

Romsey Golf Club

Women's Report

The ladies all enjoyed our breakup at Soltan Pepper, as usual good food, good company and much laughter.

Now is the time to join us if you would like to try golf. Just come along on a Wednesday morning 9.15 at the clubrooms which we share with the bowlers. Remember to bring a drink and some play lunch and we will leave it up to you how many holes you wish to play. We are looking forward to playing some summer golf. Thursday 7th Jan was our start up day after the break but as it wasn't warm enough only Kath and Denise went out for a hit.

The course is looking good after the rain and the works on course are not causing much interference.

Recipe for this month

Devilled carrots

500gr carrots cut into sticks 1x7cm

2tablespoon butter

1 tablespoon brown sugar

1 teaspoon mustard

3 shakes cayenne pepper

Pinch of sea salt

Melt butter and sauté carrots gently for 5 mins.

Add all other ingredients and cook for 10 mins or until tender.

Safer Sport Courses for Club volunteers

Every sporting club has the responsibility to provide a safe environment for its participants. Injury prevention and injury management are key components of providing a safe sporting environment. Sporting clubs need to have appropriately trained personnel in first aid and managing sports injuries so that participants can remain active and connected to the club. Sports Focus in conjunction with Sports Medicine Australia is conducting the following courses and re- accreditations in Bendigo this year.

Sports First Aid (Provide First Aid)

DATE: Sunday 1st March 2015

TIME: 9am-5pm

COST: \$170

Level 1 Sports Trainer

DATE: Sunday 15th March and Sunday 22nd March 2015

TIME: 9am-5pm (both days)

COST: \$220

Combined Level Sports First Aid & Level 1 Sports Trainer

DATE: Sunday March 1st, 15th and 22nd

TIME: 9am - 5:00pm (All days)

COST: \$320

Sports Trainer Re-Accreditation

DATE: Sunday March 22nd

TIME: 4pm-6pm

COST: \$100

Please note: All courses will be held at the Weeroona Oval Pavilion on Napier Street, Bendigo.

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Sunday 8th	Round 2	Lancefield Golf Club
Monday 9th	Round 3	Mt Macedon Golf Club

Entry Fee: \$50
(\$20 per event day)

Entries Close: Close of Business Tuesday 3rd March
Committee may accept entries on event days if field permits

Events & Competitions
MRJT Champion, Gary Watts Shield and Chris Gaunt Cup
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October 2015	Tuesday September 15th	Thursday September 24th
November 2015	Thursday October 15th	Thursday October 29th
December 2015	Sunday November 15th	Thursday November 26th

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.

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



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

Saturday January 17th - 4BBB Stroke

A good field assembled for the club's 4BBB Stroke event. This is a reasonably uncommon format but one that saw excellent results for many pairings. The recent rains had produced some new growth on the fairways but in general they remained hard and brown giving excellent value for shots and reasonable lies. The greens were a touch inconsistent with some more receptive than others however, in general, they continued to putt quite true. There was virtually no wind and with the rough well under control players did not have to look to hard to find errant shots. On a beautiful summer's day the results were;

Winners; Anthony Lakey/Michael McCarton - 86/24.5/61.5 from Scott Williams/Steve Poulton - 90/27.5/62.5, Keith Hocking/Scott Williams - 90/27/63, Steve Wilkins/Tony Freeman - 83/19/64, Ron Walker/John Freestone - 83/19/64 & John Laing/Peter Scanlon - 96/29/67

NTPs went to - 15th Les Gaunt, 16th - Dave Richardson

Saturday January 10th - Par

Over 35mm of rain on Thursday and Friday saw the fairways softening and the greens very soft. This and the muddy trenches from the re-cycled water works and the scaring from the little corellas saw "Relief, to a handspan through the green" granted. The little corellas had continued their damage to the 15th and 16th greens, hopefully the wetter weather will provide them with feeding options well away from Romsey Park. The air was cool and a steady south-easterly wind was blowing as players took to the course. The expected rain held off and the afternoon warmed a little. The softer fairways, cold air and wet greens saw many players often well short on their drives and needing to really commit to their putts or risk ending with a lengthy putt for par. Despite the conditions a number of players performed very well. The day's results were;

Winner; Michael McCarton (29) +4 on a c/b from Les Gaunt (8) +4, Bruce Robb (29) +2, Keith Hocking (26) +1, Dave Muller (13) +1, Scott Williams (28) +1, Rob Rea (19) Square & Sharif Abdel-Sayed (19) Square

NTPs; 1st - Les Gaunt, 15th - Les Gaunt, 16th - Keith Hocking.

Saturday January 3rd - 4BBB Stableford, Guest Day.

An expected temperature of over 35C saw the club's "Extreme Heat" policy activated and play began at 8.30am. Despite the harsh environment a strong field took to the course. Play began with gusting northerly winds, as the round progressed the wind continually swung to the north-east and then back to the north proving very challenging for all players. The hard fairways saw golfers generally get excellent value for their drives however the trenching from the re-cycled water works and the occasional raised, bare patch sometimes saw the ball stop dead or dive away at an unexpected angle. Notwithstanding the tough conditions a number of teams put in very creditable performances and 42 pts were required to get a ball. Just as the day was really heating up all groups were back in the rooms enjoying a cool drink and a relaxed chat. On a hot, dry day the results were;

Winners; Anthony Lakey (21)/Mick Nicholls (23) - 49pts from Rob Rea (18)/Michael McCarten (29) - 45 pts, Bob Dwyer (25)/Keith Hocking (26) - 45pts, Les Gaunt (8)/Steve Poulton (27) - 44pts, Andrew Clement (11)/John Freestone (18) - 44 pts, Jim Patton (21)/Chris Lingard (1) - 42pts and Rob Rea (18)/Steve Wilkins (15) - 42 pts

NTPs; 1st - Bob Dwyer, 15th - Keith Hocking & 16th - Tony Freeman

Thursday January 1st - New Year's Day Stableford

The New Year's Day round began with an inconsistent, gentle southerly breeze but generally conditions were excellent for golf. The fairways had good, if rapidly browning, cover and the greens remained receptive to well played approach shots and

putted very truly. A number of players ran up excellent figures over the front nine only to fall back to the pack over the final nine. One old stager continued his rich vein of top form to again easily take the day. On a beautiful day for golf the results were;

Winner; Mick Nicholls - (24) 45 pts from Anthony Lakey (22) 40 pts, Scott Williams (29) 38 pts, Andrew Laing (19) 38 pts and John Freestone (18) 37 pts.

NTPs; 1st - Anthony Lakey, 15th - Steve Poulton & 16th - Anthony Lakey.

Saturday December 27th - Monthly Medal - Stroke & Putts

The sky was clear and there was just a zephyr from the south as players took to the course for the December Monthly Medal. The hard fairways gave those who drove well excellent value, the greens continue to hold well and there is a growing consistency with their speed. The large field saw a few visitors from local clubs as well as interstate and the odd prodigal returned to the fold as well. On a wonderful day for golf the scoring was excellent. The day's results were;

Winner and December Medalist; Mick Nicholls - 89/24/65 from Ron Walker - 89/22/67, Joh Freestone - 86/19/67, Sharif Abdul-Sayed - 88/18/70, Les Gaunt - 78/7/71, Michael McCarten - 100/29/71 & Darren Freestone - 82/10/72

NTPs; 1st - Bob McLennan, 15th - Dave Muller & 16th - Jim Patton

Least Putts - Mick Nicholls - 24

Friday December 26th - Boxing Day - Stableford

Traditionally Boxing Day sees a field that has enjoyed a great Christmas Day and, as a result, the next day's golf may suffer, a few scores backed this theory up. It was wonderful to welcome back Alan Williams down from RAAF duty in Queensland. Players took to the course with a gusting southerly wind, the fairways gave good run and the greens generally held well. As the round progressed the wind tended to die down however it blew strongly now and then providing players with more than a few challenges. The little corellas had again been at work on the 15th and 16th but a number of golfers took the greens damage in their stride and eliminated the putter by calmly chipping in. All players were in the rooms by 12.30 pm and everyone enjoyed a quiet Christmas chat and drink. The day's results were;

Winner; Andrew Laing (19) 43 pts from Dave Muller (13) 39 pts and Steve Poulton (27) 35 pts.

NTPs; 15 - Dave Richardson & Les Gaunt, 16th - Keith Hocking.

The re-cycled water project has continued and all 100 fairway sprinklers are now in place. A series of pipes have been laid and connected to the original ring main. These pipes will create a number of smaller loops, these help to decrease the workload on the pump. We now have to connect to the power, build the pump shed, site the pump and finally trench from the pump to the ring-main. Hopefully all this will be completed by mid February. Our thanks to all the members who have worked so hard to get the project to its present stage.

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 around town and register a team in this very worthwhile event.

Green Daffodils

In the spring before last a lady living near Romsey took some peculiar greenish-looking daffodils to the flower show held at a hall in Bolinda Vale. She was seeking to find somebody who might know the name of the variety. She spoke to Mr John Dettman, judge of the daffodil section, but he could not help. The lady gave John her name and phone number and John said he would contact her in due course. John misplaced the lady's name and phone number and has not since been able to find the information. If the lady concerned sees this article, would she be kind enough to contact Fred Silcock at 5426 2385.



ROMSEY / LANCEFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS Meet each Monday.

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

For details, please ring Rae Hooke on 54291602.

Just for babies.....

Kids under 18 months will be welcomed at Junior Playgroup sessions which commence this year at Romsey Playgroup. Junior Playgroup sessions will run on Thursday afternoons from 1.30pm and are specifically designed for families with children under 18 months of age.

The Junior Playgroup sessions will be coordinated by Romsey Playgroup Vice President, Natasha who said "I'm really excited about these new sessions. Junior Playgroup will be great fun for the kids and allow new parents to meet other local families with young children.

Joining the Junior Playgroup will also provide membership to the open sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. This means that you can transition from the Junior Playgroup to an open session as your child grows.

For further details email Romsey Playgroup at romseyplaygroup@gmail.com or just go along one Thursday afternoon and ask for Natasha. You need to take your nappy bag with you.

Romsey Playgroup has a microwave and change table, plus tea and coffee for the parents.

Romsey Playgroup is located at the rear of the community hub (98 Main Street), access via the library.

Healthy eating at aquatic and leisure centres



Macedon Ranges Shire Council is reviewing products stocked in kiosks and vending machines at aquatic and leisure centres across the shire in an effort to improve healthy eating options.

Council aims to promote healthy active lifestyles through programs offered at its leisure and aquatic centres in Kyneton, Woodend, Romsey, Riddells Creek and Gisborne. It therefore makes sense to offer healthy eating options to patrons who visit these facilities.

Over the next six months, Council will review stock at kiosks and vending machines, explore practices at aquatic and leisure facilities outside the shire, and consult with members and patrons for their views and feedback.

Recommendations will be presented to Council and the Health and Wellbeing Advisory Committee before being implemented. The project is expected to be completed by mid-2015, and members and the broader community will be notified of the proposed changes.

For more information on this project, please visit Council's website at www.mrsc.vic.gov.au



NEW in 2015!

Junior Playgroup

Thursday afternoons from 1.30pm

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Party at our place
Kids aged 6 or under? Why not have their birthday party at Romsey Playgroup. You can hire the room for \$80 for 2.5 hour party, plus \$15 insurance. Contact us for more details.

Three days to play
Remember we have open sessions running on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings 9.30am - 11.30am, for kids birth to pre kindergarden. Your first two visits are free, so come and say hi!

Contact us
romseyplaygroup@gmail.com





Staff are beginning to prepare for another excellent year of education at Romsey PS. This year we welcome Allison Jackson to our staff who will be teaching a year1 group. We also welcome back Kailla Coffey returning part-time, from family leave. Over the last week teachers have been in preparing their classrooms and planning programs. Staff officially return to work on Wednesday for the 2 days of professional learning and team planning. The whole school consistent approach to literacy and numeracy continues as a priority with a special emphasis on spelling.

During the break, the school has been prepared for the new year with the windows cleaned, carpets shampooed and the gym floor sanded and polished. Further spring loaded taps have been installed in the gym area and two new cisterns replaced. Additional softfall has been added to all playground areas.

A consulting engineer has been appointed to oversee the spending of the \$132,000 maintenance funding to upgrade the gymnasium and art room area. In addition the School Council has approved a minimum of \$30,000 investment to open up the darkroom area adjoining the Uniform Shop and to convert it into a kitchen to complement the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. This will be an exciting additional facility for our students. Over the holidays I have met and discussed specific aspects of the upgrade and look forward to the work beginning.

Prep Concert



At the end of last year the prep concert was an excellent way for the preps to celebrate their first year of schooling. It involved the dramatization of a number of favourite fairy tales. The students enjoyed dressing up as their characters and delivered some amazing acting. Two highlights were the skills of the two narrators, Baylee Beltrame and Aaron Goodwin and the performance of Benjamin Cudmore as the wolf.



ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Graduation Awards

The 2014 year 6 students enjoyed their graduation celebration with a shared meal and formal ceremony. After the presentation of students and the awards students entertained the audience with some excellent choreographed dances. Congratulations to the following students who received these awards.

Principal: Ashlea Banon & Nathan Abdel Sayed
Rotary Club of Romsey Lancefield: Sarah Galea
Romsey Community Bank 'You Can Do It': Darcee Ellard
Lion's Club Community: Alice Quigley
Masonic Lodge: Ashlee Piper and Harrison Jordan
Romsey Neighbourhood House: Chase Hammond
Visual Arts: Gaby Gabranis and Lochlan McKee
Performing Arts: Aleisha Jephcott and Harrison Jordan
Physical Education: Georgie Prespakis and Corey Johnston
Student Choice: Darcee Ellard

I would like to thank the Romsey Community Bank, Rotary Club of Romsey Lancefield, Lions Club, Macedon Masonic Lodge and Romsey Neighbourhood House for their ongoing sponsorship.



Award winner Darcee Ellard with Rob Browning from the Bendigo Bank.

Farmer's Markets In February

Woodend Community Farmers' Market - Sat 7th Feb
Cnr High & Forest Streets, Woodend - 0487 444 090 Sharon Kittson

Kyneton Farmers' Market - Sat 14th Feb
St Pauls Park, Piper Street, Kyneton - 54 221 025 Veronica Manifold

Riddells Creek Farmers' Market - Sat 21st Feb
Riddells Creek Primary School, Riddells Creek - 0419 523 324 Amanda Johnson

Lancefield & District Farmers' Market - Sat 28th Feb
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Free entertainment at 2015 cultural season launch



Get a taste of Council's 2015 art and culture season program at a free event at the Kyneton Town Hall on Friday 6 February and receive a 25% discount on tickets purchased on the night.

Starting at 5pm, you'll be treated to door prizes and free, locally-sourced wines, ciders and coffee. Entertainment will be provided by some of this year's artists.

Council has programmed over twenty different events this year as a way for people to get involved in the arts and connect with their community.

Several outstanding performers are heading our way to share their skills in music, dance, drama, comedy, burlesque cabaret and family entertainment.

This is an opportunity to experience acts that might otherwise only be seen in major cities, without the stress of travel, and an ability to dine out in our local restaurants and visit places closer to home.

There are also exhibitions at the Kyneton Museum on topics ranging from women's fashion to the intriguing world of body adornment.

Exhibitions at the Kyneton Museum will include educational programs and holiday activities. Teachers are encouraged to explore what's on offer in the way of master classes and student workshops with visiting artists and artisans.

To attend the launch, please RSVP by Friday 30 January by calling 1300 888 802 or emailing kthtick-ets@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Copies of the 2015 season brochure will be available for collection from Monday 9 February in Council service centres in Kyneton, Gisborne, Woodend and Romsey. Program details will also be published on Council's website after the launch, mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts.

Woodend Lions Art Show

More prize money, new categories and strong involvement from local artists are setting the stage for the 40th Woodend Lions Art Show.



Woodend Lions Club is hosting the anniversary event over the March Labour Day long weekend in a new partnership with the **Macedon Ranges Art Trail**.

The two groups are committed to reinvigorating the annual art show, which is a major fundraiser for community projects. Entry forms are now available on the Lions website www.woodend.vic.lions.org.au

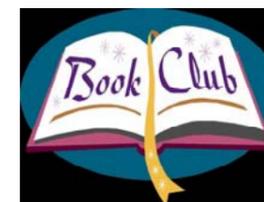
A generous prize pool totalling more than \$3500 is expected to help attract around 400 entries, which will be judged by a panel of three guests. Visitors to the show will also have the opportunity to vote for their favourite artwork in the People's Choice Award.

This year will see new categories for photography and 3D work such as sculpture, glass art and textiles. Juniors are encouraged to participate, with three prizes being offered to those aged under 16. There will also be a prize awarded for Best Work by a Local Artist.

An opening night is being planned to create a buzz similar to shows held in the past when Woodend residents and business people packed the event and returned each year, often collecting artworks for their homes and offices.

The show is open to anyone but entry forms are strictly due by February 20. A maximum of three entries per artist is allowed. Art must be delivered to St Ambrose Hall, Woodend on March 2, 3 & 4. For more details contact Linda Healy on 0438 363 242 or Nadine Hartnett on 0439 399 838.

Macedon Ranges Book Club Inviting New Members



The Macedon Ranges Readers book club has been meeting locally around Lancefield / Romsey for 12 years. It is a casual friendly group that meets once a month to discuss a book of the month over light refreshments. Book titles are chosen by the members. We would like to invite new members to join our group. So if you love reading and enjoy meeting friendly locals, please come along.

Date and Times - 7pm Second Tuesday of the month
We meet at our members homes.

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Contacts
Donna – 0427 135 271
Vanessa – 0438 770 424



Australia Day, Monday January 26, saw the Club along with the Macedon Ranges Shire Council host a FREE 5km fun run or walk. The event was held in Gisborne over a scenic course through parkland and had no road crossings.

The event started and finished in Sankey Reserve. All participants were very much welcomed and were encouraged to join in the spirit and wear some colours representing Australia whether it be the flag or the green & gold.

Our next Start Running Group program commences in the first week of February. This popular program introduces running to participants who are then able to run 5km nonstop in 8 weeks and 10km nonstop in 13 weeks. Starting on Monday 2nd in Lancefield-Romsey and Woodend and Tuesday 3rd in Gisborne, Macedon and Riddells Creek. We also have a Walk and Run Group in Riddells Creek and Woodend which is predominantly walking. Please visit our website www.macedonrangesrunningclub.com for contact details, start times and locations.

We have embarked upon an 'Adopt a Fire Hydrant' campaign and you may notice our runners heading up dead end roads as we gradually check off the condition of the blue reflectors in the road, the sign posts for plugs and the condition of the fire hydrants. This is a win, win, win for the CFA, Western Water and our communities to ensure visibility and access is OK particularly for the fire season.



A SOOTHING START FOR FILM SOCIETY

Committee members of the Macedon Ranges Film Society put their heads together over the Christmas and New Year break to come up with a 2015 film list that would continue to maintain the high standard of the previous five years.

The year kicks off with one for the locals. The 2014 film Healing starring Hugo Weaving and Don Hany is set in appealing Kyneton and Macedon Ranges locations. The healing theme refers to the very positive effect animals can have on the lives of people. The film features stunning footage of wedge-tailed eagles which, on many a fine day, can be seen elegantly circling in the sky above Hanging Rock.

The film society will present this year, as in other years, films of many genres from drama to biography to comedy and much, much more. The first film of the year will be on Wednesday, 11th February. Macedon Ranges Film Society meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Woodend Community Centre. Supper and discussion follows the film, for those who wish to stay on. Initial enquiries must be made by phoning Lorraine on 5427 0921 or Christine on 5429 5452.



Do you really need to use the lawnmower in the heat of the day?

CFA District 02 Operations Officer Chris Jacobsen suggests that it would be better if this could be carried out early in the morning or later in the evening when conditions may have changed. Mr Jacobsen stated that "now the Fire Danger Period is in force and Total Fire Ban days are being declared, when using mowers and other machinery such as welders and grinders, you need to take an extra degree of care and consideration." He also said that "across CFA's District 02, 4 fires have been started in the last week by mowers alone. In most cases these fires are preventable and a bit of careful thought will save the number of times CFA members are called out to an incident."



"Putting in a bit of time now to ensure your machinery is fitted with a spark arrestor that meets current standards, could save you a lot of hassle down the track. Taking an extra five or ten minutes can make all the difference, especially when using tools that cause sparks. Clear the area of anything flammable, make sure adequate water is on hand to extinguish a fire if necessary and most importantly you have the capacity to extinguish a fire. Lawn mowers are also common offenders when it comes to starting preventable fires."

Mr Jacobsen went on to state that "the single most important thing you can do is not to mow on windy days. If you must, do so in the cool of the morning or in the evening especially not when wind is forecast or on hot dry days. Even on cool days, in dry grass fires can start and run quickly in windy conditions."

He added that "not only was it in the vested interests of landholders to minimise the risk of unplanned fires starting, but it is also a requirement under legislation."

"You don't want to be in a situation where your actions put yours and the lives of others at risk."

Top tips for safe use of mowers, welders, grinders, etc on hot days:

- Make sure the device is free from faults and mechanical defects that may cause a fire;
- Ensure it is fitted with an efficient spark arrestor;
- Have an area of at least 3 metres around the machinery cleared of flammable material;
- Check for grass build up and look back often to check for fire;
- Postpone non-essential activities on Total Fire Ban days or where the fire risk is high.

For more information, speak with your local CFA members, check out the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or grab yourself a copy of the Can I Can't I brochure which legally explains what you can and can't do both during the declared Fire Danger Period and on days of Total Fire Ban, You can contact the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667.

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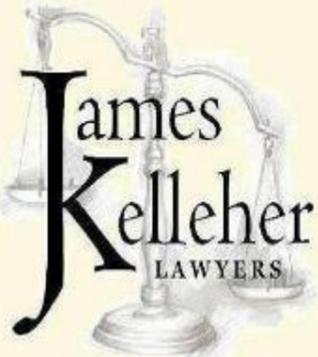
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Join us at Moto Bean Café in Malmsbury on Monday 9 February from 5pm to 8.30pm, with facilitator Rachel Donovan from Insight Communications.

Online bookings are now available at mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-events. Tickets are \$50 (including facilitated workshop, detailed workbook, light refreshments and a follow-up session to identify potential packaging partners).

For more information contact Lianne on ecodevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au or (03) 5421 9616.





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KDH Urgent Care Centre

Through kitchen tea conversations Kyneton District Health has been out and about listening to a diverse range of community perspectives, experiences and ideas.

"It's been interesting to hear what people assume we do or don't do," said CEO Maree Cuddihy. "Things like snake bites, stitches and elective caesareans have all been wrongly assumed as off the KDH radar."

The group discussions are pointing out what matters to people, and highlighting information gaps in the KDH story.

One important part of that story is the Urgent Care Centre, which is led by professional Rural and Isolated Practice Endorsed Registered Nurses or RIPERNS. The skilled and friendly nursing team is available 24 hours a day to respond to and treat urgent care needs. Across 2013-14 this team cared for over 2500 patients.

RIPERNS have completed additional training over and above their registered nurse training. They are allowed by law to practise in specific contexts, adhering to strict guidelines.

So a RIPERN may be able to treat you for basic infections, such as tonsillitis, a common cold and toothache. They have endorsement to provide a limited range of medicines. They are trained and can respond to those snake bites or stitches. In addition to the kitchen teas KDH is receiving input from consumer representatives, whose feedback helps improve quality.

KDH was also externally reviewed recently, which affirmed the safety and quality of its nurse-led model of care. Saying that, a doctor is always contactable. The team will liaise by phone to discuss your case or admission, or if your condition is more serious, coordinate a transfer to a facility that is suitably equipped to treat immediate needs.

Sometimes if you call to seek advice before coming to the hospital, staff may suggest that for serious illness or injury you contact the Ambulance Service and go directly to a larger specialist health service. This acknowledges the parameters of a small rural hospital. At KDH it's about prioritising your safety and ensuring rapid access to the most appropriate level of care.

After a complex acute experience, many patients return from a city hospital to the more personal surrounds of KDH. It helps aid recovery to be close to home and family.

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UPDATE

Happy New Year from RRBATA

RRBATA wishes the community of the Romsey region a happy and prosperous New Year ahead in 2015. We look forward to a year of advocacy for business and tourism in our region, as well as continuing a community development role locally. Event-wise, RRBATA will be focussing on the Community Streetscaping Forum (early in the year – stay tuned) and the Annual Business Breakfast. Light Up The Sky, a biennial event, will return in 2016.

RRBATA Christmas Tree

Once again, RRBATA erected a tree in the Romsey Community Hub, complete with light display visible through the window at night. This has become an annual fixture at the Hub, hopefully enjoyed by its many visitors in the weeks leading up to Christmas.



RRBATA Christmas Gathering

On Thursday 27th November, 2014, RRBATA hosted a Christmas Gathering at the Mad Gallery in Lancefield. Councillors Ellis, Hackett and McLaughlin were in attendance, as were representatives from groups who had worked in partnerships with RRBATA during the year (RSL, Romsey Primary School, Rotary, Romsey Lancefield Historical Society, Lancefield Neighbourhood House, Lions, Romsey Mechanics Institute, CWA). In addition, Linda and Andrew Green (Romsey Mechanical Engineering) were invited in recognition for their support in assistance with construction of the solar lighting stand at the Lone Pine. Members of LBATA were also in attendance.

RRBATA wishes to acknowledge John Nightingale (Mad Gallery) for his hospitality which ensured a great evening was had by all!



Romsey Online

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)
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Would you like to contribute to your local community?

Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services Limited is the management company of the Bendigo Bank Community Bank Branches at Lancefield & Romsey.

The Board is looking at refreshing and directorships will soon become vacant. The company is seeking interested residents to apply to join this highly active community organisation.

The company is particularly seeking applicants with experience in finance/accounting or HR skills, and is looking for candidates willing to be groomed for office bearing roles in the future.

These roles may be of interest to persons who are either working or retired. Experience in corporate/financial affairs or business management is advantageous but not essential. Various training options are available for successful candidates.

The positions are voluntary and therefore a strong commitment to community affairs is essential. Minimum commitment of 10 hours per month, including monthly board meeting held first Monday evening of the month in Romsey.

Expressions of interest with a brief resume should be addressed to the Company at PO Box 30, Lancefield, 3435 or emailed to info@lancefieldromseybank.com.au by 1 March, 2015.

Australian Red Cross – Romsey Branch

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets in our Christmas Raffle we raised over \$800 to help the Red Cross continue their valuable work.

Congratulations to:
1st Prize: Lyn Mandouit
2nd Prize: Julie Ryan
3rd Prize: Isla Mullan

Our next meeting will be February 11th at 1pm at the Uniting Church, Pohlman Street and all our welcome. New members always welcomed. Come along and see what it's all about.

Congratulation also to Amy Mullan on the birth of her beautiful daughter Briar, another future Red Cross member.

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It is sure to be a great weekend, a chance to catch up, reminisce and
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We are still keen to hear from anyone with memorabilia or stories to
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New Share the Road Cyclist Safety Signs in The Ranges

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has added a Share the Road message to the cyclist signage on Shire roads. Bike Safe Macedon Ranges requested the signage and we are very grateful to the Shire and its officers for erecting these signs.



All road users have a responsibility to not only obey the road rules but courtesy and respect for each other goes a long way to making our roads safer. Sharing the roads is a two way street. We as cyclists are vulnerable road users and ask motorists to Pass us with Care as if we are a motor vehicle, giving us at least one metre in slow moving traffic and a minimum of 1.5 metres at higher speeds.

Motorists need cyclists to be clearly visible on the roads. Cyclists wearing black and dark colours are much harder to see against black bitumen and against the shadows from trees along the road. Please consider for your own safety and that of all road users that you are clearly visible day and night. Flashing lights make a big difference in the day time as well as lighting you up at night.

Margaret Douglas
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We enjoyed a pleasant get-together BBQ on Wednesday 21st January, 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 Probus can offer you to assist you in staying active.

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Fire Danger Period reminder

Victoria has experienced large amounts of rainfall and lower than normal temperatures over past weeks. However we are still in the Fire Danger Period with restrictions remaining in force right across the state. Loddon Mallee Regional Controller Mark Gilmore said "Although we have received significant rain, areas remain extremely dry and still pose a fire risk. We want to remind people that we are now in the middle of summer and are sure to see a return of higher temperatures and Fire Danger Ratings at the higher end of the scale. Along with this Total Fire Ban days may be declared as conditions worsen." He also said "Preventing fires is something that every member of the community should see as their responsibility" and went on to add that "Fire Danger Periods are based on local conditions and take into account fuel moisture, fuel loads, grassland curing, weather and rainfall." Mr Gilmore went on to say "Members of the community need to remember that burning off cannot be carried out under any circumstances during the Fire Danger Period (FDP) and property owners and works managers are reminded that they need to apply for any permits well in advance if they are planning to carry out essential work during the Fire Danger Period."

Inspector Colin Renton from Victoria Police also emphasised that "Police are called to all fires during the Fire Danger Period and will investigate and prosecute all breaches of the law." He added "There has been a marked spike in people burning off rubbish since the recent rain event and police have prosecuted a number of property owners as a result. Any person lighting a fire without a written permit or causing a fire through failing to comply with permit conditions will be prosecuted".

The Fire Danger Period means fires cannot be lit in the open air without a written permit from the CFA.

Schedule 13 Permit:

This permit allows you to burn-off grass, weeds, or other vegetation during the Fire Danger Period.

Schedule 14 Permit

This permit applies to other uses of fire not covered by *Schedule 13*, such as industrial burning or cutting, or burning deceased stock.

Note that both Schedule 13 and Schedule 14 permits become invalid on days of Total Fire Bans.

Each summer Crime Stoppers Victoria partners with emergency services to raise awareness and encourage reporting of bushfire arson through the Zero Tolerance campaign. Arson is attributed as being the cause of 50 percent of all bushfires across the country, with 1444 suspicious fires and almost 400 people charged for arson-related offences in Victoria during the 2013-2014 bushfire season. Deliberate and reckless fires can threaten lives and property, and tie up valuable emergency service resources, leaving other areas of the state vulnerable, particularly on extreme and code red fire days. CFA North West Region Community Education Coordinator Paul Tangey urged all residents to "Check the fire danger rating in their weather district every day over summer and especially when travelling to other parts of the state." He went on to say "The *Total Fire Ban Districts* map and a copy of the *Can I Can't I* brochure which explains what is and is not permitted both during the fire danger period and on days of total fire ban, are two of the best sources of information you should have."

Mr Tangey made the comment "Don't forget if you have seen something or know something then say something by contacting Crime Stoppers confidentially on 1800 333 000." As a final statement Mr Gilmore remarked that "Fire restrictions remain in force for a very good reason – to prevent fires from starting. If you are unsure then please contact the CFA or your local council."

For more information, speak with your local CFA members, check out the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au, grab yourself a copy of the *Can I Can't I* brochure which legally explains what you can and can't do both during the declared Fire Danger Peri-



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The Macedon Ranges Shire Population Forecasts will help us understand how the population, age structure and household types will change each year between 2011 and 2036. Forecasts are available for the shire and the seven districts within the shire.

The population forecasts are now available on Council's website, mrsc.vic.gov.au/population



Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.



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Happy New Year to everyone!

Our AGM was held in November and the following are the Office Bearers for 2015

President	Chris Boord
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Cottage Co-ordinator	Ruth Green
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Committee	Tom Newton Noreen Yorke Deb Shewan Brenda Soraghan

We are looking forward to a fairly busy year with special projects to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Gallipoli, the 150th of Romsey School and Romsey Mechanics' Institute, and others.

Lancefield Court House is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. or by appointment
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Living well with arthritis

On 19 March, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, in partnership with Arthritis and Osteoporosis Victoria (AOV), will host a 'Living well with arthritis' seminar in Woodend.

If you or someone close to you is affected by arthritis or another musculoskeletal condition, you will understand the impact it can have on your health and wellbeing. This seminar will provide you with information and resources that will assist you in managing your condition and pain. You'll also have the opportunity to try Nordic Walking.

The seminar will be held from 1–3.30pm on Thursday 19 March at the Woodend Community Centre, corner of High and Forrest Streets, with registration from 12.30pm. The cost is \$5, or attendance is free for AOV members.

Registration is essential and closes Friday 13 March. Please call Georgia Sackville at AOV on 1800 263 265 or (03) 8531 8022 or email programs@arthritisvic.org.au.

Council and AOV would also like to gauge interest in establishing an arthritis peer support group in the Macedon Ranges. This would allow people with arthritis, osteoporosis and other musculoskeletal conditions to come together to improve their health and wellbeing by sharing information and other activities of their choice. These might include listening to guest speakers or even exercising together. If you think you might be interested in participating in such a group, please complete the Arthritis Peer Support Group survey which is available at Council service centres in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend or online at mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay

For further details about the seminar or the survey contact Stephanie Harper, Healthy Ageing Engagement Officer, on (03) 5422 0258 or sharper@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

Badminton in Kyneton

Badminton is a great family sport for all ages. Last year we had players from 12 to 70 years of age. The Kyneton Badminton Association hold competition every Monday night from 7:00pm at the Kyneton Toyota Sports and Aquatic Centre, Victoria Street, Kyneton. A practice night will be held on 2nd February with competition beginning on 9th February.

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During the last weeks of Valentinus's life a remarkable thing happened. Seeing that he was a man of learning, the jailer asked whether his daughter, Julia, might be brought to Valentinus for lessons. She had been blind since birth. Julia was a pretty young girl with a quick mind. Valentinus read stories of Rome's history to her. He described the world of nature to her. He taught her arithmetic and told her about God. She saw the world through his eyes, trusted his wisdom, and found comfort in his quiet strength.

"Valentinus, does God really hear our prayers?" Julia asked one day.

"Yes, my child, He hears each one."

"Do you know what I pray for every morning and every night? I pray that I might see. I want so much to see everything you've told me about!"

"God does what is best for us if we will only believe in Him," Valentinus said.

"Oh, Valentinus, I do believe! I do!" She knelt and grasped his hand.

They sat quietly together, each praying. Suddenly there was a brilliant light in the prison cell. Radiant, Julia screamed, "Valentinus, I can see! I can see!"

"Praise be to God!" Valentinus exclaimed, and he knelt in prayer.

On the eve of his death Valentinus wrote a last note to Julia, urging her to stay close to God. He signed it, "From your Valentine." His sentence was carried out the next day, February 14, 270 A.D., near a gate that was later named Porta Valentini in his memory. He was buried at what is now the Church of Praxedes in Rome. It is said that Julia planted a pink-blossomed almond tree near his grave. Today, the almond tree remains a symbol of abiding love and friendship. On each February 14, Saint Valentine's Day, messages of affection, love, and devotion are exchanged around the world."

If there is anyone wishing to renew their wedding vows, there will be provision made to do so in Our Valentine's Day Service on 15th February. Please let Ps Marilyn know by 6th February.

If you would like to know more about faith in Jesus please contact Pastor Marilyn or our Church office Ph 5429 6327

We would be happy to help you find true peace and joy in life.

Encourage Church: "Encouraging one another to be ALL we can be in life and in God".

You are also invited to join us at our Sunday Service: **10am at 7 Mitchell Court Romsey**

Or one of our fortnightly Life Groups. Fortnightly Youth events and weekly Children's programs.

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Romsey Rag

A belated Happy new Year to all of our readers and contributors!

This is an invitation to all community groups to use the Romsey Rag to publicise your upcoming events. All advertising for sporting and not-for-profit organisations is FREE and will be included in the Rag as long as it reaches us by the monthly deadline which is always the 15th of the month.

As always, we are looking for volunteers to help with the collation of the Rag each month. Collation dates are published on page 2 of the Rag. Collating is always on a Thursday morning at Romsey Primary School from 9.00am and generally takes around 2 hours, depending on the number of volunteers each time. If you can help please contact collating coordinator Joan Sparkes—5429 5848.

Spaces are currently available in the Trade Directory for on-going business card advertising. This is a great way to get your business known in the local community. For enquiries please phone 5429 5099 during school hours. Bookings for front page sponsorship are also available. Please phone 5429 5099 to book your front page ad.

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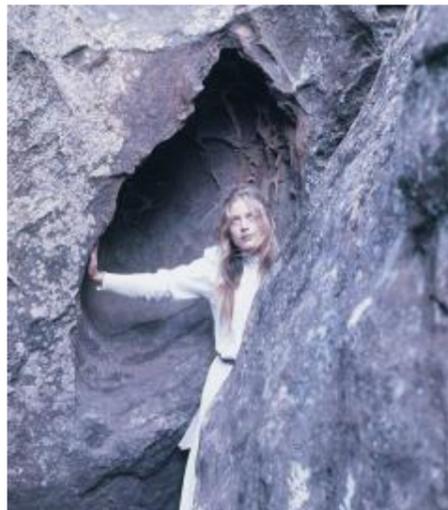
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Entries close: Wed 4th February

(Entries also accepted on the day if field permits)

40 years later and the mystery lives on



Celebrate Valentine's Day and the 40th anniversary of Peter Weir's 'Picnic at Hanging Rock' at the exclusive twilight viewing of the film on Saturday 14 February.

Pack a picnic basket and blanket, and enjoy the supernatural atmosphere of watching the film as the sun sets behind the Rock.

Based on the 1967 novel, the Australian classic was shot in 1975 and continues to intrigue with its eerie tale of vanishing schoolgirls.

Tickets are \$25 per adult, \$10 per child and \$60 for a family. Gates open at 7pm with the film beginning on dusk around 8.30pm. The café will be open for coffee and light snacks before the film begins.

To buy tickets, phone 1300 888 802 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/filmnight. For enquiries, phone Macedon Ranges Shire Council on (03) 5421 1468.



Romsey Uniting Church

Pohlman Street, Romsey. 3434 (P.O Box 264)

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

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News from the Romsey Uniting Church

During December & January Romsey & Lancefield had combined services at 10am.

We are now back to the normal times for Romsey 9am and Lancefield 10.30am.

It is good to worship together during the holiday season enjoying fellowship with the members of both churches.

Just for a moment I want to reflect on last Christmas here in the Romsey community - we had a wonderful lead up to Christmas Day with the two nights of "Follow the Christmas Star".

This was a truly wonderful occasion so very worth while.

It is hoped that this will be an annual Christmas event.

This year 2015 will be a milestone for the Romsey Uniting Church not only will we be celebrating our 150 years anniversary in July, but along with 11 other Uniting Churches we will join the Macedon Ranges Uniting Church Partnership.

Regeneration, Resource and Pastoral ministries are coming to the Macedon Ranges Uniting Churches. How is this going to work.

We understand that there will be three fully ordained ministers to lead and minister to 12 congregations. The Macedon Ranges Uniting Churches Partnership comes into being on 1st March with a combined celebration in Kyneton.

The three ministers will be accommodated in the areas of Romsey, Woodend and Kyneton.

The Uniting churches involved are Lancefield, Romsey, Riddells Creek, Mt.Macedon, Woodend, Gisborne, Tyldon, and the Kyneton cluster.

We pray that God is in full control and will show us the way forward.

Also at the beginning of 2015 our children are starting school, getting used to a new environment without Mum there to turn to. Young students commencing Year 7 at Secondary College or beginning their University education.

Then there are those facing the hurdle of finding a job after finishing their schooling. There are a few anxious moments as we face and commence new adventures in our life.

We all hope for a happy and peaceful year!!

We also know that in reality there are always problems and worries along with the joyfulness and peace, this comes with life. - but perhaps if we can face life with a

smile for those around us it will help all of us find the joy in life.

"Peace begins with a smile" - Mother Teresa

Keep Smiling
Smiling as Therapy is the latest thing.
You can't fake a smile, but you can use your smile to lift your mood.
Children smile more often, and more easily, than adults. Let their wonder and humour inspire your view of the world.

How you feel depends on what you think, so if your thoughts are getting you down, turn your attention to something that tickles your funny bone.

A genuine smile can be as good as a present for someone in need of love, hope or attention.

Busy lives can turn us inwards, making those around us seem anonymous.

Next time you rush down the street, break your stride and find the time to smile at those you pass by.

A Smile is Universal.

Services during February, 2015

1st	9am	Worship Service led by the Worship Team
8th	9am.	Worship & Holy Communion Service led by Jay Brooks
15th	9am	Worship Service led by Rose Wild
22nd	9am	Worship Service TBA

Other activities during February

4th	7.30pm	Pastoral Care & Church Council combined meeting.
11th	1.30pm	UCAF meeting.



Have you been to one of our Gatherings yet??

Happy New Year Ladies!! If you are new to the area or have not read this space previously, the RRWN started with three women talking over a glass of wine about how difficult it can be to meet new and like-minded people in our rural community. After putting some feelers out it was found that many women in our region feel socially isolated, and surprisingly it is not just the new comers to the Macedon Ranges. **And so our group was born!**

Since forming officially in August 2011 our member base continues to grow and we see new faces coming along to our gatherings every month. This is a group that continues to change and evolve depending on what people want at the time and how much time we are able to dedicate to arranging events.

So what is happening in 2015 you may ask? Well as always we will be holding our monthly gatherings on the 3rd Thursday of every month. These are very casual pay your own way events where we do what women do best – talk, share about our lives and have some laughs. We have no plans for any special events throughout the year at this stage but welcome thoughts and involvement from members to make things happen.

Our first gathering of the year will be on **Thursday 19th February at Sicilian Vespers @ 7pm** (119 Main Street, Romsey). For anyone wishing to eat, Tino & his amazing team do wood fired pizzas (fire ban pending) and antipasto platters aplenty to choose from. They also have a great wine selection but the venue is BYO if you prefer. **So take some time out for yourself and please come join us for a glass of wine and a chat!**



If you want to keep up to date with all our events please either ask to join our email list or find us

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Again our thanks to Bruce Ferguson and his crew for the excellent work they have done over the holidays to strengthen and improve the stage. We will now have the stage sanded back and repolished. Thanks also to the Bendigo Bank whose 2014 grant made all these works possible.

Over the holidays the hall floor was given a deep clean and polish, our thanks to Lyndal who does an excellent job looking after this element of the hall's operation.

We welcome back all our regular users. If you would like more information on these groups;

Romsey/Lancefield Senior Citizens – Meet every Monday in the back room of the RMI

The Country Women's Association – Meet two Thursdays a month in the Supper Room of the RMI.

The Romsey/Lancefield RSL – Meets in the afternoon on the last Tuesday of each month
CC Liners – Meet every Monday morning.
Cowboys & Angels Dance Academy – Has dance lessons in the hall on Tues, Wed & Thurs afternoons/evenings.

On Sunday November 9th we held our 1st "Collectibles Day". It was run in conjunction with the Romsey Neighbourhood House. The CWA, Red Cross and Heskett P. S. all did a sterling job supplying morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

Over 125 people visited the exhibition and more than 75 articles were assessed by Graham Pavey our antiques appraiser. In some cases Graham referred people on to groups such as Sotherbys whilst in others he praised the beauty of the articles but noted that today's busy lifestyle left little time or space for items such as Royal Dalton crockery or 19th century clocks.

A reminder that the RMI and the Romsey Neighbourhood House will be holding the **1st Romsey Antiques Fair on Sat/Sun March 21/22**. Many items will be for sale so why not come along and try to pick up a bargain?

If you have a function coming up please consider the RMI. Bookings and inquiries can be made at; rmibookings@gmail.com



LINE DANCING



Line Dancing starts back on February 2nd and is held every Monday morning in the Mechanics Hall from 9.00 till 11.00am. Beginners are welcome. Come and have some fun while keeping fit! Enquiries to Carol on 0419 121 369

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FEBRUARY 2015

MAKE READY

Christmas is behind us and now we look forward to all the life-changing events in the life of Jesus, as He, at thirty years of age, begins His three year ministry of "seeking and saving those who are lost". This led Him to the Cross, taking our sins upon Himself, that through our faith in His atoning death, our sins would be forgiven and be brought into a living relationship with God the Father and made His children by adoption.

This is the Gospel, the Good News, that Jesus has commanded His Church to take to all nations.

Jesus gave us many lessons to live by and insights into the nature of God the Father but above all else, He spoke of His coming again, His SECOND COMING and our need to be prepared for that great day.

"MAKE READY" was the message the Angel Gabriel gave to Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, so describing the ministry, John was to have. John was to "To make ready a people prepared for His coming" - Luke 1:17c. - His, 'Jesus' FIRST COMING.

"MAKE READY" Jesus warns us "for my return, and be ready, for you do not know when I shall suddenly appear", and again, "at that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory". Luke 21:27. - His SECOND COMING! Over two thousand years have passed since Jesus uttered these words and we are still waiting but His message is still the same, MAKE READY!

"MAKE READY" is the message the Holy Spirit is giving to His Church today - a people prepared in body, mind and spirit for His coming again. At His first coming, Jesus said He did not come to judge the world but to save it but at His second coming He will come as the Great Judge. We are to make ready ourselves, our family members, friends, neighbours, communities and indeed the whole world for that great day - we are to be prepared and ready in holiness and righteousness to meet the Lord when He comes!

Yea, Amen let all adore Thee, High on Thine eternal Throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory; Claim the kingdom for Thine own:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Thou shalt reign and Thou alone.

C. Wesley & J. Cennick.

DECEMBER 2014 IN RETROSPECT.....The usual end of year get-togethers were enjoyed by all. Max and Betty took several car loads of food stuffs and Christmas gifts to Anglicare for Melbourne's needy. The Christmas Stall was well worthwhile, our thanks to all who supported it. We appreciated our locum minister for this month, Rev. Len Greenhall, whose addresses were so informative and spiritually challenging. The much needed restoration of Christ Church Lancefield is now well under way for which we praise the Lord for His guidance and bounty.

JANUARY 2015 was a time for relaxing and preparing for the year ahead. Importantly, we welcomed back Rev. Bill Carroll into our Parish life once again after all his operations.

FEBRUARY 2015 DIARY.

Thurs.12th Feb.8pm. AMS (Anglican Men's Society) meets Parish Hall Chauncey St., Lancefield.
Men welcome! Max 5429-1597 Tom 5429-6060

Sun.15th Feb.7pm. HEALING SERVICE Christ Church Lancefield .. Rev. Bill Carroll

Wed.18th Feb. ASH WEDNESDAY 9am ..Holy Communion St.Paul's Romsey .. 7pm Christ Church L/field.

Thurs.19th Feb. 1.30pm. The Guild meets Parish Hall Lancefield. Enq. Glenice 5429-6418.

MARCH 2015

Fri.6th March 11am.THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Service .. Christ Church Lancefield. The Service this year is prepared by the Church women of The Bahamas..Speaker DR. BRONWEN SCOTT-BRANAGAN.

Lunch to follow - a small plate to share please. Welcome to all in our community to this world wide service which starts at dawn on the Tongan Islands and finishes at sunset in the Aleutian Islands : Nth America.

Sun.15th March 2.30pm. VICT WELSH MALE VOICE CHOIR - COR BACH - (The Little Choir) in Lancefield Mechanics Hall..Tickets \$25 NOW on sale. Betty 5429-1597 Glenice 5429-6418.

Proceeds to Christ Church Restoration Appeal. Music and items for all to enjoy!

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Let's Get Fit and Healthy!



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.

Konga: (Tuesdays 7pm-8pm) **NEW!** KONGA is a wild mash-up of Boxing, Kickboxing, Cardio, Afro, Pop, Rock, Pilates, Disco & everything in between specifically designed to shape, sculpt & redefine your physique. It's the one class that really does have it all, don't miss out! Bookings essential. \$10 class, 1st class 3rd Feb: **FREE** Bookings essential: Lauren 0431 314 157

Romsey Walkers: (Wednesdays 9.30am) **NEW!** Don't exercise alone, have fun exercising in the company of others at your own pace. Free to join. Leaves from Romsey N/H

Reiki: (Thursdays 10am-3.00pm) \$10 per 45min session. Bookings essential on 5429 6724.

Yoga: (Thursdays 7pm-8:30pm) **Saturdays 8am-9.00am NEW!** \$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. Bookings: Trish (day) class on 0411 447 392, April (night) class on 0427 150 976 .

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...this year!

Wednesday Social Afternoons: (Wednesdays 2pm) **NEW!** \$2 Beat the mid-week boredom and get together with others for this fun, weekly, social afternoon. Self-directed, play cards, games, chess, have a cuppa and chat, listen to music in the company of others. All welcome.

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: the House to book in.

Life Drawing Classes: (Thursdays 7pm-9pm) **NEW!** \$10 per session. Weekly classes with live models from the Life Drawing Guild, Melb. Beginners welcome. Bookings:5429 6724 Enquiries: Di 0401 859 108

Let's Get Cooking!



Divine Italian Cuisine on a Low Budget: NEW! Register your interest now and get creative in the kitchen with these mini 45min workshops. Learn to create cost effective tasty meals for the individual or family. Cost:\$20 Date to be confirmed.

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

Cooking for All Seasons Series NEW! Join us each term in tantalising our tastebuds with this seasonal cooking series. 3 hour workshops using local and in-season produce to create a delicious 3 course meals. Then enjoy the meal over a glass of wine. **Workshop 1 - Summer Mediterranean Cuisine** (Sunday 22nd Feb) 10-1pm Cost: \$45 Bookings essential. Limited places.

The Art of Cheesemaking NEW! (March 29th, April 26th) Join these workshops and take the mystery out of making cheese. Learn how to make Camembert, Feta, Ricotta and Greek Style Yogurt ...just to name a few in your own home! Cost-effective,100% hands-on fun. Morning tea, lunch and cheese tasting provided. 10am -4pm. Spaces limited. Bookings essential via House. Enquiries: 5429 3637/ 0451 031 300. Off site location.

The Art of Preserving (Feb 8th, March 15th, April 12th) **NEW!** Learn the age old technique of preserving. Limited spaces bookings essential at House. Cost: \$35

NEW THIS YEAR AT THE ROMSEY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

THE PRESERVING WORKSHOP

Is your garden a bountiful delight, not sure what to do with your excess produce? This workshop will give you some ideas about what to do with your excess fruits and vegetable and how to preserve them in a safe way. Preserving is not only about using up a glut of excess produce, it is about prolonging and saving your favourite produce so you can enjoy it all year. It also helps us to slow down and remember the seasons and appreciate the food we grow. This workshop will focus on the principles of making relishes, preserves and marmalades for yourself and gifts. You will learn how to extend the value of your produce and experience the joy of learning cooking skills that will assist you in becoming more self-sufficient in your kitchen. These workshops are conducted at the Romsey Neighbourhood House. These are a lecture style workshop and will be from 10am to 2pm and will be about \$35.00 per session. Class notes will be provided.

THE CHEESE MAKING WORKSHOP

You will be working in groups and make your own Artisan Cheese and a Gourmet Style Feta. Class notes will be provided.

Pre course coffee and tea and morning tea is provided along with lunch, cheese tasting and a glass of wine. In addition to this, the milk, other ingredients (to make the cheese) and a hoop to take home with your cheese are included.

We limit the workshops to 6-8 people and the cost is \$160.00 per person. We start at 10am and finish up around 4pm. These workshops are held on our property 2kms from Romsey on the Romsey (Woodend) Road.

Along with myself, the workshops are taught by Janet Clayton who has completed a practical Cheesemakers course at NCDEA.

Janet is from Cheeselinks which is a family-owned business with over twenty years' experience in the dairy industry. They teach people how to make their own cheeses at home and have a range of products for home cheesemakers.

You also get to have a tour of our facilities, see the animals and view my sustainable gardening techniques.

Hope this helps with your decision and we see you at one of our future workshops. If you would like to put a group together we can arrange a workshop for your group on a separate day. Gift Certificates are also available.

Thank you for your time and attention. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions and or comments.

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