

Romsey Golf Club Women's Report

Now that the weather has really improved and the sun is shining it is time to join us for some fun golf. Just come along at 9am to the clubrooms and we will help you get started.

It has been another busy month for the women. Have golf clubs will travel. We started off on the 16th with Lorraine, Wendy and I tackling the hill at Woodend. I can assure you it is not getting any smaller. It was a warm day with umbrellas up for sun protection. I was runner-up in B grade with 33 pts. Then the next day after a 5.30am departure from Romsey Leila and I played in the state final of the Doris Chambers foursomes at Eastwood. We were beaten by the greens and didn't combine well. Wendy came to caddie and also found the course interesting. After Woodend the hills were only undulating.

On Tuesday 21st Lorraine played Trentham tournament where she narrowly missed out on a playoff for C Grade scratch with her 107-33-74.

Wednesday 22nd : At home we played 12 holes of Texas Am-brose on the old course layout. It is a fun game and enjoyed by all. Neryl-Lea and Leila won with 30pts. Then it was off to Soltan Pepper for lunch. Meanwhile Wendy and I were at Trentham playing in their 4BBB where we ended up being runners-up with 43pts.

Thursday 23rd Lorraine Kath and I played the Seymour bowl. There was plenty of run on the fairways as the mayor pump was out of order so they hadn't been able to water the fairways. Scores were good with my 37pts proving ordinary. Wednesday 29th in perfect weather it was Monthly Medal day. The fairways are also in perfect conditions which made for a good attendance of women. Lorraine was the winner 106-33-73 with Leila second 105-30-75. Lorraine also won the putting with 30 putts.

Thursday 30th Wendy and I travelled to Marysville for their tournament. They put on the good weather and I came home with my original ball and despite Wendy losing some balls to the river she didn't break the record of lost balls at Marysville by another of our women. We stopped at the trout farm at Buxton on the way home and purchased some fish. Good day.

Wednesday 5th November: On a cool breezy morning Burke & Wills was on the syllabus. Interesting but devilish tee placements made for quite a few explorations into the rough and the trees certainly came into play. I handled the course conditions best

winning the day with some delightful (from somewhere) over the tree shots.

Friday 7th Lorraine and I (Denise had a flat and the RACV takes longer in the city) played in the Melton Valley bowl. The day was very hot and greens difficult to read and judge the speed. Many seemed to be up turned saucers, so often the ball ran off the back.

Monday 10th November: Wendy played in the State final of the Silver Spoon at Sanctuary Lakes. I had the pleasure of caddying and what a long walk it was. The links course was designed to accommodate as many houses as possible on the edge of the course. One player's pedometer stopped after 10k still with several holes to go. Wendy enjoyed the challenge and managed to get out of the bunkers mostly first go but found the greens were very big and fast.

November 12th was a day for Stableford and the course is starting to dry out so summer run is here to help us if we are straight. Leila (31) took advantage of this and played a great round straight down the middle and won with 36pts. Sharif also joined one of our groups entertaining us with his nonstop chatter.

Thursday 13th Lorraine, Wendy and I played in the Kyneton bowl. The day was hot, the course in good condition and Wendy and Lorraine both won a ball in the ball comp, with their 31 & 34pts.

Friday 14th Kath and Denise played in the Goonawarra tournament. Kath won two raffle prizes so enjoyed her day and saw one woman take 12 shots to get out of a bunker.

Sunday 16th Elaine and Peter combined with a Trentham pair to play in the Trentham Plate. At the Rag deadline there was no report.

Recipe for this month

Peppermint spiders

250 gm chocolate roughly broken up.
1 packet Changs dried noodles.
Few drops peppermint essence.

Melt chocolate in a bowl over hot water.
Add peppermint essence and noodles stir until combined.
Place heaped teaspoons of mixture on a tray covered with baking paper and refrigerate till set.

Beryl Cole 54295411
Merry Christmas to all readers.

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Staying safe in the heat

More than 170 deaths are attributed to the heatwave in January of this year. The Department of Health will once again issue Heat Health Alerts on days that pose a high risk to health. They have identified temperature thresholds for Victoria, above which heat-related illness and mortality increases substantially. Follow these simple steps to staying safe during heatwaves:

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- drink plenty of water
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For more information, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/heatwaves



MACEDON RANGES FARMERS' MARKETS IN DEC

note: date changes from usual market arrangements

Woodend Community Farmers' Market - Sat 6th Dec - 0487444090
Riddells Creek Twilight Farmers' Market - Fri 12th Dec - 0419523324
Kyneton Farmers' Market - Sat 13th Dec - 54221025
Lancefield & District Farmers' Market - Sat 20th Dec – 0407860320
Free face-paint for the kids, please bring your own bags baskets & trolleys.
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Romsey Golf Club – Men's Report

<http://romseygolfclub.net>

Saturday November 15th - Semi Finals- John Laing Shield & Stableford

Congratulations to RGC captain Tony Freeman who won the B Grade 18 hole nett and to Dave Muller who won the B Grade 27 hole nett at last Sunday's Mount Macedon G. C. Open Tournament. At the end of another sunny, dry week the fairways had hardened considerably and players were getting excellent value for well struck drives. The greens continued to hold so players could shoot straight at the flag. As the round progressed the wind moved from the south to the south-west and back to the south. These winds gusted every now and then causing much angst among the unlucky golfers who had balls in the air at that time. They also brought the internal Out Of Bounds on the 18th into play causing all players to think carefully before they teed off on this final hole. On an overcast, breezy and warm afternoon the results were

Winner; Mal Mottram (13) 37 pts c/b from Michael McCarton (29)

NTPs; 15th - Keith Hocking & 16th Mal Mottram

John Laing Shield results were;

Les Gaunt (0) **D** Bob McLennan (3) - 4/3

Pat Chisholm (0) **L** Dave Muller (2) - 20th

Next week's John Laing Shield Final will be;

Les Gaunt (0) **Vs** Dave Muller (6)

Saturday November 8th - Quarter Finals - John Laing Shield & Stroke

The sky was clear, the course in top condition and there was a steady northerly breeze blowing as players took to the field for the quarter finals of the John Laing shield and stroke. The quarter finalists got away just after 11.45 am with the stroke field teeing off from 12.00 pm. During the round the wind strengthened and swung around to the north-east before settling back from the north. The recent warmer weather also saw the fairways drying out, giving players far more run than in recent weeks. This proved to be a positive on the longer holes and a negative on some of the shorter ones. Players who were able to keep their ball below the tree line prospered, whilst those who crept a little higher often saw their ball heading south at an alarming rate. The John Laing Shield quarter-finals saw two very close matches however one followed the wind and blew out just a little. The tougher conditions saw only two of the stroke field able to better their handicaps. On another enjoyable, yet challenging day the results were;

Stroke winner; Dave Muller - 84/14/69 from Adrian Poulton - 95/25/70

NTPs went to; 15th - Steve Poulton, 16th - Adrian Poulton

John Laing Shield results were;

Bob McLennan (0) **D** Michael McCarten (20) - **2/1**

Les Gaunt (0) **D** Anthony Lakey (15) - **2/1**

Dave Muller (0) **D** Mick Nicholls (10) - **6/4** (Played earlier in the week)

Pat Chisholm (0) **D** Tony Freeman (10) - **4/3**

The semi-finals of the John Laing Shield will be;

Les Gaunt (0) **Vs** Bob McLennan (3)

Pat Chisholm (0) **Vs** Dave Muller (2)

Saturday November 1st - Qualifying Round - John Laing Shield - Stableford

A warm week again produced good growth across the course however 6mm - 10mm of rain on Saturday morning saw the fairways soften and players facing longer than expected approach shots. The field teed off with drizzle falling and a gusting westerly wind, as the afternoon wore on the drizzled changed to steady rain and then back to drizzle. The wind continued to gust causing many shots to veer wildly. As the groups turned for home the sun came out and the wind died down, the lull lasted for about six holes before the rain began to fall again and the wind had umbrellas and golfers in all sorts of trouble. The final groups had to play their last four or five holes under very challenging conditions. Players did well to get close to their handicaps to have a

chance to move on to the quarter finals of the John Laing Shield. On a very difficult day the results were;

Winner; Michael McCarten (33) - 37 pts from Les Gaunt (7) - 34 pts and Dave Muller (16) - 34 pts

NTPs; 1st - Mal Mottram, 15th - Brad Klaasen & 16th - Les Gaunt

The handicap matchplay quarter Finals of the John Laing Shield will be;

Michael McCarten **Vs** Bob McLennan

Les Gaunt **Vs** Anthony Lakey

Dave Muller **Vs** Mick Nicholls

Pat Chisholm **Vs** Tony Freeman

Saturday October 25th – Monthly Medal – Stroke & Putts

Players took to the field under overcast skies, there was a gentle northerly breeze and the afternoon remained warm and mild. The week's sunny, drier weather saw the fairways hardening and players getting excellent value for their drives. As with last week a number found themselves "through the corner" whilst others, learning from experience, chose their clubs a little more carefully and put themselves in good position for their approach shots. The greens remained receptive and generally putted quite true. As the round wore on it became a battle of three players; each was in with a chance right up to the final few holes. The day's results were;

Winner and October Medalist; Dave Muller – 84/16/68 from John Freestone - 90/20/70 & Les Gaunt – 79/7/72.

NTPs; 1st - Bob McLennan, 15th – Dave Muller & 16th – Rob Rea.

Least Putts; Dave Muller - 27

Saturday October 18th - Stableford

The round began with a strong northerly wind, reasonably clear skies and the sun trying gallantly to shine through and warm the afternoon a little. Early on the wind proved very challenging however, as the round progressed it died down and the sun did shine through. The warmer air and the slightly dried fairways certainly saw balls travelling around 30m further than in recent times; a number of players found themselves in uncommon locations and facing quite difficult shots to get to the green. Steady work by a number of members had the course in excellent condition and even if the golf was not so brilliant, it was a top place to spend a Saturday afternoon. Nevertheless, on a beautiful day, the scores were a little disappointing. The day's results were

Winner; Dave Muller (16) - 33 pts

NTPs; 1st - Les Gaunt, 15th - Bob McLennan

Work to connect re-cycled water to the course is proceeding at a good pace. Our 110,000 litre storage tank and security fence is in place and we have many rolls of pipe and boxes of joiners, gate valves and sprinklers ready to go into the ground. Members hope to begin trenching the fairways pipe and sprinklers during the week beginning Mon Nov 17th.

Our MyGolf Junior Clinics have been very successful, we have had an average of 25 children at each clinic and many are showing good progress. As the clinics conclude we hope a number of these juniors will play in the Friday night nine-hope competition to further practise and improve their golfing skills.

RGC, in conjunction with “Puddles Team” will be holding the 7th RFL Cancer Fundraiser on Sun Feb 8th. Please keep an eye out for the flyer and register a team in this very worthwhile event.

Why Not Become A Rag Team Member?

We always welcome new volunteers to our Romsey Rag production team. If you are interested in becoming involved come along to Romsey Primary School at 9.00am on any collating Thursday (dates advertised on page 1 of the Rag each month).

Running Club

Wow, a month of charity involvement! Nine club members took part in the 200km Ride to Conquer Cancer over two days, raising money for the Peter Mac. Leanne Townsing and Corrina Dean raised over \$1000 for Reclink with a BBQ, a breakfast and completed the Run for Reclink. A very successful event. Lush Holmes raised money for mental health, an area she intends to specialise in as a nurse and ran the Sydney City to Surf as part of her fundraising commitment. Grant Tappin, Glen Mangan, Mark Graham, Gary Plummer, Tim Rath and myself grew 'soup strainers' as part of Movember to raise awareness and funds for men's health. A great effort when you consider every fun run is a fund raiser for charities. Running gives people connectivity to their communities and promotes healthier living, both mentally and physically. Congratulations to our Start Runners who completed 10km non-stop on November 30. Thirteen weeks of training paid off with special runs involved such as the Macedon to Gisborne run completed as a combined effort by these two branches. A first for our Lancefield-Romsey branch. A cocktail night was held to celebrate this fantastic achievement. Want to get involved? Our next Start Running program will commence the first week of February. Please visit our website www.macedonrangesrunningclub.com.



A cuppa for your thoughts

It's 'T' time for Kyneton District Health, which is rolling out an innovative Tea for Ten community engagement project across the Shire. KDH is keen to know what the local community thinks, knows about and wants from its health services. At morning teas hosted at tables in townships across the Macedon Ranges, KDH is inviting groups of ten people to think, talk and tell their thoughts on three key questions about KDH. Over a cuppa trained hosts facilitate a frank and open conversation based on the questions. A scribe takes anonymous notes so that KDH can gather community perceptions. The format is adapted from grassroots engagement used in local contexts like Cathy McGowan's successful Indi campaign at the last Federal election. It's a way for the community to express its ideas and opinions that help shape KDH planning and communications. Strategic Projects Manager, Veronica Strachan explained how valuable it is for KDH to have direct engagement with locals. "Whatever we hear, we will feed it back to our community so we are all clearer on what people think, know and want. We see this open communication as an important part of KDH building better relationships," said Mrs Strachan. KDH has just successfully piloted conversations in Woodend and Kyneton. It's now seeking others to get involved and host a kitchen tea in towns across the Macedon Ranges Shire. The two pilot groups have shown that the information gathering is incredibly valuable. Amongst the diverse range of community experiences and ideas there were, as expected, misconceptions about the services KDH does or does not provide. Things like snake bites, stitches and elective caesareans were all wrongly assumed as off the KDH radar. "The discussions so far have highlighted what matters to local people, and given KDH ideas about how we can better explain to the community how we help people of the Macedon Ranges to get well and be well," said Mrs Strachan.

If you're interested in hosting a kitchen table conversation in your town, please email your details to vstrachan@kynetonhealth.org.au



DEEP CREEK LANDCARE GROUP
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Deep Creel Landcare had a successful marquee at the Lancefield Show giving away approximately 300 trees and many information brochures. The trees and seeds had been donated by Tree Project who we thank. 50 trees have also been donated to Romsey Primary School to replace trees that had been destroyed by frost. 150 tree guards were donated to St Mary's Primary School. On Monday 10th November the Annual General Meeting was held and all office bearers were re-elected.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.
Anyone wishing to contact the group can do so through the Secretary Ken 0404 886 580
Email : kenallender@bigpond.com
Website : www.deepcreeklandcare.org.au



Remembrance Day

Romsey Primary School is proud to have two plaques along the RSL Rotary Avenue of Honour. They were opened on Remembrance Day by Greg Powell from the Rotary Club of Romsey Lancefield. It was pleasing to have a large group of families along with senior students to mark this special occasion. One plaque commemorates the Bombing of Darwin and the other Flanders. We also attended the opening of the other schools' plaques before we proceeded to Lancefield for the Remembrance Day service. This was well attended by local council members, politicians, the three primary schools, police and community members.



The RSL has again held their annual essay competition with this year's topic being How World War One Started. The RSL President Reinhard Goschinian attended Monday morning assembly to address the students and present essay winners' awards. Congratulations to the winner Ravenna Kerala Kumaran, Grace Ryan who came second and Claire Smales third.

Year Four Camp

Lady Northcote Camp near Bacchus Marsh has been a long-time favourite destination for the year 4 camp. It offers a wide variety of activities including the giant swing, orienteering, archery and canoeing. Though some activities were challenging, through encouragement and praise students achieved success and gained satisfaction and enjoyment.



Enquiring Minds

Our Preps learned lots of interesting facts about weather, day and night and water when they participated in their recent science incursion. With lots of hands-on activities, they explored the rotation of the earth, how water evaporates and creates a water cycle, why we have seasons and day and night and lots of other facts about our planet. Their responses in the discussion led by the presenter were articulate and very well informed, showing

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how much they were learning.

Annual Art Show

Each year the school gymnasium is transformed into an art gallery. This year the theme was sustainability with all art pieces using some recycled materials. The highlight was the sculptures the year 6's created from kitchen utensils. Another popular exhibit was the prep portraits of Mum and Dad. The framed pictures were popular purchases for parents. We were pleased to have local artist Debbie Daks and colleague Robyn Wilson to judge each classes work. Thank you to .IGL for donating the Derwent pencil sets to the winning artists. Selected art pieces were entered into the Kyneton Show with many students being recognised with ribbons for their creative talents.



High Tea Celebration for Leesa

Many Romsey ladies and special guests enjoyed an afternoon of delicious treats, fun raffles and games along with some surprise entertainment from Mr Tony Farrell. This was all to show support for the Zyte family and the Breast Cancer Institute of Australia. We were overwhelmed by the generous spirit of those who attended and are pleased to announce that the monies raised totalled \$3228.30 75% will be passed onto the Zyte family and 25% to the Breast Cancer Institute of Australia. The Romsey Primary School Wellbeing team would like to extend their heartfelt thanks and gratitude to everyone who contributed to this successful event.

Soirée

It was standing room only at our Soiree held in November, showcasing the talents of the students who participate in our extra curricula instrumental music program. The audience of parents, friends and staff were very impressed with the standard these students have achieved in guitar, piano and violin. We are particularly grateful to our private tutors Peter Hagen, Aaron Moar and Rita Vandervalk who come to the school each week to take lessons.



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Turning purple to fight cancer

Town businesses are being urged to turn their premises purple during the first week of February to promote the 13th Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life. 'Paint the Town Purple' will also provide cancer education and information about support services.

Encouraged by the success of the first colourful marketing event in Lancefield and Romsey early this year, organisers are inviting businesses in other towns to join the cause. Decorate a shopfront, get staff to wear purple, or find your own unique way of spreading a message of hope and raising awareness. Paint the Town Purple will be launched at the Lancefield Market on Saturday January 24. Packs will be given to all businesses who wish to take part in the promotion from February 2 to 8. For more information email Colleen Downie, colleen.downie1234@gmail.com, or ring 5429 2411. The 2015 Relay will be held at Lancefield Park on the weekend of February 28 to March 1. Team and individual registrations can be entered online at www.relayforlife.org.au or call 1300 65 65 85.

A Reminder to Romsey Rag Readers:

There is no edition of the Romsey Rag in January as our volunteers like to enjoy a well-earned rest. The Rag will be back in February so please make sure you have your copy to us by January 15th. If you represent a sporting, social, community or other organisation please think about using the Rag to publicise your activities and events. This is a free service from the Romsey Rag for not-for-profit organisations.

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Grandparents' Day

We had some very special performances in October from the Acacia and Wattle classes for their Grandparents on Grandparents' Day.



Chicken Hatching

Kinder had some very cute and fluffy visitors for 2 weeks in October from Henny Penny Chicken Hatching. The children had a great time watching the chickens hatch from their eggs. We were able to provide this exciting experience for the children thanks to the wonderful fundraising efforts from our families this year.

Romsey Playgroup Open Day

Kinder was invited to come along and have a display at the Playgroup Open Day in October. It was a lovely day with lots of the beautiful art from our children on display and had the opportunity to meet some of the new families coming to Kinder next year. Thank you to Playgroup for inviting us!

Contacts

Wattle/Jacaranda Room –
Kym, Kim and Catherine
(03) 5429 5294
Acacia Room –
Liz and Kay and Kim (03) 5429 6076

Coming up:

Christmas Concerts – Acacia 9th and 10th December, Wattle 11th December

Children's Christmas Parties – Acacia 16th and 18th December, Wattle 16th December, Jacaranda 17th December

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Second Hand Uniforms

We will be starting a Second Hand Uniform box if anyone has any Kinder T-shirts or Windcheaters they no longer need and would like to donate back to Kinder. There will be a uniform donation box in the Kinder Foyer, they can also be passed on to the teachers or any Committee member. All second hand items will be available for sale for \$1. Please see Jo Moore for any enquiries.

Premiers' Reading Challenge

Congratulations to everyone who completed the Challenge to read 40 books in the Challenge timeframe. Certificates of Achievement were recently handed out for those who registered through Kinder.



Well done!



Tips for being fire ready

With the fire season just around the corner, Macedon Ranges Shire Council is urging residents to ensure they, their families and their properties are fire ready. Council has begun its roadside slashing program and has also commenced slashing Council property.



1. Prepare your property

A well-prepared property reduces the risk of fire to residents and their neighbours. Council Fire Management Officers are currently undertaking annual property inspections to ensure they do not present a fire risk over the summer. Residents who receive a fire prevention notice are urged not to ignore it. If the notice is not complied with, Council will be forced to complete the work required and you will be charged the associated costs, in addition to a \$1,444 fine. For tips on preparing your property, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/fireready and cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare. Residents with concerns about a neighbouring property can call Council's Customer Service staff on 5422 0333, who will advise when a Fire Management Officer will be in their area.

2. Develop a fire plan

Everyone in the shire should have a fire plan, and for those living in high risk areas, leaving early is the safest option. In your plan, identify where you will go on high fire risk days e.g. to family or friends, in Melbourne or elsewhere. Nominate a safe place to go should you decide to leave when an emergency warning is issued.

Neighbourhood Safer Places—Places of Last Resort should not be your 'go-to' place when you decide to enact your fire plan. These places are a 'last resort' option when all your plans have failed and the fire is about to impact your home. They are not staffed, may not have electricity or other services, and there is no guarantee that the CFA or other agencies will be able to defend the building if it is threatened by fire.

For tools and tips on developing a bushfire survival plan, visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au. For local advice on preparing for fire and other hazards, like the Macedon Ranges Emergency Alerts Facebook page.

3. Understand the CFA Emergency Alerts

When there is a fire, three types of alerts are issued by the CFA via a variety of sources including the FireReady App, the Vic Emergency website, ABC radio, and CFA social media channels. Each type of alert will have extra information specific to the emergency. When you receive an alert, make sure you read the message in full.



There is fire activity in the area and you should keep informed on its status through a range of sources including radio, smart phone, computer and local networks. You can also call the Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667



Conditions are changing, you could be impacted in the next two hours and you should enact your fire plan. If your plan is to leave, then now is the time to leave. Go to the place you have identified in your plan e.g. family, friends, Melbourne



You are about to be impacted by a fire and it is too late to leave. The safest option is to shelter in place. This means stay where you are indoors.

It must be Christmas! Shirley's Home Made Irish Cream Home Made Irish Cream recipe

2 eggs
1 can condensed milk
600ml bottle of cream
200ml whisky
3 tsp vanilla essence
3 tsp coconut essence
3-4 dessertspoons chocolate essence.

Combine all ingredients. Will make approx. 700ml plus a small bottle. If using an empty whisky bottle do not wash it before putting Irish Cream in. Keep refrigerated.

Cheers!



Romsey Rag Advertising and Trade Directory

If you advertise in the Romsey Rag Trade Directory please make sure that you have paid for your 2015 advertising by the first edition in February 2015. Any unpaid or non-renewed ads will be removed from the Trade Directory after that date. If you have an updated business card please send it along with your payment or email it in jpeg format to the Romsey Rag email address: romseyrag@romseyps.vic.edu.au. New advertisers are always welcome.

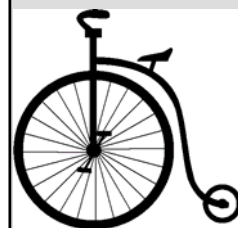
Front page bookings are also now available for 2015.

For any enquiries regarding advertising please call 5429 5099.

Romsey Collectables and Antique Fair

21st & 22nd March 2015

Saturday 9.30am till 4.30pm and Sunday 10am till 3.30pm



At Romsey Mechanics' Institute
122 Main Street Romsey

For further information please ring:

Gail on 0416 028 219

Or

Romsey Neighbourhood House
5429 6724

Stallholders - some sites are still available.



Co-sponsored by Bendigo Bank

This is a partnership event run by Romsey Mechanics Institute and Romsey Neighbourhood House



Coffee Shop Conversations

If I told you, you were awesome, would you look around and see if there was anyone else around, they can't be talking to me! Or would you just say thank you. What was your immediate reaction, what was your inner voice saying?

Sometimes we can forget how awesome and unique we really are. It comes round to this time of year with Christmas just around the corner and we bust our guts to do the right thing and please everybody. For some reason we put pressure on ourselves and sometimes on everybody else.

Christmas is all about family and new year is all about friends. Christmas in religious terms is a celebration of the birth of the son of God. It is a joyous time for many Christians as they give thanks to God for his infinite love and mercy.

That's right, a celebration. I love this word celebration.

We need to remember that Christmas is a time to celebrate and to celebrate with family, no matter what is happening right now for you. Be grateful for what you have and realise what you have achieved and celebrate. Through all the ups and downs, without the people who have been in your life this past year, and the challenges you have had, you would not be who you are now. Journal your achievements, share them with your family whoever they may be and celebrate your uniqueness, and be grateful.

If we have made mistakes, we have learnt from them. If you have had challenges you have survived.

I want you to realise how awesome you really are and celebrate all that you have achieved this past year and be ready for the New Year and new beginnings.

Become aware of what did work and do more of it. Discard that which did not work.

Be aware you have the choice and Be Empowered to Live the Life you Deserve! Because you can.

A New Year always seems to be exciting—new beginnings, challenges, and new New Years resolutions.

Set some goals to keep you focused, allow yourself to dream, and then do whatever it takes to get to what you want.

I am excited. Actually I am really excited as I will be launching my business website around the middle of December with new programs and offerings to help others achieve what they want.

Also keep your eyes open as March 8th is a special celebration for women when they celebrate International Women's Day all over the world. I want to celebrate it in Romsey. Information on activities will be advertised locally and on Facebook.

*Till next time signing off for now.
Have a really happy and safe festive season
Gillian from Life Circle Solutions
For more information phone 0409801082.*



Special annual discounted membership for 2015!
\$150 annual membership for the entire family!
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Special sessions for kids under 18 months of age!

Party at our place

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Contact us

romseyplaygroup@gmail.com



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Ben Gidley

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Support business in the Macedon Ranges

Christmas shopping is easy when done locally.

Shop at the best markets in the state, purchasing gifts and plants, or fresh food for the table.

1st Saturday of each month Woodend Farmers' Market on Facebook

1st Sunday of each month - Gisborne Olde Time Market on Facebook and Gisborne Oaks Market

2nd Saturday of each month - Kyneton Farmers' Market on Facebook

2nd Sunday of each month - Malmsbury Market

3rd Saturday of each month - Riddells Creek Community Farmers' Market on Facebook (sorry, not December)

3rd Sunday of each month - Woodend Market (September - May)

4th Saturday of each month - Lancefield Farmers' Market on Facebook Note: 3rd Saturday of the month in December.

Free stuff to do over the holidays. www.visitmacedonranges.com.au

Grab the new cycling brochure from the Visitor Information Centre in Woodend or Kyneton.

Picnic in the parks and take the kids to the Adventure Playground in Woodend or Gisborne.

Visit the art galleries that are in all our towns.

Take in the wonderful views from the Cross at Mt. Macedon or from the Camel's Hump nearby.

Fun for a few dollars. www.mrsc.vic.gov.au

Fancy a game of **golf**; never played? Head to these picturesque places in most towns and learn the game.

Tennis anyone - there are courts everywhere!

Warm weather so need to cool down? Visit a **local swimming pool** in your town.

Kyneton Museum has the most fascinating collection of local memorabilia for you to enjoy. "Domestic Ties" showing now, so bring a camera and meet your new family in "Family Photo Board". See the best preserved early buildings and heaps of outdoor equipment. OPEN Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays.

Hanging Rock - maybe a climb, but don't get lost! Lunch at the café could be a very safe option.

Eat out locally. Please!

January can be a real drought for local eateries, so show your support and keep the cafes and restaurants busy by having a wonderful dining experience locally.

For information on all these events and more: www.visitmacedonranges.com.au



FUTURE FARMS ARABIANS

Open Day

"Celebration of the Arabian Horse"

Saturday 6th December 2014

Presentation of Show, Sale and Breeding Horses
Childrens Entertainment, Live Music
& Light Refreshments!

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Farm opens at 12:30pm
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Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA) UPDATE

Christmas Greetings from RRBATA

As another year draws to a close, RRBATA Committee of Management extends a message of happiness and prosperity for Christmas and the year ahead in 2015 to the Romsey region community. We look forward to another year in which we can promote and advocate for local business and tourism whilst encouraging community engagement.



RRBATA Annual General Meeting

The RRBATA Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 29th October 2014 at Soltan Pepper Restaurant, Romsey. Leanne Davey (Economic Development and Tourism Unit, Macedon Ranges Shire Council) and Tim McCarthy (CPA, Chair Lancefield and Romsey Financial Services) were special guests. The elected committee of management for 2014/2015 is as follows:

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|---------------------|---|-------------------|
| • President | - | Jenny Stillman |
| • Vice President | - | Ged McLaughlin |
| • Secretary | - | unfilled |
| • Treasurer | - | Wendie McLaughlin |
| • General Committee | - | Benny Dyer |
| | - | Sharyn Ede |
| | - | Greg Powell |

An excerpt from the President's Report outlining the review is presented below.

President's Report 2014 (excerpt)

This year's report has an underlying theme of development of partnerships. I believe it is of increasing importance for not-for-profit groups, regardless of their focus area, to develop such working partnerships particularly in an era where people are generally time poor and volunteers and resources are often hard to come by!

It is hoped this report will demonstrate RRBATA's ongoing commitment to the promotion of the Romsey region in a business and tourism context whilst fostering engagement with local community.

The Year In Review:

RRBATA's year commenced with the **"Light Up The Sky 2014"** event to promote the Shop Local concept. Funding support from both *Macedon Ranges Shire Council* and *Romsey Community Bank branch of Bendigo Bank* enabled this very successful event to proceed. High attendance, a family focus, free activities, community group involvement, great weather and another wonderful fireworks display ensured a memorable evening. This event was full of collaborations. I want to acknowledge the assistance of those *Rotary and Lions members* who provided much needed people power on the night. I also want to mention the appreciated collaboration with *Romsey CFA* with their supervision of the fireworks display. In addition, *Romsey Primary School's* willingness to allow their oval to be used must also be acknowledged. The 5th Annual **RRBATA Business Breakfast** was held at Cleveland Winery, Lancefield. RRBATA received overwhelmingly positive feedback for this event helped largely by the engaging speaker - renowned retail analyst, Mr. David Errington. RRBATA and RSL partnered for the 4th August unveiling of the **World War 1 Commemorative Plaque at the Lone Pine**. RRBATA organised *Romsey CWA* to cater for the luncheon component of the event which they insisted on doing at no charge – this was much appreciated. Solar lighting of the plaque has been installed by RRBATA.

Romsey Online (www.romsey.org.au) - RRBATA had fruitful discussions with Lancefield Neighbourhood House ahead of a joint Community Bank grant application for a *Romsey Lancefield partnership project* to both upgrade the Romsey website in conjunction with the development of a Lancefield website. Despite the grant application being unsuccessful, RRBATA is committed to upgrading its site to at least enhance its aesthetics to users. *Greg Powell* must be acknowledged for his work as the "webmaster" for Romsey Online.

MRSC's *Economic Development and Tourism Unit*, with our special contact **Leanne Davey**, has again been a great support to RRBATA. We look forward to ongoing collaboration in 2015.

The Way Forward in 2015:

Despite it being increasingly difficult for RRBATA to engage local businesses in either membership or general involvement, I think there is much for RRBATA to look forward to in the year ahead:

- **Streetscaping Community Forum** to be held in March 2015. The aim of this event is to provide an opportunity for business, tourism and community interests to brainstorm a future streetscape vision for Romsey.
- **2015 Business Breakfast** will be held in August 2015.
- Further **development of collaborative partnerships** will be a focus next year.
- **Innovative revenue raising** (that is, more grant applications and other fundraising in addition to encouraging subscriptions from local businesses and interested parties). Revenue needs to be maintained to allow RRBATA to operate at a basic level (insurance, miscellaneous expenses) let alone the task of conducting events and projects.
- **The opportunities for RRBATA** in the broader "Romsey Region" (Clarkefield, Monegeetta, Bolinda, Lancefield, Darraweit Guim and Riddells Creek) remain to be tapped into in 2015.

It has been a pleasure to serve as President this year.

Jenny Stillman
President 2013-2014
RRBATA Inc.

Romsey Online

A joint grant application has been submitted by RRBATA and Lancefield Neighbourhood House to support RRBATA's upgrade of the Romsey Online (www.romsey.org.au) website in conjunction with Lancefield's website development. Both organizations await the outcome of this application before progressing to the next step of the upgrade process. 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:

Wendie McLaughlin (*Acting Secretary*)
Phone: 0408 360857
Email: wendie@mclaughlincb.com

Romsey & Lancefield Community Banks

FESTIVE GREETINGS FROM YOUR COMMUNITY BANK

The festive season is fast approaching, and I take this opportunity to wish the Romsey Rag's readers a safe and prosperous Christmas and an exciting and rewarding 2015.

I believe our community – and your Bank – can look forward to the future with confidence. I'm sure many people have seen the rapid progress on the construction of our new bank at 105 Main St, and we expect to be in there and open for business early in the new year. Bricks and mortar are a healthy indicator that your bank is here to stay, and that's exactly what we're demonstrating with building our new bank. It's another example of how your Community Bank is bringing lasting improvements and benefits to our region.

A whole range of local clubs and community groups have benefited from grants and sponsorships from our Community Bank, as we are committed to keeping profits in the community and rewarding local support. Clubs, community groups and a range of other organisations around the district shared in more than \$100,000 in grants and sponsorships from the Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank branches, which we announced in October. Some 54 clubs, community groups and a range of other organisations around the district shared in \$142,755 in grants and sponsorships through our Community Investment Program. Our community-owned Bank has now put more than \$730,000 directly into the community over the past 13 years. With another \$170,000 already allocated for future community projects through a 'futures fund', our Bank has now earmarked more than \$900,000 for projects of community benefit since we opened our doors. This distribution of money demonstrates exactly what our Community Bank is all about.



Please take heed of the safety message from police and safety experts, and make sure you're back with us safe and well in the new year so that – in association with your Community Bank – we can all look forward to 2015 with confidence.



Tim McCarthy.
Chairman, Lancefield & Romsey Community Services Ltd



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Romsey Primary School Celebrating 150 years in 2015 (October 24th and 25th) Another Blast from the Past!



Were you one of the stars of these two Year 6 musical productions from the 1990's?
Super Kids (left) and Dragon Girl (right) were staged at the Romsey Mechanics Hall.

Our 150th celebration is your chance to catch up with your fellow students and co-stars who made those days so memorable! Pencil the date in your diary and plan to help us celebrate!

We need to build on our knowledge of all things associated with the school from the early years.
If you have photos, memorabilia, stories and recollections
please contact us on 5429 5099 or email romseyps.150celebrations@romseyps.vic.edu.au
A huge thank you to those who have helped us out so far!

Macedon Ranges Christmas Toy Shop

In past years the Combined Churches of the Macedon Ranges have organised a Christmas "Toy Shop" for families living in the shire who might struggle to afford a Christmas gift for their child. Each year we assist over 100 local families, or over 250 children. As with each year, we anticipate the need to be even greater.

The Toy Shop relies completely on the generosity of our community, to donate gifts to stock the shop. Families are referred to us by local support and welfare agencies and are given a personal invite to attend the shop and pick out toys for their children. As we rely on donated goods, there is no cost to the families for these gifts. We also offer gift wrapping and a cafe style space to enjoy free tea and coffee and home baked goodies.

For families who are facing challenging times, Christmas can become an incredibly stressful, lonely and sad season. Unable to participate in many of the traditions that our culture has come to know as "normal" these families can

feel even more isolated and marginalised.

The Toy Shop gives struggling families the opportunity to enjoy what most people take for granted – to choose something special for their child and be able to give it to them on Christmas morning. Many of these families would otherwise be unable to give their child a gift on Christmas morning, and many of these children would miss out on the joy of opening a gift that is just for them. For our community, the Toy Shop is a fantastic opportunity for local people to embrace the true Christmas spirit, and reach out in generosity and love to those in their own community who are facing a tough time. Whether you are an individual or a business, you can get into the Christmas spirit and give some joy to local people who really need it. The toy shop relies 100% on the goodwill and generosity of our community. We need your donations to make this important initiative possible. We require donations of toys for boys and girls aged 0-18. Gifts need to be new and valued around \$20. We also welcome donations of books, plush toys and smaller items that would be suitable as stocking fillers. We particularly fall short

in gifts, books and stocking fillers for older children each year.

How to Donate:

- The Uniting Church and Target Woodend are again running "Operation Santa" and have kindly agreed to donate all gifts to the Toy Shop. Members of the public can donate by leaving a gift at the tree located in Target Country Woodend.

- Donations will also be received at the offices of Cobaw Community Health in Kyneton and Woodend

- Contact Georgina Harvey (0404442891) directly to arrange pick up of donations

Donations of both gifts and money will be gratefully received. All financial donations will only be used to purchase toys to stock the shop. Gifts need to be received by Monday 15th December to allow time for sorting and setting up of the toy shop.

All Enquiries: Georgina Harvey (0404442891).

Romsey Medical Centre

99 Main Street, Romsey, 3434
Monday to Friday: 8.15am to 8.00pm
Saturday: 8.30am to 1.00pm
Tel: 5429 5254

Email: doctors@romseymedical.com.au
www.romseymedical.com.au

Lancefield Medical Centre

20 Chauncey Street, Lancefield, 3435
Monday to Friday: 8.30am – 5.30pm
Saturday: services through Romsey Medical
Tel: 5429 5254

➤ After Hours Services

On-call doctor available for urgent matters;
call HealthDirect on: 1800 022 222

➤ On-the-day appointments

Phone early for flexible options.

➤ Telehealth Consultations

Talk to your Melbourne based specialist from the Medical Centre.

➤ Bulk-billed Quick Clinic

Appointments available every weekday for urgent/lost repeat prescriptions, repeat referrals and some vaccinations.



IT'S A MYSTERY? What's in the Lancefield "Fancy That" COSTUME STORE

Never been to this store? You don't know what you're missing! Chocker block full with fantastic donated items, and continuously updated with newly acquired costumes by our two very dedicated and enthusiastic twins Caroline and Linda, it's a paradise! We have something for everyone in the family – including the family pet!

Need a new outfit to wear for a History/Vintage Re-Enactment like the High Tea Parties or Outdoor Picnics of Queen Victoria Era such as "Picnic at Hanging Rock" Dame Nellie Melba, Squizzy Taylor, Ned Kelly, a Ritzy Masquerade Ball, a Teddy Bear's Picnic (try on our ANIMAL Onesies), or a Yee! Ha! Hoe Down & Shin Dig? We've got enough Outback Bushman and American Western Cowboys, Mexican and Native Indian outfits to "Make your day" and have your Crocodile Dundee's waltz over Matilda to fight a Skippy roo or two.

Are you a Video/ Film/Theatre/Festival Director's Wardrobe Gofer looking for an instant Bollywood, a specific themed period costume like Lady Guinevere, King Arthur or Sir Lancelot, the Black Knight, Robin Hood, Maid Marian, Sheriff of Nottingham, a tavern wench, a Viking, a Roman Gladiator, a Roman or Greek Goddess, Aladdin and the 40 thieves and the Sheik's of Kasbah's whole Bollywood harem?

Need to wear a special outfit for a festivity, like Book Week from Alice in Wonderland, Spring Racing Carnivals try our Breakfast at Tiffany's Fascinators & Hats, Oktober Fest, Spooktober or Halloween's Freaky Friday, a Murder Mystery Party or for an Era 1920's, 1940's, 1950's 1960's, 1980's, Party, Carnival or Car Club Crawl?

Whether it's a Ra Ra Flappers dress, a Gangsters stripy suit and spats or a pair of the Age of Aquarius Hippie pants or the Hippie Hippie shake shake dress, TV shows or Famous Movie Star Look- a- Likes such as Dame Edna Average, Marilyn Munroe, Sherlock Holmes, Indiana Jones, Captain Blackbeard, I dream of Jeannie, The Flintstones or that "Special Look" for your favourite charity's Relay for Life, Formal Dinner with the Jet Set, Elvis & the Rock 'n' Rollers or the Strictly Ballroom – Prince and Princess – you can find it at our "Fancy That" Costume Hire store.

And the great part of using our Costume Hire store is that not only will you find that one of a kind item, you help the Op shop, you'll save lots of money, as deposit and hire fees of the costumes and masks vary according to the cost of us having to replace it, its rarity/ authenticity and popularity, and are a lot cheaper than going to Melbourne. We have a maximum of a whole week's hire out period (if you need a little longer talk to us to see if we can accommodate you) as we have had previous abuses of our generosity with some very dear and popular costumes not returned despite our efforts to retrieve them. **So we are now having an AMNESTY for those who still have our costumes, we would like to have them back with no fees or further action, i.e. Snow White (Women), Monster Ink Mike K. (kids), Betty Rubble (Women), Bombshell Policewoman (Navy, Wmn) and Medieval Knight chainmail effect.**

"Fancy That" Opening Hours are:-

Mondays – CLOSED Thursdays – CLOSED Sundays – CLOSED

Tuesdays – CLOSED Fridays – 1.30pm – 5pm

Lancefield Farmers Markets DAYS

Wednesdays – 1.30pm – 5pm Saturdays - 10am – 2pm

WE HAVE OUR "CULLING OVERSTOCK" SALE



Cheese Making Workshop

Join our Cheese-making Workshops and take the mystery out of making cheese. When you think about it, milk maids have been making cheese in dairies for centuries.

At our Workshops we teach you how to make Camembert, Feta, Mascarpone, Quark, Ricotta and a Greek Style Yoghurt just to name a few.

The workshops are 100% hands on, fun and interactive. Everything is provided, all you need to bring is yourself and a love of cheese. Making your own cheese is sustainable, it cuts down on food miles, its preservative free, rewarding, cost effective and the bragging rights are huge! *Persian style feta normally costs \$10 - \$12 a batch and we all know the cost of good yoghurt, we can teach you how to make them at home for a few dollars.*

BOOK NOW for our next workshop Sunday 14 December 10am to 4pm and discover how easy home Cheese making really is! Morning tea, lunch and cheese tasting provided. **SPACES LIMITED** so book early or reserve for 2015 workshops.

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Chairperson: Mr. Noel Shaw 5429 5509
Secretary: Mrs. Jenifer Clampit 5429 5480

News from the Romsey Uniting Church

On Sunday 23rd November at 2.30pm a service was conducted for the Blessing of the Emergency Services. It was a good afternoon. Clergy from the local churches were present and took part in the service and representatives from the CFA, SES, Red Cross RediSupport, VCC, Ambulance, Police and the Macedon Ranges Shire Emergency Management were present. The Romsey Uniting Church hosted this event and we all had a lovely afternoon tea afterwards.

The Birth of Jesus
The Shepherds and the Angels

Scripture: Luke 8-19

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us". They went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

Shepherds in the time of Jesus were near the bottom of the social pecking order. They were seen as ruffians, thieves, and no-gooders. Their testimony was inadmissible in court, and they were not even allowed inside some cities. It is to these marginalized people, living outside in the fields with their animals, that God's angels announce the Good News of Jesus' birth. Not inside religious buildings, not in the places of political power, but right in the middle of messy and marginalized life. Right from the beginning, Luke tells us that God is interested in society's outcasts and outsiders.

This story of Jesus will introduce a new kind of power structure. Mary has already responded to the news of Jesus' expected arrival by expressing her faith in God, her Song of Praise (Luke 1: 46-55) declaring that God's activity will turn the world upside down: God will lift up the lowly and bring down the powerful. Now, she sees the beginnings of this great reversal as rough shepherds seek out a newborn baby and praise God when they find him. She treasures and ponders this in her heart. She continues to let God surprise her.

Do we still treasure in our hearts the remembrance of who Jesus is? Do we still expect that this Jesus will turn the world upside down?

God in Christ, surprise me again this Christmas; turn my world upside down.

Services and activities during December 2014 and January 2015.



December	
7th: 9am	Advent 2 Worship Service led by the Worship Team
14th: 9am.	Advent 3 Worship & Holy Communion Service led by Jenny Trehwella

Romsey and Lancefield Uniting Churches Summer Combined Services will commence on Sunday 21st December, 2014 to end of January 2015 as printed below.

21st 10am	Advent 4 Combined Service at Lancefield - Preacher TBA
24th: 7.30pm	at Lancefield - Combined Christmas Eve Service led by Worship Team
25th 9am	at Romsey Christmas Day combined service led by the Worship Team.
Sunday 28th	10am at Romsey - Preacher TBA

January 2015.

4th: 10am	Lancefield : Combined Worship Service led by the Worship Team.
11th: 10am	Romsey : Combined Worship and Holy Communion Service led by Jay Brooks.
18th: 10am	Lancefield : Combined Worship Service
25th: 10am	Romsey : Combined Worship Service

February	Normal Services resume
1st: 9am	Worship Service led by the Worship Team

"Happy Christmas, a safe and peaceful New Year from all at the Romsey Uniting Church."

DO YOU OWN THIS PHOTO?



This photo was left inside a book about the British SAS that donated to one of our local op shops around the end of October or early November. It was handed on to the Romsey Rag team in the hope of finding the owner. It is black and white and measures 25cm x 19.5 cm. If you are the owner or know who the owner might be please contact the Rag team via Romsey primary School on 5429 5099. We have it in safe keeping.

Romsey-Lancefield & District Ambulance Auxiliary

Invites all interested members of the public to an open evening
at the Romsey Ambulance station
Friday December 5th 2014
6-8 pm

Come for a tour of the station and view the latest equipment purchased by the auxiliary on behalf of the community
Light supper provided
RVSP for catering purposes to
Helen Richardson
0448208655



Play Extravaganza!

A great day was had by all who attended the Romsey Playgroup Play Extravaganza and Open Day on 25 October. Goldfields Regional Library held a Saturday Story Time and the kids made coloured sheep pictures. The CFA came with two fire trucks! There was special "bid kid" colouring in hosted by Romsey Kindergarten. The Romsey Toy Library had their jumping castle in the back yard of the playgroup. And everyone had some very yummy cakes to eat that were made by the Red Cross.

Several families took advantage of the discounted memberships on offer during the Open Day and they're now enjoying the benefits of playgroup. If you've got kids who are too young for kindergarten why not try playgroup to? Remember your first two visits are for free!

Romsey Playgroup would like to thank all of the community groups and local businesses who helped to make our Play Extravaganza and Open Day such a great success.

Merry Christmas

On behalf of Romsey Playgroup we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. As the parents of some of the youngest members in Romsey we would also like to thank everyone for their patience. As you are probably aware sometimes toddlers can sometimes be a bit challenging. Several of the playgroup families also walk around town. Thank you to the drivers to slow down around prams and kids walking. Merry Christmas everyone!

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

We do not have a meeting in December or January. Our Christmas breakup is on December 17th at 12noon at the Australiana Restaurant in Wandong.

In January on Wednesday 21st, 2015 we will have a summer BBQ at the home of Robert and Anne Barry.

- The planned outing for Wednesday, February 18th, 2015 is a bus trip to Healesville RACV Club for lunch and visiting some places of interest.

Next meeting Thursday 26th February, 2015 at 10am.

- Guest Speaker: Mr. Greg Buist.

• 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. Our monthly meeting always finishes with morning tea, which is followed by a guest speaker with an interesting topic.



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 Probud 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.

Vale: Early in November we were upset to hear of the death of Dulcie Wilkinson a member of our club on leave due to illness. Our sympathies have been sent to the family.

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

We wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a safe and peaceful New Year

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We have a calendar for sale of abandoned and pre-loved buildings of the district taken by Kylie McKay of McK'oby Photography. The calendar is \$8.00 or \$10.00 posted to you.

Kylie also has a face book page of 'Lost Shire of Romsey Photos' <https://www.facebook.com/LostShireOfRomsey>

The Courthouse will be closing on 19th December and will re-open on 19th January. First General Meeting is 27th January 2015 at 7.30 pm at the Courthouse.

We are seeking information on the Romsey Shire 1914-15 Tribute Medal. If anyone has one of these we would love to take a photograph. We would like to also hear from anyone who has a 'Dead Man's Penny' The New Year will see us fairly busy as we have a great volume of work to do before Anzac Day 2015.

There were five new plaques unveiled on Remembrance Day on the Walking Track between Romsey & Lancefield. These plaques were prepared by the Lancefield Primary School, St. Mary's Primary School and Romsey Primary School.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Our contact details are Robyn 0418 172 659 or Shirley on 0402 248 540

**Samaritan's Purse
Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes.**

The Romsey Uniting Church has been involved in the Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes, a very worthwhile project, for about 5 years. Along with the Lancefield Uniting Church and the Romsey Walking Group this year we were able to take, on Cup Day, 123 filled shoe boxes to the Warehouse in Mitcham where we assisted the volunteer team to pack two pallets of shoe boxes. All the boxes have to be checked making sure that everything required is in the box and no prohibited items have been included. This year we had a lot of financial support from members of the Romsey and Lancefield Community especially Just in Time Transport who donated \$400.00 to this excellent project and also Masters at Sunbury who donated sheets of MDF and blackboard paint for small blackboards. We are extremely thankful to all the people who supported this venture including those wonderful people who took, packed and returned boxes after seeing the shoebox display in the Romsey Hub. We are hoping that we will be able to fill even more shoe boxes in 2015.

More than 100 million shoeboxes have been given to children in over 130 countries since Operation Christmas Child began in 1993 in a backyard shed. It has since become a worldwide project. Our boxes went to a huge warehouse behind the Mitcham Baptist Church. Here these special boxes are packed into larger boxes and sent in shipping containers to Asian and South Pacific countries. A record 316,323 children in 7 countries, Vanuatu, Samoa, Fiji, PNG, Vietnam, Thailand and Cambodia, received shoeboxes from Australia and New Zealand in 2013.



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VARIETY FOR FILM SOCIETY

The evening of Wednesday, 12th November, saw the last film screening of the year for the Macedon Ranges Film Society. Animated discussion followed the film, the question on everybody's lips being - which was the best film of the year? Was it the first film of the year, The Sapphires, that all-Australian favourite? The Israeli gem, The Band's Visit, had popular support. Mary and Max, Adam Elliot's claymation film, was remembered fondly. Or was it that last one, that one on November 12th - the hilarious Bienvenue Chez les Ch'Tis (Welcome to the Sticks)? Could people agree? No. But all agreed that the suppers following the films were wonderful!

2015 will see a pleasing variety of films again, taking into account members' tastes and including many genres. It would be an unusual person who would be bored with what is shown on the second Wednesday of the month at the Woodend Community Centre.

But for now, the committee and members of MRFS are taking a break. But don't go away because we'll be back and going into our sixth year. Over the break, enquiries can be made by phoning either Lorraine on 5427 0921 or Christine on 5429 5452.



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To Our Readers:

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What's on at Romsey Library

• Special Saturday Story-time

Our Saturday Spring Story-time sessions extend into summer with a special Christmas themed session at 10.30am on December 6th. Parents, carers and pre-schoolers are invited to celebrate Christmas with stories, songs, rhymes and a special Christmas craft activity. Suitable for children aged 2-5years. No bookings required.

• Jingle the Naughty Christmas Elf

We are very excited to announce that Narelle Stone aka Jingle the Naughty Christmas Elf will be making an appearance at Romsey Library for a very special and lively session on Thursday the 18th December from 11-12pm. Festive outfits are encouraged.

• Regular Story-time sessions

Join us for songs, stories and rhymes at the library during school term.

Monday 10am Story-time for 2-5 Year Olds (includes a craft activity)

Monday 11.30am Baby Rhyme Time for 0-2 Year Olds

Thursday 10.30am Toddler Time for 1-3 Year Olds



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Staying safe in the heat

More than 170 deaths are attributed to the heatwave in January of this year. The Department of Health will once again issue Heat Health Alerts on days that pose a high risk to health. They have identified temperature thresholds for Victoria, above which heat-related illness and mortality increases substantially. Follow these simple steps to staying safe during heatwaves:

- keep cool
- drink plenty of water
- stay out of the sun
- look after yourself and others.

Beat the heat at Council's libraries

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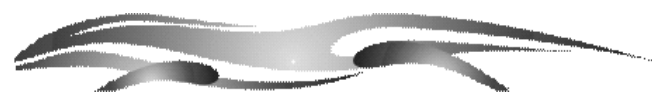
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Do something great with an extra plate this Christmas!

Casserole Club has now launched in the Lancefield area! We are pleased to report that happy Diners and Cooks have started sharing meals and forming friendships, however we need more Cooks! If you'd like to become more active in the community and feel you could cook an extra portion of dinner for an older neighbour, Casserole Club needs you.

Christmas can be a lonely time for some people in our community. Casserole Club can match you with an older neighbour who would really appreciate one of your delicious meals and a short chat. Try sharing today by visiting www.casseroleclub.com.au

Would you like a friendly neighbour to deliver you a home cooked meal?

If you're older and feel you could benefit from some home cooking, join Casserole Club and enjoy a delicious home cooked meal delivered to you for free by a friendly neighbour.

Casserole Club is a pilot program delivered by Macedon Ranges Shire Council and funded by the Municipal Association of Victoria. For more information or to get involved **contact Jessica Bridgfoot on 5422 0233 or email casserole-club@mrsc.vic.gov.au.**

Lancefield residents Rob Heim, Brian Penny and Elizabeth Penny. Photo: Rob Gateley



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REGULAR EVENTS

SVDP Drop-In: First Thursday of each month,
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ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2014

***Advent Reconciliation 9 Dec 7.00pm**

Romsey Church

**Advent Reflection Day 10 Dec 9.30am -3pm*

Presbytery, Lancefield

***Parish Mass of Anointing 11 Dec 2.00pm**

Lancefield Church

**Ecumenical Christmas Carols 14 Dec 7.00pm*

St. Mary's School Hall

***Christmas Eve 24 Dec 6.00pm**

Lancefield Church

Midnight

Romsey Church

**Christmas Day 25 Dec 9.00am*

Romsey Church

***The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 27 Dec 6.00pm**

Lancefield Church

28 Dec 8.00am

Romsey Church

10.00am

Lancefield Church

**New Year's Day 1 Jan 7.00pm*

Romsey Church

Term 4 News from St Mary's Primary School Lancefield

Well done to Darcy Giles, Ethan Beer and Brody Thrum from St Mary's Lancefield, who competed at the Regional Athletics Finals in Bendigo. Darcy came 3rd in the 800 metres, Ethan was 5th in the final of the 200m and Brody was 6th in the 1500m



The St Mary's Lancefield school community have been hard at work completing projects around the school. These have included installing a cubby house in the junior play area. Pictured playing in the cubby house are Crystal Dyer, Dermot Hanaphy and Hamish Berryman

The senior students began working on a project to leave their mark on St Mary's, in Term 3. Their goal was to plant out four garden beds outside the north facing classroom. This project involved the students researching garden design and plant selection. To fund the program the students raised money and successfully applied for a grant from Western Water.



All this hard work culminated last week in the planting of the four garden beds. Pictured doing some planting are Chloe Woodburn and Oliver McHarg. **Pictured receiving a grant for \$1000 for a watering system. are Ella Marr, Isabella Ryan and Mrs Miller from St Mary's Lancefield.**



THANK YOU FROM ST. MARY'S BINGO

After 8 years of entertaining Thursday nights, where lots of new friendships were made, sadly it is time for Bingo to come to an end at St. Mary's Parish Lancefield-Romsey.

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COMING EVENTS

**ART EXHIBITION –
"IMAGES FROM TWO WORLDS"
by Shou Mei**



**The exhibition will be at
Wu Lin Retreat, Lancefield
on 18th January 2015
1.00-5.00pm**

Entertainment will include music by local musicians, a variety of local Macedon Ranges wines and Tai Chi demonstrations. All paintings will be available for purchase. www.wulinretreat.com

SHOU MEI SUMARAC

Shou Mei was born in a remote mountain village in the north of Taiwan. Whilst studying English language in Taichung, by chance she walked by a gallery where a artist was working in the window. Mesmerized by his work she used to gaze at him until one day they finally exchanged smiles. Shou Mei, dreaming she could paint like him walked by for the next few months until she plucked up the courage to step inside the gallery. During this first conversation they realised that they came from a very similar poor village background. On subsequent meetings, realising Shou Mei could speak a little English, they agreed that she would translate for his American and British customers that frequented his gallery in exchange for painting lessons. He would allow her to sit next to him and he would instruct her in his techniques. After six months he gave her a blank canvas and urged her to begin painting. She asked if could she copy one of his paintings, her favourite being a autumn forest scene. This was to become her first work.

Too embarrassed to be seen, she painted in the back room and after six attempts both were satisfied with her first painting (this painting will be exhibited). The artist that mentored Shou Mei for two years is non-other than Wong Shong Kwan who later became the most famous and celebrated artist in Taiwan. All his paintings are now collectors items. Shou mei will have two of his original paintings on display at Wu Lin Retreat for her inaugural exhibition.

Shou Mei came to Australia in 1976 and continued to paint on and off in her spare time. Her favourite subjects are Australian rural scenery and classical Chinese style. In this exhibition "IMAGES FROM TWO WORLDS" she will display a blend of Australian/ European & Chinese works dating from as far back as 1975 to the present.

The Exhibition will be at Wu Lin Retreat, Sherwood Court, Lancefield in January 2015 where she lives with husband James. Entertainment will include music by local musicians, a variety of local Macedon Ranges wines and Tai Chi demonstrations.

Exhibition Date: Sunday 18th January 2015

Time: 1pm – 5pm

At: Wu Lin Retreat, Sherwood Crt Lancefield

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PEACE, that quality of life we all long for - when all is tranquil and right within us and around us but so sadly missing in our world today. As Christmas approaches we are reminded of the One, the prophet, Isaiah wrote of - "For unto us a child is born and His Name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor,.....'THE PRINCE OF PEACE.'" Many are longing for peace of heart, or peace of mind, peace with loved ones, peace with neighbours and peace between nations. Jesus, alone, can give that peace we desire. He promised, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give you, I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27. He also warned, "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth, but a sword..." Matthew 10:34. This seems a contradiction but the inevitability of Christ's coming works out in practice as conflict between Christ and the Anti-Christ, between light and darkness. Within the conflict, for believers the peace of Christ rules in their hearts. Is this true for the Christians suffering under the onslaughts of the Isis terrorists? It seems so, as their faith and trust remains strong even in their great grief!

Above all else, it is through Jesus that we may have peace with God, our Heavenly Father, when we put our faith and trust in His atoning death on the Cross for our sinful, fallen natures.

Paul writes, "For God was pleased to reconcile all things to Himself....by making peace through His blood shed on the Cross." Colossians 1:19-20. By His grace may we each one of us be peace-makers in our own spheres of life this Christmas, and for our leaders, working for peace in our sick and sorry world. Jesus said, "Blessed are the peace-makers, for they will be called the sons of God." Matthew 5:9.

Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown? Jesus we know, and He is on the Throne. Bishop E. Bickersteth.

NOVEMBER IN RETROSPECT

Toward October's end two very pleasant events took place. A delightful birthday party afternoon arranged by the Guild took place for several members who were sharing special birthdays. Also the Tillow Fashion Show raised over \$800 for the Restoration Appeal for Christ Church.

November was a much quieter month, the main event was the Church Annual Meeting when Parish Council members

were elected for another year. Good news from Rev. Bill Carroll who is almost over his operations and is making good progress and hopes to be with us in January.

DECEMBER 2014

6th Dec. 9am: PARISH STREET STALL...outside I.G.A. Romsey. Cakes, plants, bric.a.brac on sale, raffle.

11th Dec. 12.30 pm: Guild & Friends Christmas Luncheon at the home of Barbara and Jean, 54 Ewing Drive Romsey. 5429-5568. Bring a small plate to share, please.

11th Dec. 8pm. AMS Christmas Carols & Supper Night at Betty & Max Dansey's home, 129 High Street, Lancefield:

- ALL WELCOME. Tom 5429-6060 Max 5429-1597

14th Dec. 7pm: Combined CAROL SERVICE. At ST.MARY'S LANCEFIELD SCHOOL HALL. Small plate to share for supper

21st Dec: NO Healing Service this month.

24th Dec. 11.30pm CHRISTMAS EVE, ST.PAUL'S, ROMSEY HOLY COMMUNION

25th Dec. 10am. CHRISTMAS DAY. CHRIST CHURCH LANCEFIELD, HOLY COMMUNION

28th Dec. 9am..HOLY COMMUNION. St. Paul's Romsey, 10.30am Christ Church Lancefield

January-Services as usual..9am HOLY COMMUNION St. Paul's Romsey, 10.30am Christ Church Lancefield

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O, may we keep and ponder in our mind, God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind, Trace we the babe who has retrieved our loss, from His poor cradle to His bitter Cross, Tread in His steps, assisted by His grace, till man's first heavenly state again takes place. J. Byrom.

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Barefoot Bowls Xmas Family Day

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WHEN: Sunday 7th December

COST: Adults \$15 / Kids Free

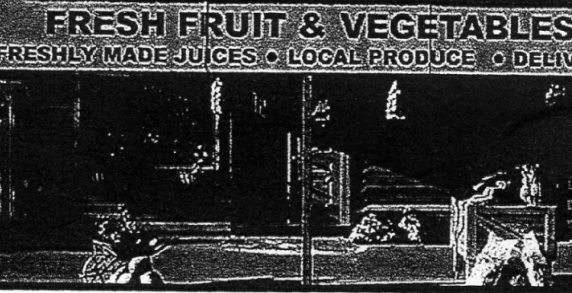
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RSVP: - 28th November

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Gentle Exercise: (Mondays 10am-11am) \$5 per class. It's fun and tailored to meet the abilities of each participant! May assist with mobility, balance, bladder control and joint pain. Chair based exercises available. Enquires: Jan on 5428 1223 or 0412 219 900. Join us after class for a cuppa!

Yoga: (Mondays 7pm-8:30pm) \$15 per class when paid in full at the commencement of the term. \$20 casual rate. Enquires: Leisa Kirk on 0408 934 656.

Tai Chi: (Tuesdays 1pm-2pm) \$10 per class. Come along and enjoy the energising benefits of Tai Chi. Enquires: Jan on 5428 1223 or 0412 219 900.

Yoga: (Thursdays 7pm-8:30pm) \$15 per class when term is paid before end of week 1. \$18 casual rate. Enquires: Lisa Moore on 0448 345 338.

Beginners Pilates: (Fridays 10.30am-11.30am, **Wednesday 7pm-8pm NEW!** \$15 per class or 10% discount if Term Fees are paid in full at the commencement of the term. Contact Trish on 0411 447 392.

Let's Get Informed!



Broadband for Seniors of all Ages:

Available during house opening hours. Book now at the House for this mentor assisted self paced program in computers.

Italian lessons for Beginners: (Thursday 10:30am to 11:30am) \$160 for 8 week course plus \$43 for the book. Learn Italian with a tutor passionate about all things Italian. Contact Anita on 54270262 or 0447249709. Recommencing Dec.

Divine Italian Cuisine on a Low Budget: **NEW!**

Wednesday 3rd Dec, 10th Dec. 2 session times. 10.30-11.15am & 12-12.45pm. Get creative in the kitchen with these mini 45min workshops and learn to create cost effective tasty meals for you and your family.

Why not join playgroup and take it in turns to have your children minded and attend this workshop.

Budget. Save. Spend: **Re-running by popular demand!** Register your interest and we'll run a group. Booking now- 5429 6724. A **FREE** course—make your money go further, useful strategies, helpful hints and resources provided in budgeting to help you to manage your money more effectively. Individual tutoring also available.

Boat Licence **NEW! - Register now to book in for a boat licence course early Dec before you need it these Christmas Holidays! \$95 or combined jet ski \$135**

Let's Get Creative!



Art Group: (Mondays 7pm-9pm) \$ Gold coin. Do you love Art? Then whatever your medium is bring it along to this social group and create!..... And talk art of course. Enquires: Dot on 0419 547 064.

Art In Company: **NEW!** (Tuesdays 11am-2pm) \$2 Gold coin. Bring your work in progress and join like minded people for 3 hours of creative stimulation. Enquiries: 54296724 Commencing after Christmas.

Craft Group: (Tuesdays 12pm-3:30pm) \$ Gold Coin. Bring along your latest project and craft away in the company of others and maybe pick up a new skill or two! Contact 5429 6724

Art Classes for Children: (Tuesdays 3:45pm-4:45pm) \$80 for a ten week term. Weekly classes for children. Bring your own materials. Booking essential. Contact: Tanya on 0400 053 829.

Life Drawing Classes: (Thursdays 7pm-9pm) **NEW!**

Commences 9th Oct. \$10 per session. Weekly classes with live models from the Life Drawing Guild, Melb. Beginners welcome. Bookings: 5429 6724 Enquiries: Di 0401 859 108

FOOD PARCELS **NOW AVAILABLE!- Need a helping hand now and then?** Food parcels will now be available to collect from Romsey Neighbourhood House on a weekly basis every Wed from 10am—1pm or ring House for appointment. Discrete and confidential service. Register your interest now by firstly booking via Kyneton Caring Community on 0405 809 565.

Let's Get Together!



Morning Tea Group: Come along every 3rd Friday of month for a cuppa, chat and a great morning tea. Meet with others in your community and enjoy great company and conversation. All welcome!

Garden Club: (3rd Tuesday of month) \$2 per meeting. This vibrant club visits gardens and nurseries, shares gardening knowledge, swaps cuttings, and assists members with gardening dilemmas! Enquires: Allan on 5429 5427 or John on 5429 5990 for exciting excursions coming up....next year!

What Courses/ Activities would you like to see run next year ? in 2015?



Join us at the Neighbourhood House for a Christmas Celebration High Tea on Friday 19th Dec at 10.30am All welcome. RSVP at House for catering purposes!



It's Your Neighbourhood House...Be Part Of It!

Prepare and Share photo competition

With the fire season fast approaching, Macedon Ranges Shire Council is asking residents to share their tips and ideas for getting prepared with the chance to win a GoPro camera, vouchers or a fire ready kit.

Residents preparing their homes and properties are encouraged to submit a photo to the 'Prepare and Share' competition via the Macedon Ranges Emergency Alerts Facebook page.

"Entries should convey an idea that can be shared with the broader community—the more creative, the better!" said Mayor, Cr Roger Jukes.

"We had a tough fire season last summer, so we want to encourage residents to get prepared early and share their best tips and advice," he said.

Residents can vote for their favourite photo with 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes up for grabs, as well as a special Judge's Choice award. The Macedon Ranges Emergency Alerts Facebook page offers tips, advice and information for emergencies, especially fire. During the February fires, the page provided regular updates about relief and recovery centres, road closures, wandering stock and services to help fire-affected residents.

"The more people in the Macedon Ranges who like our page, the quicker we can get important information to locals when they need it," said Cr Jukes.

"We all know the power of social media during an emergency, so share our page with anyone you think will need this critical information, particularly your friends and family."

To enter, log into Facebook and search for 'Macedon Ranges Emergency Alerts', or visit www.facebook.com/MacedonRangesEmergencyAlerts.

Follow the links to the photo competition to upload your photo and vote on other photos.

The competition closes at 5pm on Monday 15 December. The winners will be announced on the Facebook page and Council's website.



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