appreciate the feedback.

Margaret Douglas
President

Bike Safe Macedon Ranges

Romsey Primary School cordially invites parents and all members of the wider Romsey community to attend our You Can Do It! Education Session

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Agricultural Photo Competition

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Participants of all ages are encouraged to submit inspirational photos of agriculture in the Macedon Ranges that capture the following themes:

Livestock
Horticulture
Landscape
Farm life

Shortlisted photos will be exhibited at the official launch of the Forum on 26 June 2014 with an overall winner announced on the night. The winner will receive a hamper of local produce to the value of \$200.

Finalists of each theme will also have their photographs framed and shown in a special photographic exhibition that will tour the Macedon Ranges as well as feature in the Forum's ongoing promotion campaign.

Visit Council's website, mrsc.vic.gov.au/agphotocomp, for full entry details, or pick up an entry form from a Council service centre in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey or Woodend. The competition is closes on 1 June 2014.

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Please call **54 295099** to register your participation or call into the school office.



Romsey Red Cross

Thank you to everyone who came along to help us celebrate 100 years of Romsey Red Cross Branch. The display of memorabilia will be at the Romsey Library until Friday 2nd May, please make sure you come along to see the quilt made by Romsey residents around 1916.

A Blumes Fashion luncheon will be held on Friday May 23rd at 10.30am. All welcome.

Karen Hermann 5429 6658
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Next year Romsey Primary School will reach a HUGE milestone when it celebrates its 150th anniversary. All members of our community who have a connection with the school—as staff, families who attended, past and presents students—are invited to share in this wonderful occasion.

A program of events has been tentatively mapped out, with highlights including tours of the old and new schools, a church service, official dinner, family day bar-b-cue and activities, memorabilia and commemorative merchandise, displays and more. A book on the history of the school is currently being researched and written.

Some former pupils have already been in touch to offer their assistance with their memories of school days, copies of photos and other school related items. If you or your family have anything that could be used in our displays or the production of our school history book we would love to hear from you. We particularly need items relating to the period from the 1920s to the 1960s—a tall order, but we are sure someone out there can do some “digging”!

We now have a Facebook page, so please check that on a regular basis.

If you would like to make a contribution please email the organising committee at romseyyps.150celebrations@romseyyps.vic.edu.au or contact the school on 5429 5099 and ask for Robyn Moore.

Keep watching the Romsey Rag for further updates about this event.



Romsey/Lancefield Avenue of Honour

Plaque Sponsorship Application

The Romsey/Lancefield Avenue of Honour is planned as a commemoration of Australia's military achievements. The Avenue of Honour will be made up of plaques bearing details of a particular war or campaign and the plaques will be positioned along the walking track between out two towns. Any resident, organisation or business that wishes to sponsor a plaque is welcome to do so. Sponsorship is \$200.00. An application form appears hereunder. Completed application forms should be posted to the Secretary, Romsey/Lancefield RSL, PO Box 315, Romsey, 3434. No money need be sent at this stage and if a plaque is to be dedicated to a particular person, then the plaque needs to be identified and your selection will be subject to availability, ie. first in best dressed.

SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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Romsey Brigade asks locals to chip in

Romsey volunteer fire-fighters are asking the local community to help raise \$60,000 for a new purpose built fire station in the town. Plans for the new station were signed off in November last year and construction is expected to begin in April. Romsey Fire Brigade Captain Trevor Wilson said “the new facility will mean the local CFA crew will be better equipped to respond to emergencies and protect life and property for the rapidly increasing population of the Romsey district.” Captain Wilson went on to say “the new station will allow us to provide an even better emergency response to Romsey and the surrounding district as well as providing the brigade with capacity to expand our operations.” He continued “the brigade has outgrown its current station that was originally opened in 1986. We have some issues with traffic management and as our appliances are bigger now than they were back then, they are parked basically nose-to-tail in the shed, which does have an impact on our capacity to respond to incidents.”

The new station will feature four bays for the brigade's vehicles. Additionally the station will include improved office space and amenities for the volunteer crew.

“The location of the new station will also give the brigade room to grow and to allow for further improvements,” Mr Wilson said. He wished to pay tribute to the host of Romsey community organisations and individuals who lent assistance during the recent Kilmore-Mickleham blaze, where the Romsey football oval acted as a staging ground for fire crews from across Victoria and New South Wales. We really appreciate what the community has done for us already and seeing the locals get behind the CFA making breakfast, lunch and dinner, made the Romsey brigade especially proud. “The brigade's volunteers want to ask locals to keep supporting us so we can continue to protect and serve our community” Mr Wilson said.

Mr Wilson concluded by saying “all donations will be warmly received and incorporated into our projects which benefit our local and the broader community. We can't wait to move into the new station, and we hope to invite all Romsey locals to have a tour of the facility upon its completion.”

Declared Fire Danger Period to cease in -

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Restrictions in these local government areas will cease at 1 am on Monday 14 April.

CFA District 2 Operations Manager Steven Smith said “although the fire danger period is ending, it is important the community take extreme care when burning off. If a fire is left unattended in windy conditions it can spread quickly and can burn into bushland or onto neighbours' properties.”

Mr Smith went on to say that “recent grassfires demonstrated how quickly fires could take hold. Grassfires travel faster than you can run. They can threaten properties and even kill.” “People should have a fire plan and prepare for the event of fire - never be complacent.”

Fire Danger Periods are based on local conditions and take into account fuel moistures, fuel loads, grassland curing, weather and rainfall. They are a seasonal declaration.

People should do the following before conducting any burn off:

Check local by-laws;

Never leave a burn off unattended;

Tell your neighbours and call the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) on 1800 668 511 so that brigades don't get called out to burnoffs unnecessarily;

Check the weather forecast before you burn off - never burn off in dry, hot, windy conditions;



Information about Fire Restrictions is available in CFA's *Can I or Can't I* brochure. For your copy, to complete the Household Bushfire Self-Assessment Tool or to obtain a Fire Ready Kit, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667.

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Conference promotes smart business practices



Macedon Ranges businesses can learn smarter business practices from skilled professionals at a two day conference in Kyneton next month, hosted by Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Small Business Victoria and Tourism Macedon Ranges.

The Smart Business conference will be held from 20–21 May at the Kyneton Town Hall. It offers a range of workshops to local business owners and their staff, covering marketing, social media, finance and other business practices. Sessions will be run by Small Business Victoria presenters.

Hands-on training sessions will allow businesses to learn new skills and embrace new tools. Popular presenter, Tim Gentle from Design Experts in Bendigo will deliver the marketing and online workshops, including two training sessions on the use of social media tools and mobile devices. There are also sessions aimed specifically at start-up businesses.

The sessions are run by qualified business professionals who are trained to provide insightful and interactive sessions. Conference-goers will also be able to access a free mentoring session on site from the Small Business Victoria Mobile Business Centre during the conference.

Places at individual sessions can be purchased for \$30. Discount packages are available to attend either a full day (\$65–\$75) or two days (\$130). Both options include free access to the networking night at the end of day one.

To view the conference program, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-conference. To book a place or find out more, call 5421 9616 or email ecodevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au.



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News from the Lancefield Men's Shed

The Shed is busy making plans for 2014, looking at possible projects and activities.

It will now be open three days each week. Tuesday and Thursday are working and project making days while Wednesday is still BBQ day but work is limited to quiet activities to allow the men to have social time and conversation together. Hours are from 10.00am – 4.00pm. The Shed is located next to the Lancefield Primary School in High Street.

Visits to other Men's Sheds are planned and Lancefield Men's Shed is now a member of a newly formed cluster of Sheds comprising Lancefield, Woodend, Gisborne and Kyneton. The purpose of this cluster is to share ideas for managements, projects, social activities etc. Why invent the wheel when there are lots of good ideas around!

Recently we participated in the 'Lost Trades Fair' at Kyneton where much interest was shown in the many trades on display, as well as interest in what the Men's Shed has to offer. We also had a display at the recent 'Light up the Sky' event held at Romsey.

The jumps for the Lancefield Pony Club are now completed and a little village of houses has been built. Other purpose built jumps are also in the pipeline.

Several organisations and individuals have approached the shed to discuss other projects and we are always willing to plan, cost and complete a range of requests. Please contact the Shed or call 0400321131.

Membership is open to all residents of Lancefield and Romsey – if you are retired or work part time and would like to be part of the Shed you would be most welcome!

Graham Knell
President

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News from the Romsey Uniting Church:

Advance Notice:

The Romsey Uniting Church Adult Fellowship group will be holding their annual Winter Luncheon on Wednesday June 11th, 2014. The Guest Speaker will be Julie Webber from the Children First Foundation. Time: 11.15am for 11.45am lunch. Cost \$12.50. Trading Table and Door Prizes. (See Advertising Poster in this edition of Romsey Rag).

Meditation: John 21: 1-7

On Easter morning, Mary finds Jesus' tomb empty, and stands in the garden, weeping for her loss. Jesus comes to her, but she doesn't recognise him immediately. She thinks he's the gardener.

A few days later, Peter and some of the other disciples take a boat and go fishing in Galilee. Jesus calls to them from the shore, but they don't realise at first who he is. Two other disciples, walking the road to Emmaus, meet a stranger. Going with them, he talks, explains and comforts. Again, it's Jesus.

I don't know why these close friends of Jesus didn't recognise him straight away. I don't understand what made him different after the resurrection. It isn't really important that I should.

The important thing is to realise that Jesus is unpredictable. He shows himself in whatever way he chooses. Not capriciously, but in ways that startle, puzzle us, surprise us out of our assumptions. Ways that widen our awareness.

In our insecurity, we try to make rules. "This is how Christians should act." "This

is how you recognise the Holy Spirit." "This is how...." And hard luck the Christian who breaks our rules. But Jesus breaks them all the time.

He broke the Sabbath rules to heal the sick, to respond to need with love, not law. And he still breaks them, to tell us that life can't be lived in a self-imposed straitjacket, that he can't be contained with our limited vision. The life is an unpredictable adventure, but that he is in it with us, even though we can not always see him, do not always recognise him. He tells us to look for goodness in unlikely places, to find him in unlikely people.

And when we open our closed and timid minds to the glory of his presence, we shall find him everywhere and in every one.

You ask so much, Lord.

Somehow, I'm meant to see the invisible.

Discern you in the unexpected.

Allow infinity into my life.

You offer me eternity,

but just the simple not so simple,

act of living out today, demands all I can give.

My little mind asks certainty,

the comfort of particularity.

Of knowing where I am,

and what I'm meant to do.

I seek the refuge of routine, blinker myself in pettiness.

My mind can't span the wonder of your love.

My pigmy courage can't accept the challenge of your presence.

Sometimes I think it's easier to stand outside your empty tomb and weep, than

look into your eyes and see the resurrection.

Lord, let me understand that caution kills the joy of knowing you. That life with you goes far beyond the safe.

That I must make the leap of faith into the dark.

But, making it, my senses come alive.

Emergence, shake off constriction, unfold their wings, and fly.

And, life enriched, I see your face in people I have never seen before.

I hear your voice in ways I couldn't comprehend.

Easter is every day.

By Eddie Askew (dec) *Facing the Storm*

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Services during May, 2014

4 th	9am	Worship Service led by the Worship Team
11 th	9am.	Worship & Holy Communion Service conducted by Rev. Anne Key
18 th	9am	Worship Service conducted by TBA
25 th	9am	Worship Service conducted by TBA

Other activities during May

7 th	7.30pm	Pastoral Care Committee
14 th	1.30pm	UCAF

The Romsey Red Cross Unit holds its meetings in the Romsey Uniting Church meeting room.



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The Mechanics Institute of Victoria (MIV) Regional Forum in Kilmore was a great success. We were able to meet with members from other Institutes and swap stories and pick up new ideas. The MIV now has all our minutes books (1865 – 2008) and will digitise them for us. This will keep the contents safe and have them easily available.

Bookings have been very steady over the first few months of the year. This is very pleasing and will hopefully show the hall and its facilities off to a growing number of people. We would like to thank Colin Bromley and Brad Skinner whose combined efforts over the last six months have seen many maintenance and improvement works carried out.

Work to paint and fit the new doors is progressing well and we hope to be able to show them off in the near future.

We would like to remind everyone that the RMI is now online. The website is in its early stages but we will gradually add to the content to make sure that it represents both the history and the current life of the RMI. The web site can be accessed at;
<http://romseymechanicsinstitute.com/> We would love to have access to photos or other information that might add to the website so please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss what is available. Old photos and documents can be scanned and uploaded to the website. Contact may be made at;
secretaryrmi@gmail.com.

The RMI has combined with the Romsey Community House to plan a "Collectibles & Collection" show at the Institute. We intend to hold this event in early November so please keep an eye out for more details.

The CoM strongly believes that we are here to serve the needs of the communities of Romsey and surrounding districts, so if you have a function coming up please consider the RMI.

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24th - Lancefield & District Farmers' Market - 0407860320

The Woodend Community Farmers' Market welcomes Sharon Kittson as their new market coordinator this month. The Lancefield & District Farmers' Market was recently nominated as an Outstanding Farmers' Market in the Delicious Produce Awards. Go to taste.com.au to vote for our local market.

Check out new raw chocolate producer, Casey Pringle at the markets. Irene Brooks will be at the Lancefield & District Farmers' Market with hot roasted chestnuts. Bike smoothies available at the Woodend Community Farmers' Market.



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"OBEDIENCE - "Although He, Jesus, was a Son, He learnt obedience from what He suffered, and, once made perfect, became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him." Hebrews 5:8.9.

OBEDIENCE has been defined as being subject to the authority of another, whether to God or another human being.

In the Bible it is most often seen as being subject to the will of God and His commands.

Jesus always did the will of God. He said, "...I always do what pleases Him." John 8.29c. Do we?

Jesus' obedience to the will of the Father led Him to the humiliation and suffering of the Cross, the triumph of the Resurrection and the glory of the Ascension where He reigns in Glory with the Father until He comes again.

Jesus' last command to His followers was, "All authority in heaven and earth has been given to Me, therefore, GO and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." And with each of God's commands there is always a promise - "And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20.

As His followers in 2014, how fired up are we in OBEYING His last command?

LORD, enthroned in heavenly splendour, First begotten from the dead, Thou alone our strong Defender.

Heaven and earth with loud hosannas, Worship Thee the Lamb Who died, Alleluia!

RISEN, ASCENDED, GLORIFIED. G. H. Bourne

APRIL IN RETROSPECT... We have much to praise and thank God for - because of all His blessings and answers to prayer over this past month. The very successful dinner for the Christ Church Restoration Appeal, \$5000 raised; The Harvest Thanksgiving response, with Betty and Max Dansey delivering a car load of food to Anglicare for Melbourne's needy; the A.M.S. Men's Breakfast - 29 men attending, to hear Mr. Bill Salathiel recount his experiences as an air traffic controller. We thank everyone who contributed in so many ways in making these functions so pleasurable and successful.

MAY DIARY

7th, Wed, 11am - Tillow Fashion Parade - St. Mary's WOODEND. \$10

8th, Thurs. 8pm- AMS - Anglican Men's Society meets in Christ Church Hall Lancefield. (Tom 5429-6060)

15th. Thurs. 1.30pm - Romsey Guild meets at Mrs. F. Carter's home Monegeetta. (Glenice 5429-6418)

31st. Sat. 9am..ROMSEY GUILD STREET STALL - outside I.G.A. ROMSEY.

Cakes .. Jams ..Preserves .. Bric.A.Brac etc. Raffle.

COMING UP

Winter is on us again! And so TONY's PIES are back on the menu. June 22nd/29th.

Romsey Guild LUNCHEON ..Thurs.19th June 12 noon. Speaker..REV. W. CARROLL \$10.

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Meanest Mother in the World

I had the meanest Mother in the world. While other kids had candy for breakfast, I had to eat cereal, eggs and toast. While other kids had cake and candy for lunch, I had a sandwich. As you can guess, my dinner was different from other kids' dinners, too. My mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times. She had to know who our friends were and what we were doing.

I am ashamed to admit it, but she actually had the nerve to break the child labor law. She made us work. We had to wash dishes, make the beds and learn how to cook. That woman must have stayed awake nights thinking up things for us kids to do. And she insisted we tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

By the time we became teenagers, she was much wiser and our life became more unbearable. None of this tooting the car horn for us to come running; she embarrassed us to no end by insisting that our friends come to the door to get us.

I forgot to mention that most of our friends were allowed to date at the mature age of 12 or 13, but our old fashioned Mother refused to let us date until we were 15. She really raised a bunch of squares. None of us was ever arrested for shoplifting or busted for dope. And who do we have to thank for this? You're right, our mean mother.

I am trying to raise my children to stand a little straighter and taller and I am secretly tickled to pieces when my children call me mean. I thank God for giving me the meanest Mother in the world. The world needs more mean Mothers like mine.

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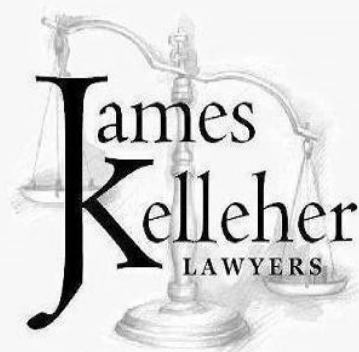
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Gisborne Singers

REVIEW by John Payne

Baroque Masterpieces
Performed at the Church of Christ, New Gisborne
by the GISBORNE SINGERS.

The first part of the program included excerpts from Bach's St John Passion and St Matthew Passion which were followed after a short interval with Vivaldi's Gloria. All these works are challenging to perform, but in the experienced and capable hands of Stephen Brockman an exhilarating and very musical performance was achieved.

When one considers that the Gisborne Singers is a community choir that anyone can join with no audition required, it shows what can be achieved when inspiration and good hardworking direction serve to stimulate all singers and musicians involved, resulting in a top quality performance. The opening 'Hail' entry after the orchestral introduction of the St John Passion lifted the roof of this new hall and the full use of dynamics gave meaning to the text.

The chamber orchestra of 21 professional musicians gave wonderful support with a full bodied rich sound. All soloists both instrumental and vocal were of the highest standard and were able to give real meaning to the score.

This was certainly a performance not to be missed.



DEEP CREEK LANDCARE GROUP
Covering Lancefield - Romsey Districts

There will be a Working Bee at Doggett's Bridge
Sunday 4th May at 10.00am.
The next meeting will be on Monday 12th May at 8.00pm,
In the annex at the Lancefield Mechanics Hall.

Gisborne Singers May 2014

The crit from John Payne indicates that we are continuing a pattern of sustained high standard singing. However, our choir is slightly unbalanced and we are in great need of more baritones and basses. We rehearse at Holy Cross Primary School, New Gisborne on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm. If interested in joining us, just telephone Grainne Black (President) on 0423 769 643 or D'Arcy Wood (VP) on 5428 3040. Alternatively, just come along before rehearsal for a warm welcome. We are now working towards our lighter style cabaret concert on Sat 19th July 2014

Hear what one of our singers said recently on why he enjoyed being a member of the Gisborne Singers. From Robert Blair (Past President).

I've tried a number of choirs in the area and I like our choir the best. Why?

I like the variety of music performed.

I like the challenge of learning a large amount of, at times, difficult work even though I am not a sight reader.

I like the number of performances we do: two formal 'big item' concerts with orchestra or ensemble and professional soloists with a lighter mid-year concert (cabaret style) and a chance for individual expression through solo or small group items.

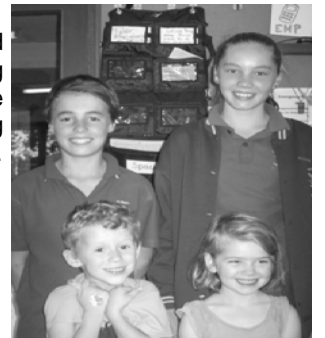
I like performing for old folks; performing at community events such as choir festivals, Australia Day and others.

The choir gives a good feeling of involvement in a worthwhile way. It gives a chance to work with like-minded people and make friends. I love Stephen! (Stephen Brockman – Musical Director)

St Mary's Primary School Lancefield



Kinder Visit
The year 6 Leaders visited the Lancefield Kinder during this week to help promote the school and our upcoming Open Day on the 28th of April.



You Can Do It/Bendigo Bank

The focus for Term 2 will be PERSISTENCE

This means trying hard and not giving up when school work feels like it's too difficult or boring. Positive habits include having an 'I can do it', attitude, giving effort and working tough.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Year 3 students spent Wednesday at a refectory day preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday evening at St Mary's in Lancefield.

St Patrick's Day Mass

Each year the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne celebrates all their Catholic schools at a special St Patrick's Day Mass at the Cathedral. Our senior Leadership Group represented St Mary's and had an opportunity to meet Arch Bishop Dennis Hart.



The students also saw a statue of Australia's first saint St Mary of the Cross, who founded the Sisters of St Joseph, the order of nuns who taught at St Mary's for many years.

Caritas

Caritas is the Catholic Aid Agency, which supports communities in need throughout Australia and the world. Thanks to everyone who donated so generously last Friday on our Bee Day. We raised \$214 which will be sent to Caritas. The Student Representative Council organised a Gold coin donation "Who Do you want to be" day.



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There has been so much happening at the House lately, where to begin? We have a **Reiki Practitioner** who has generously offered her services on a Monday for \$20 a session with all donations going to the RNH to benefit the members of the community. Bookings are essential. Contact the house for an appointment.



Our **"Lunch and Learn"** on the 21st May sees the return of the popular **Naturopath John Coleman** this time discussing **common ailments** and what to do about them. Bring a gold coin and a plate to share if you can and let the house know you'll be there! On the health front RNH maybe hosting a **"Winter Wellness"** expo early in June so stay tuned on that one.



RNH "Morning Teas" are becoming a **must do date** on the Calender!! Local residents are getting together meeting new faces and finding out what's happening in their community. So come for a Cuppa at 10am on the 16th of May!

If your up for some shopping with friends mark the 13th of June in your Diary for the next **Bus trip**, this time to Watergardens, make sure you book as seats are limited. Cost \$20 On Saturday the 10th Of May 10am-2pm, why not give that small piece of old furniture a new lease on life in a trendy shabby chic style

Trendy shabby Chic style and attend a **"Chalk Paint Furniture Workshop"** cost \$90. Contact **Denise** for details and to secure a place on **:0432 699 093**.

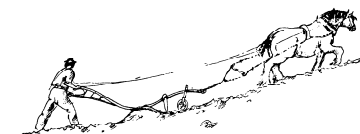
Maybe you have wanted to learn Italian, then contact **Anita on: 0447 249 709 or 54270262**. As an experienced educator who has a passion for all things Italian Anita would love to commence an **Italian language class** at RNH mid may numbers permitting.

Remember all our regular activities are continuing throughout second term. There is a quiet(sometimes noisy) **Revolution** taking place at RNH! Rooms are being renovated and changes are planned to ensure the House continues to welcome all members of the community and that its facilities continue to provide for a range of activities and events.

If you have **skills** you think might benefit RNH in any way come and talk to us about **volunteering**. There are so many ways you could be involved.

Exciting Times Ahead!

Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.



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Romsey occupies a place in the widespread lands of the Wurundjeri group of the Kulin nation. Adventurer squatters from Van Diemen's Land, and the Overlanders with stock and high hopes then found themselves suitable land in the district and stayed. They preceded the gold diggers – gold discoveries at Bendigo in 1851 had brought twenty thousand diggers to the field by June 1852. By the winter of 1853, seventeen thousand had found a way to Mclvor, many through the uncleared bush of Romsey to Lancefield and beyond.

The house of W.J.Smith at 141 Main Street was built, later in the 1850s, as was 'Barton' of Sydney Seymour – one of many who found supply to the goldfields more lucrative than the uncertainties of digging for gold.

In 1858, the Post Office opened in the 'Drovers and Carriers Arms' of Samuel Hunt. Situated on the corner of Lancefield and Ochiltrees Roads, the hotel was named the 'Royal Mail'. It was also the first meeting place of the Lancefield Roads Board formed in 1862 and covering the areas of Lancefield and Romsey.

'Five Mile Creek' had been named in 1860, with the new name 'Romsey' following shortly afterwards.

Want to know some more about your area. Our Archives are located at the old Lancefield Courthouse, open Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Archivist R.Miller 0418 172 659, Secretary S.Kishere 0302 248 540

Our next General Meeting will be at the old Lancefield Courthouse on 27 May at 7.30pm. Tea and coffee and a chance to chat following the meeting.

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When: Wednesday 11th June, 2014

Where: Romsey Uniting Church
Pohlman Street
Romsey 3434

Cost: \$12.50

"Come and enjoy food and fellowship"

Our speaker this year will be
Julie Webber – Children First Foundation
(Julie is an associate of Moira Kelly)

Trading Table and Door Prize.

RSVP. Hazel Allen 5429 5395

Jeni Clampit 5429 5480

Or mail to P.O. Box 264, Romsey. 3434

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27-29 Chauncey St, Lancefield &
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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

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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.

Are you searching for a way to meet your spiritual needs?

Have you ever thought:

What am I searching for in life?

Am I satisfied with my life?

Where am I going in my life?

What is the purpose of my life?

If you've asked any of these questions, then this invitation is for you.

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Who have been baptised in another Christian tradition and are now interested in the Catholic Faith, or

Who were baptised in the Catholic tradition but have never received any other sacraments, or

Are confirmed Catholics who would like to learn about their faith.

If this is for you or anyone you know, please contact Joanne Reuther at

St. Mary's Presbytery on 54292130 or email jreuther@smlancefield.catholic.edu.au

All enquiries will be treated in confidence and your details will not be given to any other person or organisation.

**Conference promotes smart business practices**

Macedon Ranges businesses can learn smarter business practices from skilled professionals at a two day conference in Kyneton next month, hosted by Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Small Business Victoria and Tourism Macedon Ranges.

The Smart Business conference will be held from 20–21 May at the Kyneton Town Hall. It offers a range of workshops to local business owners and their staff, covering marketing, social media, finance and other business practices. Sessions will be run by Small Business Victoria presenters.

Hands-on training sessions will allow businesses to learn new skills and embrace new tools. Popular presenter, Tim Gentle from Design Experts in Bendigo will deliver the marketing and online workshops, including two training sessions on the use of social media tools and mobile devices. There are also sessions aimed specifically at start-up businesses.

The sessions are run by qualified business professionals who are trained to provide insightful and interactive sessions. Conference-goers will also be able to access a free mentoring session on site from the Small Business Victoria Mobile Business Centre during the conference.

Places at individual sessions can be purchased for \$30. Discount packages are available to attend either a full day (\$65-\$75) or two days (\$130). Both options include free access to the networking night at the end of day one.

To view the conference program, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-conference. To book a place or find out more, call 5421 9616 or email ecodevad-min@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

The Gisborne Vintage Machinery Society

The Society's annual rally, featuring vintage tractor pull, stationary engines and steam exhibits, plus vintage and classic cars, trucks and tractors is on Sunday May 18th at the Gisborne Steam Park, Webb Crescent New Gisborne from 9.30 am to 3.00 pm.

Adults \$10 concession \$8, kids admitted free.

Details from Noel 54296316

**Romsey Kindergarten Newsletter April/May 2014****Open Day and Fete 18th of May****Crazy Hat Day Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th of May****Family Portraits 31st May**

Welcome to Term 2. We hope you all had a relaxing and safe holiday. We are all looking forward to a busy and productive Term. The children too seem eager to begin the term and were excited to see their friends again after the break.

Easter

During the last week of Term 1 the children had a lot of fun making Easter baskets, Easter biscuits and enjoying an Easter egg hunt.

**Fundraising**

Book Club will be distributed at Kinder during the first week of Term. Orders need to be returned by the 9th of May. Recently Beth went up to the Mount Macedon Primary School Fete to sell our great cookbooks. Thanks for the great effort Beth. We also had a stall with raffle and colouring in competition at the RRBATA Light Up The Sky Festival. It was a great night. Thank you to Beth, Fiona and Jacqui who manned the stall all night as well as setting up and packing up. Great job! Both these stalls raised a combined total of \$230 for the Kinder.

Our Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser was a great success. We sold 128 packets Kinder received \$1.50 from each packet sold so it was a nice earner and a very delicious fundraiser for us. Thanks to Beth for going and getting the buns from the bakery and organizing the Riddells Creek Bakery to do the fundraiser for us. Thanks to Belinda who helped Beth pack them all.

Family Portrait

Our Family Portraits Fundraiser is on the Saturday 31st of May. For \$15 you get a family portrait a key ring and a wallet sized photo with other packages available. The \$15 goes directly to the Kinder so it's a great fundraiser for the kinder. Bookings are essential and can be done via email to Beth on tigress_84@hotmail.com or by phone to 0413726768. All details will be sent out via a flyer to

Uniforms

As its coming into our colder months our soft and warm Kinder jumpers are available to purchase. Order forms are on the table in the Kinder foyer and can be placed together with payment in the correspondence box. We also have drink bottles and Kiddy Cutter Knives and Peelers available for purchase. Kinder t-shirts, jumpers and hats are available for purchase at any time.

all communication boxes and pockets. This is a great family keepsake. There must be two generations in the family portrait to be able to get the \$15 deal. Please suggest to your friends as well.

Crazy Hat Day

In support of Jelly Baby Month for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Australia we are holding a Crazy Hat Day at Kinder on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th of May. We would like everyone to

come to Kinder those days wearing a "Crazy Hat" and make a gold coin donation to a very worthwhile cause. Get ready for some crazy fun day.

Working Bee

Thankyou to Jo and Michael who did a great job at the Kinder Working Bee. There will be another Working Bee later on in the year hope to see you there.

Premiers' Reading Challenge

This year the kinder aged children are able to be included in the Premiers' Reading Challenge. It is a valuable and rewarding thing to read to your children. Books help children to develop language skills and concentration skills. We have until the 5th of September to read as many different books. The aim is to read 40 different books to them by this

Open Day and Fete

We will be holding our annual Kinder Open Day and Fete on Sunday May 18th this year. There is going to be a jumping castle, raffle, sausage sizzle, bake sale and many stall to get some great bargains at. Come have some fun with us on this fun filled day.

Bake Stalls

We will be holding a bake stall at the Open Day on Sunday the 18th of May. We are calling out to see if any parents could make some yummy treats to sell on this day. If you are able to help out could you please put the ingredients on the items of food you bake. Could the baked donations be dropped off to the Kinder on the morning of the Open Day. They need to be there between 8am and 10am to start selling. If you need to drop off prior that please call Belinda on 0427 825099. Last year's parents did a great job in baking up a storm, so here is to our 2014 bake stall.

time. Registration are due back the 2nd of May, could you please also add your child's date of birth to the registration form. Happy reading.

Playdough Recipe

Playdough (large quantity for about 4 children)

4 cups flour

2 cups salt

8 tablespoons cooking oil

4 tablespoons cream of tartar

4 cups of boiling water with food colouring added Powder paint (non-toxic) may be used for colouring Knead gently. Store in plastic bag or ice-cream container.

It must be kept airtight when not in use and it will last up to about 3 months this way.

Western Water

Just before the end of Term 1 Western Water visited the Centre to talk to the children about water and the importance of water conservation. The presenter explained where water comes from and what we use water for. She ended the session with a story called 'Sammy and Francis Save Water'. A copy of this story was left at the centre for staff to read and discuss with the children. All children received a showbag which contained a plastic raindrop, a shower timer, a plastic glass and an information sheet for their parents.

CFA Visit

During March our children enjoyed a visit from the CFA. The children learnt about the CFA's important role in our community. They laughed as a Fire Officer showed them how to – "STOP, DROP & ROLL", and how to "GET DOWN LOW & GO, GO, GO". The children then practiced these actions with great enthusiasm! They watched intently as a CFA Officer explained a breathing apparatus and placed it over his face.

The highlight for the children was seeing the huge (to them) Fire Truck. They all took turns sitting in the driver's seat and squirting water from a large fire hose.

While the children had lots of fun, they were also learning very important information that could save their lives.

\$100 Heroes and \$50 Friends Sponsorship

We are launching a Community fundraising initiative called "\$100 Heroes and \$50 Friends Sponsorship". This program invites businesses to become a Sponsor by donating either \$100 or \$50 respectively. **\$100 Heroes** - Participating businesses have their business displayed in the foyer of the Romsey Kindergarten and have the opportunity to place marketing material in our Newsletter.

\$50 Friends – Participating businesses have their business displayed in the foyer of the Romsey Kindergarten.

Either of these opportunities are a great chance for local businesses, both large and small, to reach a specific or new target audience within the community.

Please help us build a stronger and better Romsey Kindergarten, your support is greatly appreciated.

If you would like to participate please contact

Michelle Nulty on 0438 040 979 or

michelle.nulty@yahoo.com.au.

This is a tax deductible contribution. A tax invoice will be supplied upon donation.

Thank you for your continued support.

Incursions

Please fill in the "Incursion" Remittance Advice and drop your levy payment in the Payment Box in the Kindergarten foyer by 30th May.

Enrolments

There are still vacancies for 4 year old Kinder for this year (2014). If you know anyone who would like to enrol their child at Romsey Kinder this year please let them know. Enrolments forms are available in the Kinder Foyer or contact Carmen Wattis at Council on 5422 0239.

Enrolments are now open for 2015 need to be in by 30th June

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BINGO**Every Thursday evening**

St. Mary's Church Hall at Romsey

Doors Open 7.00 p.m.

EYES DOWN 7.30 p.m.

\$3.00 per 15 game book

No entry fee

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