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### SPECIAL CENTENARY MT MACEDON ANZAC DAWN SERVICE

The Centenary commemoration of the Gallipoli landings will see some special features added to this year's Mt Macedon ANZAC Day Dawn Service including stories featuring families from across the Macedon Ranges, and additional audio visual capacity to cater for a larger attendance.

Following the huge success of the bus services provided last year, buses will again be provided to the Service from Gisborne, Woodend, Macedon, Romsey, Lancefield, Riddells Creek and Sunbury.

Chair of the Mt Macedon ANZAC Day Dawn Service Committee, Bruce Mildenhall, said that the Committee had worked hard to ensure that the content and quality of this year's Service would match the significance of the occasion.

"This year's Service will feature the staging of a mini-drama using historical materials and letters, special music written especially for the Centenary and the offering of prayers from a number of faiths", Mr Mildenhall said. "We are proud that over recent years, the Mt Macedon ANZAC Day Dawn Service has grown in size and become one of the largest attended Dawn Service's in regional Victoria".

Anyone wishing to attend the Service will need to catch one of the following bus services:

**Gisborne Train Station** at 4:15AM and 5:15AM,  
**Woodend Train Station** at 4:30AM and 5:15AM,  
**Romsey Community Hub** at 4:30AM and 5:00AM,  
**Lancefield Mechanics Hall** at 4:45AM and  
**Riddells Creek Primary School** at 4:15AM.

A bus will also be provided for Sunbury families wishing to attend the Service and will depart the **Sunbury Train Station** at 5:00AM.

A continual shuttle bus service will operate from **Tony Clarke Recreation Reserve- Waterfalls Road, Macedon** with the first bus departing at 4:00AM and the last bus departing at 5:20AM.

Mr Mildenhall said that the 2015 Mt Macedon ANZAC Day Dawn Service was expected to cost the volunteer-led Committee in excess of \$35,000, up \$30,000 from the 2005 Service, and people attending are requested to make a gold coin donation when they board the bus to the Service.

Mount Macedon Road will be closed to Dawn Service traffic from the corner of Mount Macedon Road and Honour Avenue, and Mount Macedon Road and Straws Lane from 3:00AM on ANZAC Day. All private cars will be directed to Tony Clarke Recreation Reserve.

**Bookings for each bus service is essential and can be made online from Wednesday 1 April by visiting: [www.organscoaches.com.au](http://www.organscoaches.com.au).**  
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Romsey Golf Club – Men's Report  
<http://romseygolfclub.net>

### Saturday March 14th - Stroke - Algie Mitchell Singles K/O - Qualifying Round - Top Eight

Players took to the course under clear skies and with a gentle southerly wind. The green tinge of last week was slowly growing stronger however much of the course was still very dry and hard. As the afternoon wore on the temperature rose and it was very hot in the sections where the older trees blocked the breeze. With a place in the quarter finals of the club's 2nd oldest shield (first played in 1970) up for grabs some serious golf was expected and a number of golfers rose to the occasion. Whilst the day eventually belonged to one of the club's juniors a number of Romsey's longest term members also did very well. The day's results were;

**Winner;** Michael McCarton - 87/23/64 from Bob McLennan - 80/11/69, Steve Poulton - 93/24/69 & Peter Scanlon - 100/30/70

**NTPs;** 15th - Bob McLennan, 16th - Les Gaunt

**Quarter Finals of the Algie Mitchell Singles Knock-out;**

Michael McCarton Vs Rob Rea  
Peter Scanlon Vs Steve Wilkins  
Steve Poulton Vs Andrew Laing  
Bob McLennan Vs John Laing

### Saturday March 7th - Stableford

An early hit-off because of the 1st round of the **Macedon Ranges Junior Golf Tournament** saw cooler conditions and players loving the condensation on the greens; especially the beautiful tracks left as balls fell in, or just missed, the cup. There was also a tinge of green across the whole course courtesy of the overnight rain and some recent morning dews; drives or long iron shots did not travel nearly as far as in recent weeks. Everyone was also very pleased to see that our Little Corellas seem to have moved on, we can now get down to repairing and improving the greens they have damaged. On a clear, fresh morning the results were;

**Winner;** Tony Freeman (21) - 42 pts from John Laing (27) - 38 pts, Mick Nicholls (21) - 38 pts and Steve Poulton (24) - 37 pts.

**NTPs;** 15th - Mick Nicholls, 16th - Andrew Laing.

### Saturday February 28th - Week 4 Summer Cup - Monthly Medal - Stroke & Putts

There was a spot or two of rain early in the morning but by the time the field hit off the sun was shining and the temperature was climbing. Again the hard, dry fairways gave excellent value often resulting in players with approach shots of well under 100 m. The final round of the Summer Cup saw a number of golfers in contention so extra careful, deliberate play was the order of the day. As the round progressed it became clear that the February Medal would be fought out between six players and it was only over the closing few holes that one player emerged from the pack. On a hot, dry day the results were;

**Winner & February Medallist;** Mick Nicholls - 87/22/65 from Kevin Dunn - 93/27/66, Peter Scanlon - 97/31/66, Jim Patton - 87/21/66, Tony Freeman - 89/21/68, Michael McCarten - 93/25/68, Dave Richardson - 93/23/70 & Dave Muller - 82/12/70

**NTPs;** 1st - Mal Mottram, 15th - Jim Patton, 16th - Dave Muller.

Least Putts; Kevin Dunn - 27

### Saturday February 21st - Week 3 Summer Cup - Ambrose

A strong field teed off on a very hot afternoon, the wind swung around from the north to the east then to the west however it was rarely strong enough to effect balls in the air. The rain of last week had quickly disappeared and it was back to hard dry fairways on top of that the day passed the predicted temperature of 34 to reach 36 at about 2.30 pm. The fairway grass had stood up valiantly through December and January but by the end of February it was beginning to crumble and blow away leaving an increasing number of bare spots. As the round progressed there were numerous roars of success, from both the golfers and the nearby cricketers, as birdies dropped or wickets fell. All teams did well with most coming in under the par of 72 and, as with the Relay For Life golf day a few weeks ago, the final result was very close. By the end of the day most golfers were looking forward to the cool of the rooms and a cold drink. On a very hot afternoon the results were;

**Winners;** Dave Richardson, Peter Scanlon, Scott Williams & Keith Hocking - 72/13.4/58.6 from Les Gaunt, Steve Poulton & Mick Sadler - 70/11.3/58.7 and Anthony Lakey, Sharif Abdel-Sayed, Mal Mottram & Michael McCarton - 69/9.5/59.5

**NTPs;** 1st - Mick Sadler & 15th - John Freestone.

It is hoped that the club will be able to disconnect from the mains drinking water system and turn on our re-cycled water system during the morning of Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>. This will be the culmination of stage one of the Romsey Golf Club's project to irrigate the greens and large sections of the fairways. This re-cycled water project will see a saving of 10,000,000 litres of precious drinking water.

The re-cycled water project began at the end of October, we estimate that club members have put in \$100,000.00 worth of labour to get all the infrastructure in place. Stage two of this project will see all tees irrigated some extra fairway sprinklers and allowances made for irrigating new and existing gardens. Romsey Golf Club has approached the Macedon Ranges Shire Council to assist us with stage two. Our application has been put forward as part of the coming budget but we will not know if we are successful until later in the year. We have invited our ward councilors down to Romsey Park to view the works that have been completed and to explain stage two and other plans for the golf course. We hope that this will give our councilors enough information to support our request for funding of stage two.

Just under 30 juniors competed in the 6<sup>th</sup> Macedon Ranges Junior Golf Tournament over the Labour Day weekend. A detailed report and scores can be found on the club's Events/Reports page; [http://romseygolfclub.net/index.php?p=1\\_12\\_Events-Reports](http://romseygolfclub.net/index.php?p=1_12_Events-Reports)  
Just scroll down and click on the **Report** and the **Scores** for the event.



## 2015 Macedon Ranges Junior Tournament

By 11.15 am the event players had registered and were sitting down to a hearty lunch. Before the groups teed off Anthony Lakey officially welcomed everyone, on behalf of the organising committee and thanked the very generous tournament sponsors; **Drummond Golf, Niddrie and NewEarth Constructions**, the tournament would not be possible without their support. Clubs represented at the event were; Neangar Park, Rosanna, Victoria, Yarrambat, Sandhurst, Long Island, Gungahlin Lakes, Southern, Woodend, Romsey, Gisborne, Medway, Patterson River, Kyneton, La Trobe, Bacchus Marsh, Riverside, Mt Macedon & Bacchus Marsh West. Each course provided maps of the lay-out as well as copies of the local rules for each group.

**Day One, Saturday March 7th – Romsey G. C. M - P72/S72/S124, W - P71/S73/S119**

**Daily Sponsor – CIIC Insurance.** Age & handicap based groups. The long summer saw the course very dry with only the greens and immediate surrounds showing strongly green and trenches to install irrigation piping running down the centre of every fairway added to the challenge. The round was also made more difficult by Little Corella damage on the 15th & 16th greens. The mixture of mature and younger trees caught some players out, once in the trees only the most adventurous or creative players were still able to shoot at the green. The smaller greens also forced players to carefully consider their approach shots. A highlight of the day started with a 9 on the par 4 3rd by Mitchell Hall (Yarrambat). Mitchell, showing great character, then played the remainder of the course in six under! Other good rounds came from Jordan Ward (Long Island) 75, Kieran Vogels (Sandhurst) 75 and Gabriela Ruffels (Victoria) 76. The day's results were;

**Boys' U18 Scr** Jordan Ward (Long Island); 75 **H/C** Michael McCarten (Romsey); 94/24/70

**Boys' U15 Scr** Li Su (Medway); 79 **H/C** Corben Leong La Trobe); 93/24/69

**Girls' U21 Scr** Gabriela Ruffels (Victoria) 76 **H/C** Kristi Bilkey (Neangar Park); 81/5/76

**Day Two Sunday March 9th – Lancefield G. C. M - 72/71/117, W - 72/73/118**

**Daily Sponsor – Lancefield Bakery.** Handicap based groups. Lancefield, a more open course, was also dry but the more open fairways gave all golfers a chance to correct errant shots. Players were able to more easily get out from under trees or shoot back to a fairway or green. The greens putted very true and generally had an even pace. Recent dam works on the 8th saw a few players in trouble however those who had listened to, or read, the local rules were able to take a free drop. Kieran Vogels 79 again lead the boys while Kristi Bilkey 79 lead the girls in. Day two results were;

**Boys' U18 - Scr** Kieran Vogels ; 79

**Hcp** Jason Koesmarno (Gungahlin Lakes); 80/4/76

**Boys' U15 - Scr** Corben Leong (La Trobe); 85

**Hcp** Jarryd Martin (Bacchus Marsh W); 91/15/66

**Girls' U21 - Scr**

Kristi Bilkey; 79  
Jaynaya Wharton  
(Rosanna); 87/9/78

At the end of the 2nd round four boys were in contention and one girl stood well above the rest of the stroke field.

**Day Three Monday March 10th – Mt Macedon Golf Course. M- 67/67/118, W- 70/71/115**

**Daily Sponsor – Mary-Anne Thomas.** Score based groups. The top



Above:  
Immediate past WGDD Captain Beryl Cole  
with Gary Watts Shield winners Gabriela Ruffels & Jordan Ward

group Kieran Vogels -154, Jordan Ward -156, Mitchell Hall -158 and Jason Koesmarno -158 teed off on a warm, still day. The boys' champion would come from this group. A steady round from leader Kristi Bilkey -160 would see her retain the title she won in 2014. Mt Macedon was by far the greenest of the three courses and all players found the greens to be in excellent condition. The nine-hole, 18 tee course proved very challenging and provided many players with highs and lows over the afternoon. The many large, old trees across the course and lining the fairways saw quite a few competitors use a local rule and gain a free drop from tree roots. The leading group of boys fought out a tough front nine with Mitchell

Hall taking the lead early on but in the end another very steady round from Kieran Vogels saw him return a 74 to take the boys' championship by 5 shots from Jordan Ward with Mitchell Hall one shot further back. Another good round saw the girls' title again go to

Kristi Bilkey. The day's results were;

**Boys' U18 Scr** Kieran Vogels 74 **Hcp** Ned Sullivan (Woodend); 87/18/69

**Boys' U15 Scr** Li Su; 82 **Hcp** Harry Weaver (Riverside); 87/28/59

**Girls' U21 Scr** Kristi Bilkey; 81 **Hcp** Jazy Roberts (Neangar Park); 93/19/74

**Overall tournament trophies;**

**Gary Watts Shield;** Jordan Ward; 75 Gabriela Ruffels; 76

**MRJT Champions;** Kieran Vogels; 228 Kristi Bilkey; 241

**MRJGT Runners-up;** Jordan Ward; 233 Jaynaya Wharton; 272

**Chris Gaunt Cup** Corben Leong 266/197 K. Bilkey; 241/226

The member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas presented the events major awards. Mary-Anne spoke of the positive benefits from sport and said she was especially pleased to see so many younger golfers actively involved in the tournament. Parents, family & friends are a vital support to all these younger competitors.



Morten Hafkamp  
& Harry  
Weaver watch as  
Tom  
Roberts tees off on  
the 10th

The 2015 tournament closed with many thanks to;

- the players and their families,
  - the tournament sponsors,
  - the organising committee, Luke Rebecchi, Charles Everist, Dave Muller, Beryl Cole & Glenn Moore and Anthony Lakey
  - all those who prepared food and provided refreshments on and off the course.
- The three golf clubs were also thanked
- for allowing the tournament to utilise their courses and
  - for all their hard work preparing their courses and rooms so that the event could take place.

**The 8th Macedon Ranges Junior Golf Tournament will be held over the Labour Day long weekend; March 12/13/14, 2016**



## Cobaw District Summer Sport

Annually the local schools compete against each other in summer sports. Romsey Primary School played hosted for cricket and softball and Braemar held the volleyball. Our teams were competed with enthusiasm and enjoyment winning some of their matches. The boy's cricket team played exceptionally well and won all their matches.

## Athletic Sports

On the day students, staff and parents had to contend with a strong wind throughout the day. Students were undeterred and enjoyed the running, jumping and throwing events with many students coming away with ribbons. Congratulations to Clarke house who won the event. House Captains, Lilly Bromley and Jack Williamson were presented with the shield and on behalf of the students thanked their team mates, the teachers and parent helpers and congratulated everyone on their good sportsmanship.



## Learning about the ANZACs

This term senior students have been learning about the history of the landing at Gallipoli. As a result of several planning meetings held between the RSL, Lancefield Community House and the three local schools a number of events have been scheduled. The Shrine has an Outreach program and provided an education officer to visit

# ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Romsey, Lancefield and St Mary's Primary School. Our students from years 5 and 6 were treated to interesting talks and the opportunity to dress up in various uniforms. The presenter also brought along many artefacts relating to World War 1 which students could handle and examine while they listened to accounts of life in the battlefields and trenches during the First World War.

A bus load of selected students from the three schools visited the Shrine of Remembrance, toured the new museum and heard additional information about its significance. These two events were organised and sponsored by the Lancefield Neighbourhood House and the school expresses its grateful thanks for their support.



This term the year 1/2s and 3/4s inquiry topic has also been based on history and they have spent time exploring the local community and the older ones researching the ANZAC history. Several classes have walked into the main part of Romsey and learnt about the older buildings and the various businesses that have existed in them over a period of time. At the last school assembly the 1/2s displayed their posters on similarities and difference in Romsey over the years and several students spoke about their findings.

## Staff Learning

This term the student free day saw teaching and support staff join together for an excellent learning and personal development program. Michael Victory led the session and introduced us to a program called Four Rooms, a New Culture for the Classroom. This program helps prevent bullying, engages learners, assists with understanding yourself and your students and improves staff development and strategic planning. It is anticipated that he will be further engaged to continue this program to extend its principles to the classroom and to increase empathy and self-awareness.

I would like to congratulate all who are associated with Romsey Primary School on their continued commitment to making Romsey Primary School a place of excellence and thank everyone who has supported me throughout my time here.







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### What is a Febrile Convulsion?

By Kristin Vavallo, Primary Care Paramedic, Happy Bodies Health Service.

Febrile convulsions are when a fit or seizure occurs in children with fever. Fever is a normal response to fight infection, and in children is classified as over 38°C. The fever often occurs on the first day of illness and it may not be obvious that your child is unwell before a febrile convulsion or fit occurs.

The fit is brought on by a rapid *change* in temperature, not how high the child's temperature becomes. The brains of some children are more sensitive to changes in temperature than others, resulting in "hot" fits. Febrile convulsions are common and will occur in about 1 in 30 children aged 6 months to 6 years.

There are some things you can do if your child has a fever - keep them cool; don't overdress or overheat the room; encourage drinking small sips of fluid often to keep hydrated; and if in pain or miserable, give paracetamol or ibuprofen, however these measures may not prevent a febrile convulsion.

Febrile convulsions can be scary to watch. Signs and symptoms include: loss of consciousness; twitching of limbs; difficulty breathing; change in skin colour (often the child goes blue) and their eyes roll back. The child experiences no pain or discomfort during the fit. A short fit will not cause brain damage and even a long fit almost never causes harm. Afterwards your child may take 30 minutes to fully wake up and when they do, they may be irritable.

If your child has a fit:

Stay calm.

Don't put anything into the child's mouth, including fingers.

Make the child safe by putting them on a soft surface.

Time how long the fit lasts, or record it on your phone.

Take your child to see a health professional or emergency department as soon as possible afterwards.

If you are very worried, **or the seizure goes for longer than 5 minutes** call an ambulance on 000, as paramedics can administer medications that can help stop a fit, convulsion or seizure.

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**'Greylight' Dance:  
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The fourth annual 'Greylight Olde Time Dance' will be held from 1.30pm–4pm on Tuesday 12 May at the Kyneton Town Hall, with live music provided by the Sacred Heart College Band. Once again, more than 100 older Macedon Ranges residents are expected to enjoy dancing or just listening to this very talented group of local musicians perform. Even if you don't dance, this is a wonderful social occasion—a chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

The 'Greylight' Dance is a police-initiated event, held in partnership with Macedon Ranges Shire Council. Light refreshments will be provided and you are encouraged to book early as numbers are limited. Transport will be available but must be booked.

Bookings close at 4pm on Monday 4 May. To book, contact Stephanie Harper on 5422 0258 or email [sharp-er@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:sharp-er@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

#### Meet your Councillors

Residents and community groups now have the opportunity to book a one-on-one meeting with the Mayor and Councillors to discuss local issues.

Twenty minute meetings can be booked from 7pm–9pm at the following locations:

Wednesday 1 April: Woodend Neighbourhood House, 47 Forest St, Woodend

Wednesday 6 May: Kyneton Mechanics Institute, 81 Mollison St, Kyneton

Wednesday 5 August: Romsey Hub, Monegeetta Room, 96–100 Main St, Romsey

Wednesday 7 October: Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre, Classroom 1, Hamilton St, Gisborne.

To book an appointment, contact Debbie Peter on 5422 0313 or email [dpeter@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:dpeter@mrsc.vic.gov.au)




## Introduction to apprenticeships & traineeships

**Thursday 30 April, 5.30pm–7.30pm**  
**Gisborne Administration Centre**  
**40 Robertson Street**  
**Cost: Free**

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Parkwood Green Medical is excited to announce the opening of our latest Clinic, to be located in Romsey. This will provide our second Clinic to complement the existing facility for Parkwood Green Medical Pty Ltd, which has been located in Hillside since 2011.

We are proud to introduce two fantastic doctors that will be coming to Romsey, both of whom have a wealth of knowledge and provide excellence in patient care to the community.

#### Introducing our Doctors

Dr Pearly Cooray has had many years of experience working in both General Practice and Hospital Emergency Departments throughout Australia and Overseas. Her move to our Romsey Clinic has been motivated by the treatment she has provided the many Romsey families who visited her while she was practising in Sunbury.

Dr Dilan Ranasinghe has also been in General Practice for many years in Australia and Overseas. He has recently relocated to Romsey from the Wodonga area, where he gained popularity through his varied clinical skills. He has a great interest in the township of Romsey and its most original and unique natural beauty.

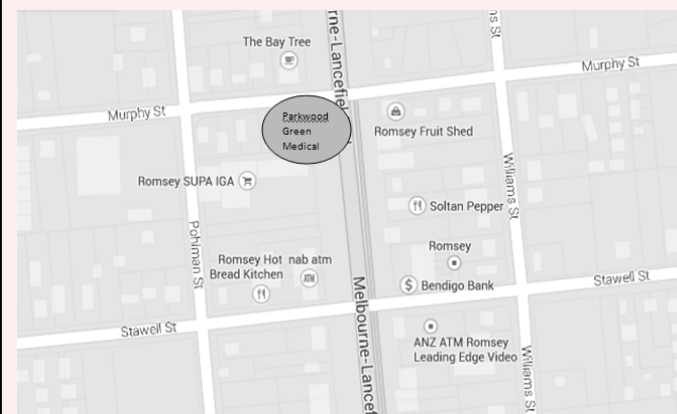
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## Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA) UPDATE

### The Way Forward for Romsey – Streetscaping Community Forum

How a town presents itself to its local community and those who visit the area is inextricably linked to the town's prosperity, both in a business and community wellbeing context.



You will have noticed a number of vacant retail spaces in town, with economic leakage from Romsey being significant. What does it take to increase the "attractiveness" of a town's streetscape to potential businesses, residents and the tourist trade? Is it lighting, artwork, historic architecture, a specific retail mix, shopfront presentation, roadside vegetation, monuments or signage?

The Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA) will conduct a Community Forum to discuss all matters relating to streetscape on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015, 7pm for 7.30pm start at the Romsey Community Hub.**

RRBATA invites **all community members as well as business traders** to have input to this important discussion.

A report on the forum will then be presented to the broader community and Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

For further information, please contact Jenny Stillman (jennystillman@optusnet.com.au. Ph. 0412 349849).

### Christmas In July - With John Marsden

Winter in the Macedon Ranges is a great time for a sumptuous

dinner event! So, RRBATA is pleased to announce its "Christmas In July" event to be held on the evening of Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at Grange Macedon Ranges (50 Melbourne- Lancefield Road, Lancefield).

Make space in your diary now to indulge in a wonderful Christmas-themed dinner event whilst listening to one of Australia's most prominent authors and educators, Mr. John Marsden. Further information will be available in the May edition of the Rag and Romsey Online (www.romsey.org.au).

### Christmas in Romsey 2015

RRBATA has noticed the distinct lack of Main Street Christmas "festivity" in Romsey in recent years and is currently discussing ideas for decorations and events to add some festive cheer to our main street in December this year. RRBATA would welcome community and business feedback with ideas. Lighting? Shopfront decorations? Giant Christmas tree etc?

### 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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### Volunteers Wanted!

We are always looking for extra hands to help with the collating of the Romsey Rag. If you can come along on a Thursday morning once a month a friendly bunch of fellow volunteers would welcome you with open arms! Check page 2 of the Rag for collating dates and simply come to Romsey Primary School around 9.00am. Sparkes on 5429

### Final Open Garden for the Australian Emergency Management Institute at Mt Macedon.

The Australian Attorney-General's Department invites you to view the Australian Emergency Management Institute's gardens on Friday 10 April 2015 from 2-4:30pm. The gardens were first established in 1919 as part of The Golf House property built by Walter Murray. They were replanted after Ash Wednesday in 1983. The gardens include significant trees, winding paths and water features. At the end of April 2015 the Institute will be relocating to Canberra. Parking & Pedestrian entry: 152 Waterfalls Rd, Mt Macedon;



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# Family FUN DAY

12th April, 2015, 10am Start

with guest speaker  
**PAT WELDON**  
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Family Footy  
& Netball Games  
Goal Shooting Comps

Bacon & Egg Breakfast  
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Please contact Belinda Osmond 0418 401 764, Hope Evans 0439 344 411  
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## Family Fun Day

To support Autism Awareness Month  
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*Light it up Blue Campaign*  
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### SATURDAY

## 18TH April, 12-3pm

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## ROMSEY KINDERGARTEN NEWS

### Welcome to Kinder BBQ & Disco Rocked!

The Romsey Kindergarten 'Welcome to Kinder BBQ & Disco' held on 27 February was a huge success. 30-odd families soaked up the party atmosphere and took the opportunity to chat with teachers, other parents and of course the little people who were the stars of the night in their dazzling costumes.



It was wonderful to see children and parents alike enjoying the disco room created by the Kinder's dedicated Parent Committee. There were certainly some tired children (and parents) by the end of the night, but after raising nearly \$500, it was worth it!

The Kinder would like to extend a sincere thank you to the following businesses which generously supported the event:  
**Romsey IGA, Romsey Butcher, Romsey AMCAL Chemist, Romsey Mitre 10 and Black Range Business School.**

### Annual Kinder Open Day & Community Fete – Sunday 17 May

Members of the community are invited to visit Romsey Kindergarten for the annual Open Day & Community Fete. This event presents a great opportunity for local community members to get to know each other; make new friends, chat with teachers, find out more about the kinder curriculum, and, most importantly, have fun! There'll be free mini-train rides all day, a children's art show, a reptile handling demonstration, BBQ, coffee cart, jumping castle, music and visits from the local police and fire brigade. If you are interested in holding a stall at the Open Day & Community Fete, please contact Kinder Committee President Belinda Shanahan @ [dolphingirl@live.com.au](mailto:dolphingirl@live.com.au).

### Please Be Our Hero – Romsey Kinder Needs Your Help!

The Kinder Parent Committee is continuing last year's successful fundraising initiative and wish to invite businesses, clubs and organisations to help raise vital funds for the education of local youngsters. There are three options available:  
**\$100 Heroes** – This will include the opportunity to have ongoing promotion of your business printed in the kinder newsletter, as well as your business information displayed in the kinder foyer.  
**\$50 Friends** – Participants will be able to display their information in the kinder foyer.  
**Donation of a Service or Product** – You can make a donation to Romsey kinder in the form of a service or product, which can be used in raffles or fundraising events in the future.

All donations are tax deductible and an official receipt for tax purposes will be provided.

## ROMSEY & LANCEFIELD SOCIAL CLUB



**Inviting men and women 55 to 105  
who are retired, lonely and helpful.**

We meet **Every Monday** in the back rooms of the Romsey Mechanics Hall from 11am to 3pm for lunch and afternoon tea. Hot soup, rolls, nibbles and biscuits and cake. Cost \$5. Some groups play cards, others sit and chat or play indoor bowls.

For those who don't drive, we have a council bus that will pick you up and drop you off in the afternoon.

**Once a month** we have professional cooks who come in and give us a 2 course lunch. This meal is \$10.

We also have a **Bus Trip** to some very interesting places on the first Wednesday of the month with a 2 course meal and morning tea.

Trips are \$40 which includes your lunch.

For more information please contact:

Rae Hooke 54291602 E.Parks 54291314

Come along and give us a try!

## DEEP CREEK LANDCARE GROUP

Covering Lancefield - Romsey Districts

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Meeting dates:

Monday April 13<sup>th</sup> @8.00pm

Monday May 11<sup>th</sup> @8.00pm

Monday June 15<sup>th</sup> @8.00pm

Monday July 13<sup>th</sup> @8.00pm

Monday August 10<sup>th</sup> @8.00pm

Monday September 14<sup>th</sup> @8.00pm

Monday October 12<sup>th</sup> @8.00pm

Monday November 9<sup>th</sup> @8.00pm

Contact: Secretary: Ken 0404 886 580

Email : [ken.allender@bigpond.com](mailto:ken.allender@bigpond.com)

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## Romsey Golf Club Women's Report

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb:** The women played a 12 hole ambrose in perfect conditions. The winning team of Lorraine, Wendy and myself 46/10/36 combined well, making three gobblers and dropping some long putts.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Monthly medal. Wendy had a brilliant day 100/39/61. Congratulations to Wendy on also reducing her handicap. Lorraine won the putts with 27 putts. Elaine and Lorraine had been to watch the Women's Open at Royal Melbourne and learnt some hints to better their golf and both also had good rounds.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Wendy and I travelled to Alexandra for their tournament. Wendy again played good golf only to be beaten on a count back for C Grade handicap 108/39/69.

**Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Lorraine, Wendy and I played in the Gisborne Bowl. We all enjoyed the day and didn't get into too many bunkers. We found the greens very fast, but enjoyed seeing all the kangaroos basking in the sun.

**Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Lorraine, Wendy and I played in the Irish 6's at Kyneton. We found the fairways hard to walk on and chipping had us all beaten. We spotted lots of natural fertiliser with large amounts of roo poo on the course.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March:** Lorraine and I enjoyed our day at Trentham. It was their Captain and Presidents Day which was well attended and enjoyed by all. Today it was ducky doo's near the water hole.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March:** Lorraine, Wendy and I played in the Seymour Bowl. Lorraine managed the course the best of us and gained some Dalhousie points. Not even having a caddie could help me! Again plenty of roo poo on the course.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>:** Wendy and I helped at Romsey with the Macedon Ranges Junior Golf Tournament. After serving lunch for the juniors, we thought we would walk around a few holes with the girls. We were blown away by their swings and ability. Just shows you should take up golf while young, such flexibility.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March:** The women played match play to practise for pennant which starts in April. We were very creative and with some difficulty managed to play 3 per-

son match play per group. A strange outcome with every-one ending up square on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March:** Kath, Wendy and I played in the Woodend Bowl. That "one hill" gets us every time. Scores overall on the day were not good but the Romsey three all had bad scores, some saying they are not going back to Woodend again. Oh, for an electric buggy!!

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March** was the Dalhousie Women's Country Teams fundraiser at Euroa. Denise Michael Shariff and myself formed a team to play Ambrose and ended the day with a very respectable 72--12,5/8--59 3/8. Sadly it was not good enough to win but wasn't far off. We all enjoyed the course.

Recipe for this month

### Stuffed Capsicum

1/4 cup olive oil  
1 large onion finely diced  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
500g beef mince  
2 cans crushed tomato  
1 tbspn dried oregano  
1 tsp ground cinnamon  
3/4 cup white rice  
6 capsicums  
500ml chicken stock

Pre heat oven 190 C heat oil in a large frypan and add onion and garlic. Saute until onions are soft. Add mince and fry until just browned. Add the crushed tomatoes, oregano and cinnamon. Simmer 5 mins. Add rice and simmer for 15 mins over low heat. Cut the stem end off the capsicum. Remove the seeds and membrane, place in a baking dish. Fill each loosely with meat mixture and replace capsicum top. Pour stock into baking dish so it surrounds the base of each capsicum. Cover dish with foil and bake for 1½ hours. Check that rice is cooked, if not, return to oven for 15 mins. Serve immediately

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## Romsey Primary School 150th Anniversary this year! October 24th and 25th –

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### Saturday October 24th:

School tours all day, and displays, roll call, photo opportunities, merchandise and memorabilia for sale.

The “official stuff” is at 2.30pm with a plaque to be unveiled and a tree planted, followed by afternoon tea.

Performances by our current students

Dinner at 7.00pm—bookings essential and open soon.

### Sunday October 25th:

School tours and displays  
Family fun day and bar-b-cue

For further information please contact Romsey Primary School on 5429 5099 or email [romseyps.150celebrations@romseyps.vic.edu.au](mailto:romseyps.150celebrations@romseyps.vic.edu.au)



## Romsey Streetscape Community Forum



When: Wednesday 15th April

Time: 7pm for 7.30pm start

Location:

Romsey Community Hub

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### Bike Safe: pedaling for safety

Bike Safe Macedon Ranges is currently working on a number of projects aimed at improving the safety of cyclists on our regional roads including safety campaigns, maintenance and infrastructure proposals. We are a volunteer not for profit organization. Having support from our local cycling community makes a big difference to our success.

It costs nothing but your time to give us a hand or only \$25.00 to become a member. New members are welcome and appreciated. The fee primarily goes towards keeping our safety wheels turning.

Connect in through our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/BikeSafeMacedonRanges>, give us a call on 0407759860 or email us at [bikesafemacedonranges@gmail.com](mailto:bikesafemacedonranges@gmail.com) to join our team.

Margaret Douglas

President, Bike Safe Macedon Ranges

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## **Anzac Day Centennial Commemorative Service, 2015**

The Romsey-Lancefield RSL Sub-Branch wishes to advise that the 2015 Anzac Day Centennial Commemorative Service will be conducted in High Street, Lancefield on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Marchers are requested to assemble in front of the Bakery in High Street at 0800hrs and the service will begin at 0830hrs. All families, individuals and in particular the school children are welcome to attend this most important day in Australia's history- the 100<sup>th</sup> year since the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli. A barbeque breakfast will be served after the service in the Lancefield Mechanics Institute Hall and all are welcome to attend.

### **A QUESTION OF LOYALTY FOR FILM SOCIETY**

At the March meeting of the Macedon Ranges Film Society, beauty was invited into the room. Director Cuong Ngo's film Pearls of the Far East showcases the sumptuous natural splendour of Vietnam. A film in seven short chapters featuring different generations of women and the exploration of their inner lives and forbidden loves make up this engaging experience. The collective vision of womanhood is handled with intelligence and sympathy.

In April, members can look forward to the 2008 Melbourne-based film "Crushed". A young school teacher, Nathalia, has her loyalties questioned as love comes up against duty and she is forced to make a choice. Who will triumph? Will it be the teacher who arouses affectionate feelings in her or the vulnerable student? Director Ian Dixon has worked as writer, director and actor and claims that "values" associated with "love" are what he likes most to explore in film-making.

The Macedon Ranges Film Society meets on the second Wednesday of each month so this film will be shown on Wednesday, 8th April at 7.15 p.m. in the Woodend Community Centre. Film notes are supplied and the film is followed by an informal supper. MRFS is a membership-based club so initial enquiries must be made by emailing [mrfilmsociety@gmail.com](mailto:mrfilmsociety@gmail.com) or by phoning Christine C. on 5429 5452 or Christine W. on 5427 1011.

## **Food Allergies and Intolerances**

**Would you like to learn more about allergies and intolerances?**

What is a food allergy, and what are the symptoms?

Common food which cause allergies?

Chemicals which cause intolerances?

People who are prone to food intolerances?

**What is Coeliac Disease, Lactose Intolerance and Milk Allergy?**



**Program date: Wednesday 15th of April, 11.00am to 3.00pm**

**Program outline:** Presentation on food allergies and intolerances, cooking demonstration, vegetarian recipes. Light luncheon will be provided.

**Bookings essential:** Ring Dawn Goldsworthy—5429 5439

**Venue:** Seventh-day Adventist Church  
18 Barringo Road  
New Gisborne

**Cost:** \$15 per person

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### **Thursday 2nd April: Professionals Breakfast**

World Autism Awareness Day

Monuments around the World &

Macedon Ranges Light It Up Blue

Business' in the Macedon Ranges Light Up Blue

**Thursday 9th April: ASD Mini Expo at Woodend Community Hub 3.30–6pm**  
(Exhibitors Wanted!)

**Wednesday 15th April: Professional Seminar Series**  
at Woodend Community Centre 6.30–8.30pm

**Saturday 18th April: Family Day and Picnic**  
at Main Street Lancefield 12–3pm

**Wednesday 22nd April: Professional Seminar Series**  
at Woodend Community Centre 6.30–8.30pm

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### Mount Macedon is Unmissable This

All around the Macedon Ranges the good mood is palpable. Everyone is enjoying the golden days of Autumn, and taking advantage of the great weather. Mt Macedon in particular takes the stage for its annual show of Autumn colour. A drive or cycle up the mount in between breakfast at a local café, lunch at a pub or dinner at a local restaurant is definitely worth it. This year April on Mount Macedon will culminate in a very special 100 year anniversary Anzac Day Memorial Service at the Cross.

The Dawn Service is one of the largest in Victoria and this year promises to be spectacular. The service will run between 6:00am and 6:51am. Special screens and lighting have been organised for more people to enjoy the service and people can expect a moving and exhilarating finale.

Buses will again be running people up to Mt Macedon from the local towns, with no public parking available at the Cross Reserve. The bus times and departure locations can be found on the Mt Macedon Dawn Service website. <http://www.mtmacedonanzacdawnservice.com/> Bookings are essential.

Macedon Ranges residents do not have to be told to rug up warmly for the ceremony, but do remind your visitors to the region to wear a warm jacket.

After a morning of remembrance, residents and visitors can spend the weekend enjoying local food and wine as part of the Daylesford Macedon Produce Harvest Festival, running between 25 April and 3 May, where Macedon Ranges' seasonal produce is set to shine. [www.dmproduce.com.au](http://www.dmproduce.com.au)

Submitted by Lisa Dooley

For more information contact:  
Tourism Macedon Ranges Inc.  
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## NEW in 2015! Junior Playgroup Thursday afternoons from 1.30pm Just for kids under 18 months of age!

### Party at our place

Kids aged 6 or under? Why not have their birthday party at Romsey Playgroup. You can hire the room for \$96.50 for 2.5 hour party, including 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](mailto:romseyplaygroup@gmail.com)



### Community news

#### Conference for Smart Businesses

Following on from the success of the inaugural Smart Business Conference in 2014, the two day conference will be held again on 19 and 20 May at the Kyneton Town Hall.

Presented in partnership with Small Business Victoria, a total of 13 workshops will be held over two days. The topics have been selected based on feedback from previous business events and through Macedon Ranges Shire Council's biennial Business Survey (next survey due in the second half of 2015).

This year's workshop topics include marketing basics through to the more advanced online strategies (due to popular demand, some of these topics will be repeated); financial planning; pricing for profit (ideal for the accommodation and tourism industries); crisis planning workshop (ideal for the agribusiness, equine and tourism sectors); and exiting your business for those with dreams of retirement or seeking a lifestyle change!

All businesses from start-up through to small and medium enterprises will be catered for in the diverse program on offer. A networking luncheon will also form part of the program with an "in it to win it" one minute presentation on your business. This will be available to a limited number so it's "first in best dressed"!

For more information and bookings please contact the Economic Development and Tourism Department on 5421 9616 or [ecodevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:ecodevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au) or visit Council's website: [mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-events](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-events)

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### Activities for young people these school holidays

Two new events for young people in the Macedon Ranges will be held in Romsey and Woodend during the Easter school holidays, featuring bands, DJs, workshops, competitions and more.

The events—called 'Off The Street'—will offer young people the chance to perform, share ideas, socialise and learn new skills.

Young people of all ages and walks of life are encouraged to get involved. There is an exciting line up of bands and DJs; a range of skate, parkour and graffiti workshops; plus scooter, skate and BMX competitions. [There will also be free barbecues and prizes up for grabs.](#)

The first event is on 1 April at the Romsey Skate Park and the second is on 8 April at the Woodend Skate Park. Both events kick off at 12pm and are drug and alcohol free. Gold coin donation for all competition entries.

To find out more, or to register for the competitions or workshops, call Sarah Cook on 0402 087 949, email [scCook@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:scCook@mrsc.vic.gov.au) or visit [facebook.com/MacedonRangesYouth](https://www.facebook.com/MacedonRangesYouth)

'Off The Street' events are a joint initiative of Macedon Ranges Shire Council's YEP! (Youth Engagement Program) and MITS (Music in the Sticks) programs.

### Grants available for community projects

Does your not-for-profit community group have an exciting and inclusive project that will provide great benefits to your community?

If so, Council's annual Community Funding Scheme will be opening on Wednesday 1 April and closing Friday 2 May 2015.

This is your chance to apply for up to \$6,000 in funding for initiatives that: Meet local needs Connect people to our community, environment and heritage

Promote an active life Promote arts and culture  
Contribute to our health and wellbeing.

Previous grant recipients have received funding for a wide range of projects including cross country jumps for a pony club, a Men's Shed start up, website development and a sculptural pig project, just to name a few.

Copies of the guidelines and application form will be available to download from [mrsc.vic.gov.au/community-funding-scheme](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/community-funding-scheme) from 1 April 2015.

To be eligible for a Community Funding Scheme grant you must discuss your project with a Council officer before submitting your application. A Council officer can be contacted on 5422 0333 or via [grants@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:grants@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

### Dying to Talk: the conversation everyone should have

On Thursday 28 May, Macedon Ranges Shire Council will host the second of what we hope will be a series of seminars designed to help you start thinking about what might matter most to you towards the end of your life.

'Dying to Talk', will include information from experts in death and dying, but the aim is not to provide all the answers - rather to help you think about the questions you might want to ask.

The session will take place from 9.30am–12.30pm at the Gisborne Community Centre, Hamilton St Gisborne. The program is based on a successful event conducted in Kyneton in August 2014.

It is estimated that about three-quarters of Australians have not had end of life discussions with their loved ones. We all need to be better informed about end of life and death options, not just for ourselves but so that we can support others.

Often when a loved one is dying, families are confronted with many questions at a time they feel least able to think clearly. This event will support individuals, family members, carers and staff to plan ahead for this difficult period.

This seminar is an opportunity to consider the issues and questions about death and dying that are important to you in a supportive environment.

**Bookings are essential as places will be limited. To book, contact Council's Healthy Ageing Engagement Officer on 5422 0258 no later than 5pm on Friday 22 May.**





## Pastor's Parables

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### This Easter something to think about. . .

A chemistry teacher did something a little unusual - he handed out a test to all of his students who knew it would be difficult.

He told them, "I want you to read through the entire test before you begin to take it."

As they read through the test most of them realized they were in trouble - and should have studied more - but then one student got to the end of the multiple page test and read these words at the bottom: it said,

"You can try and get an 'A' by taking this test or you can just put your name on it and automatically receive an A."

The student immediately signed his name, walked up to the desk, and walked out.

He found out later that one of the boys in the class didn't read through the test—he just started taking the test and never caught on. It's too bad - because it might have been his best test that he had ever taken. But he didn't get an "A"! And then there was Macayla - and apparently she got quite upset because she had spent so much time studying and what kind of teacher gives an 'A' for nothing? She stayed and took the test on principle. If she was going to get an 'A' she was going to earn it! She didn't get an "A".

Almost everyone thinks they are going to heaven and if you asked them why they believe that, they would say, "I'm a pretty good person." It's hard for us to accept that we need help. We want to save ourselves!

The truth is that we can't earn our way to heaven. You may be a good person who does nice things; but the Bible says that we've all sinned and the penalty for our sins is not one that we can pay to get in to heaven - Romans 3:23

Because God loves us so-o much and knows that NOT ONE of us is good enough to pay the price to get into His perfect, sinless heaven, He sent His only Son Jesus Christ to pay the Price on our behalf. This Easter why not believe and accept God's payment and Guarantee an "A" for your life for eternity - John 3:16



### Easter Sunday Service 5<sup>th</sup> April – 10am 7 Mitchell Court Romsey **EVERYONE WELCOME**

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**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April = 10am Morning Service = Ps Doug Higgins (Missionary based in Thailand)**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May = 10am Morning Service = Ps Kameel Majdali (Teach All Nations Ministry – current global events)**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June = 7pm @ Romsey Mechanics Institute = Watoto African Children's Choir Performance**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July = 10am Morning Service = Celebrate Messiah (Passover Teaching by Ps Lawrence Hirsch)**

### Love Your Local' are back!



After such a fantastic turnout at their Christmas twilight markets, and extremely positive feedback, LYL are back for the Easter school holidays.

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Any stallholders wishing to apply, head to the website for the online application.

[www.loveyourlocaltwilightmarkets.com](http://www.loveyourlocaltwilightmarkets.com)

Mark these dates on your calendar, and in the meantime, follow us on Facebook, and stay up to date with all things LYL.

[www.facebook.com/loveyourlocalmacedonranges](https://www.facebook.com/loveyourlocalmacedonranges)

### Farmers' Markets In April

**Woodend Community Farmers' Market -**

**Sat 4th April** Cnr High & Forest Streets, Woodend - 0487 444 090 Sharon Kittson

**Kyneton Farmers' Market**

**Sat 11th April** St Pauls Park, Piper Street, Kyneton - 54 221 025 Veronica Manifold

**Riddells Creek Farmers' Market**

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**Lancefield & District Farmers' Market**

**Sat 25th April** Centre Plantation, High Street, Lancefield - 0407 860 320 Meggs Hannes  
(NB late start to market (9:30am, due to market falling on Anzac Day. We will observe 1 minutes silence. No alcohol will be on sale this day.)

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### APRIL Coffee Shop Conversations



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I was talking to a friend the other day about how in general, we lay judgement on others, whether it be consciously or unconsciously. Why do we do that? Do we do it as a referencing point for our own self awareness, or do we use it as a tool by which to make a decision?

That other person may set off a negative trigger in your mind and that trigger could make you angry frustrated, annoyed, overwhelmed and that person is just being himself not doing anything wrong yet you allow them to effect you.

This scenario can be placed in different circumstances and each scenario could end in a different way—a friendship gone wrong, a pub brawl, a punch up on the street, a broken relationship, a loss of a job, a bad job interview and so the list goes on.

Often we are on the receiving end of the judgement. When this happens to us we are made to feel inadequate by a look given, a word spoken, body language. Why do we allow these things to bother us? What reaction do we give?

It's all about how we perceive an action, word etc, how we interpret it. So if this happens to us then what happens to others when we pass judgement.

Ever heard of the saying never judge a book by its cover? This is what we do when we lay judgement on others.

If you never open the book to read the story then you never have all the information to make what I call an educated judgement. So by opening the book and reading the story we can have a better understanding of the situation and deal with it appropriately.

We don't destroy the book, burn it if we can't be bothered to read it, as we sometimes do with people, relationships etc

We have a choice to do or not to do. We make a decision.

So I leave you with these questions: How judgemental are you in your life? And for what purpose do you lay judgement?

Use this tool. Interesting - we all do it all the time.

*if you have any questions and for more information phone Gillian Gorrie 0409801082, 54295448.*

*PS. I am really excited as my web page is Live !!! Check it out [www.lifecirclessolutions.com](http://www.lifecirclessolutions.com).*



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fourth Thursday at 10am in  
St.Mary's Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey.**

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

We enjoyed a very interesting time at Dromkeen on 18th March. Very nice lunch and a great tour of the area.

Outing for Wednesday, 15th April, 2015 is a bus trip to Ballarat, stopping at Creswick Woolen Mill and Musk (Istra Smallgoods). At Ballarat we will visit the Ex-Prisoner of War Memorial, 27 busts in Prime Minister Avenue and the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka.

**Next meeting Thursday 23rd April, 2015 at 10am.**

The Guest Speaker is Douglas Golding who will talk about working as a Journalist in Melbourne and Sydney in 1950's. Douglas is the grandson of Herbert Golding, the proprietor and editor of the Lancefield Mercury during 1913-15

### 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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## GRAAP News

### Former Romsey Primary School Site's Future Still Uncertain Following South Ward Councillor's Motion

The Greater Romsey All Abilities Park (GRAAP) project to develop the historic former Romsey Primary School site into a regionally significant passive recreation and cultural outdoor space has hit a "speed hump" at the Macedon Ranges Shire Council meeting in Gisborne on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February. This follows Cr. Russell Mowatt's surprise motion for Council to rescind its unanimous resolution of 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013 which was - "That Council resolves to purchase the former Romsey Primary School site at the restricted crown grant price."

Council has been negotiating for some time with the State Government one particular special condition in the Contract of Sale which required the purchaser (Council) to indemnify the vendor (Government) from any claim or loss. DEECD has been reluctant to concede this special condition despite the fact that the government insurance authority recommended that an insurance indemnity clause is **not** required in a contract between the state government and local councils.

Even the Victorian Government Solicitors Office advised that to the best of the Department of Education and Training and Department of Treasury and Finance information, knowledge and belief a) there is **no known Contamination at the Property**, and b) there is **no known previous, current or potential claims with regard to Contamination of the Property**.

At the Council meeting, Cr. Mowatt chose to move that his Notice of Motion be put on the table rather than be debated and voted upon. A majority of councillors, agreed to this including two of the three East Ward councillors (Crs. Hackett and Ellis).

GRAAP's concern is that whilst this motion is on the table, it keeps alive the possibility of MRSC walking away from its unanimous decision to save the historic former Romsey Primary

School site for community use and as a regional attraction. "After seven years of hard work and working closely with council officers towards a positive outcome for the Romsey region and, in fact the Macedon Ranges, GRAAP's disappointment with what appears to be a lack of support from some Councillors for this important site and the proposed project is intense," said GRAAP President Ms. Raelene Mottram. "We find it difficult to understand what has motivated this motion, for which we had only two days' notice, now given the Government Solicitor's advice regarding the site."

GRAAP believes the Romsey region desperately needs projects such as this to proceed to not only support the wellbeing of its community, but to also support local business through the knock on effect of increased visitation to the town. East Ward's Cr. Ellis only just last week remarked publicly on the region's significant growth which, of course, is one of the arguments for facilities such as the Greater Romsey All Abilities Park.

"In a year when Romsey Primary School celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the Lone Pine at the site will feature in Gallipoli centenary commemorations, the need for this site to be retained for public use is brought into sharp focus. It is both disappointing and distressing this is not resonating with some of our East Ward councillors," said Ms. Mottram, "In addition, this move by Council has the potential to test the trust and confidence from the local community towards its local government."

GRAAP continues to work closely with Council officers to progress the Master Plan process and hopes the sale contract's special condition debate can be hastily resolved by Council and State Government.

For further information regarding GRAAP, please contact - **Raelene Mottram** (President) Phone: 0428 928908 Email: [graapinc@gmail.com](mailto:graapinc@gmail.com)  
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## Romsey Uniting Church

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

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



### Services during Easter

**7.30pm. 2nd April - Maundy Thursday.** A service will be conducted at the Lancefield Uniting Church.

**9am. 3rd April - Good Friday.** Service conducted at Romsey Uniting Church.

The Stations of the Cross walk with other churches will commence from the Anglican Church at 10.30am.

### Easter Meditation

*In my imagination . . .*

*Lord, I sit by the roadside and see the excited crowd waving branches as you ride majestically into the city.*

*My heart leaps for joy for you are my King.*

*I join in the crowd's hosannas and follow to the temple.*

*Lord, I sit in the temple. I watch you and listen to you.*

*Your words touch me where it hurts.*

*It is as if you speak to me alone.*

*You judge me in the very House of God.*

*You accuse me rightly. You reveal my meanness.*

*You sketch my meagre prayer life.*

*You expose my paltry giving.*

*Yet, you point me to the better way –*

*I can go with you. So I follow to Bethany.*

*Lord, I sit at Bethany and share the sheer joy of quietness with you; the peace that this world cannot give. I begin to understand what it is to wait on the Lord and renew my strength; for I can see you draw strength for the task ahead, quietly trusting in the Father.*

*I am caught up in what you are doing.*

*I am convinced about your purpose.*

*So I follow back to Jerusalem and the upper room.*

*Lord, I sit at your Table.*

*I have been here countless times before.*

*You always welcome and feed me here.*

*It is bread and wine and body and blood.*

*It is death and life, peace and joy.*

*It is memory and hope.*

*In its simplicity I savour the sacrament and comprehend your love more fully.*

*So I follow to Gethsemane.*

*Lord, I sit in the darkness of Gethsemane.*

*I watch and wait and hear you pray:*

*"Not my will but yours be done."*

*What agony, I cannot fully know.*

*Yet here I better comprehend my own Gethsemanes.*

*But oh what weakness of the flesh comes on me even now, for though I follow thus far I find the limits of my love.*

*You go on alone to stand alone before your judges, your accusers, your tormentors, your murderers.*

*And I?*

*Sheer horror! I stand with those who make your death.*

*How So?*

*Did I betray you? Did I deny you?*

*Did I accuse you? Did I judge you? Did I scorn you? Did I*

*torture you? Did I?*

*I did! Heavy of heart I follow to Golgotha.*

*Lord, I stand at the foot of the cross and look up, tearful, ashamed, guilty of your death.*

*I have sinned but you have suffered.*

*I hear you pray, "Father forgive... "*

*Our eyes meet.*

*I see you take my place and faith is forever forged.*

*My guilt is absorbed in your love.*

*I follow to the garden and the grave.*

*Lord, I await your victory; the power of a love that cannot die.*

*Sinner by Saviour justified.*

*Hallelujah! 'Tis Easter day!*

*Lord I behold the bursting of the barrier.*

*Christ triumphant! My Lord and my God.*

*All glorious, my risen Redeemer.*

*My hope in life and eternity.*

*Lord, this is not imagination. This is reality.*

*Your resurrection assures me I am released.*

*I, too, am raised, death to life, doubt to faith, despair to hope, darkness to light, dishonour to glory.*

*Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

Written by Bill Ives.

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(Daily Bible reading guide based on the Revised Common Lectionary)

### Church Services during April 2015

<b>5th. 9am.</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Worship Service conducted by the Worship Team
<b>12th. 9am.</b>	Worship Service and Holy Communion conducted by Rev. Ann Keyes & Jay Brooks
<b>19th 9am</b>	Worship Service conducted by Theology Student Beth Donnelly.
<b>26th 9am</b>	Worship Service conducted by Theology Student Beth Donnelly.

### A New Outlook For The Uniting Church

Sunday the first of March ushered in a new season and a new initiative for the Uniting Churches of the Macedon Ranges and their small rural northern neighbours. The Kyneton Uniting Church was filled with people from the congregations of Kyneton, Barfold, Metcalfe, Sutton Grange, Mia Mia, Romsey, Lancefield, Woodend, Tylden, Gisborne, Mt Macedon and Riddells Creek as they celebrated the beginning of a new partnership as one fellowship working together in this region. With the support of the Presbytery of Port Phillip West the partnership will call three regeneration ministers to work with all the congregations as they explore "fresh expressions" of church in their communities. There are many exciting new ideas among the people for extending the church outwards, as well as continuing to provide worship and care for each other. Churches are keen to find ways to use their resources, better to respond to community needs. The service on Sunday was one filled with hope as the congregation of one hundred and fifty-five shared worship and a delicious spit roast meal together, committing themselves to move forward on this new journey. If you are interested in being involved, contact the Uniting Church in your own area or you can always drop in to the Op shops in Kyneton and at Woodend to speak with people there.





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February and the beginning of March were very busy times at the RMI. People were in and out of the hall planning and setting up for the Antiques Fair and numerous workers digging, filling, concreting etc.

The laneway on the north of the hall was taken up. In the process we discovered some serious faults with the sewerage pipes and they all had to be replaced. Our thanks to Julie Wynd, DEPI, without her support and hard work we would not have received funding for this totally unexpected expense.

The new laneway was laid, it includes much larger storm water piping from the roof of the RMI as well as a number of pits to collect and channel other storm water away from all nearby buildings. The drainage around the kitchen end of the RMI was also improved with new, sloped concrete and more pits to collect and channel water away from the foundations.

Once the 1<sup>st</sup> Romsey Antiquist Fair is concluded we will set about repairs to the roof iron, down pipes and guttering. We hope to take advantage of the scaffolding required to repair/replace iron and guttering to attend to some mortar repairs, window/door frames works and iron/concrete/brick works above the some of the doors and windows.

We would like to thank the CFA, the Romsey/Lancefield RSL, The Romsey/Lancefield Historical Society, the CWA, the Romsey Golf Club, Bendigo Bank, Macedon Ranges Shire and Romsey Fresh Fruit Shop. These groups have all assisted us to get this 1<sup>st</sup> Fair up and running. We hope that it will be come a regular event on the Antiques circuit.

Special thanks to Julie, Virginia & Kathy (RMI Committee of Management) and to Allan, Dianne, Michelle, Gail, Mim and all the volunteers at the Romsey Neighbourhood House. Without the hard work of these people the Antiques Fair would not be being held at all.

Please keep an eye out in May's Romsey Rag for our report on the 1<sup>st</sup> Romsey Antiques Fair.

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### Girls Ride Out – Lap the Rock

On Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> of April, Macedon Ranges Cycling club is running an inaugural women's ride. Under the auspices of the Amy Gillet Foundation, the aim is to have a single day to celebrate women's cycling by having lots of women's rides on the same day.

The club has organised a 50 kilometre women's ride on that day. Starting at 9.00 am at Newham the ride meanders up towards Kyneton, down through Woodend and finishes at Hanging Rock for coffee or brunch.

Please note the following:

- All participants must have insurance
- Participants should have a reasonable level of fitness
- Participants must have a working rear tail light
- Entry fee to Hanging Rock is \$4.00
- The ride will be capped at 30 participants.

To register please contact Linda Jones 0439314661 or Christine Stephenson 0409946887

For further information on Macedon Ranges Cycling Club check the web site <http://macedonrangescycling.org.au/>

For further information on the Women's Ride check the web site <http://thewomensride.com.au/>



## THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH, LANCEFIELD AND ST. PAUL'S ROMSEY



Thoughts of sacrifice are filling our minds as we reflect on the sacrifice of so many of our young men one hundred years ago at Gallipoli and later at the Western Front who laid down their lives to halt the aspirations of evil men. There was One, Jesus Christ, who sacrificed His life to defeat the Evil One, Satan himself, and to break his power over sinful, fallen mankind - US! - The Book of Common Prayer states, ".....Jesus Christ suffered death upon the Cross for our redemption; who there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world." St.Paul reminds us 'that the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.' "Romans 6:23. The choice is ours - to choose death or life. Sin is a deadly condition but God has provided the remedy in the Person of Jesus who laid down His life that we might live, when we open our hearts and minds to Him and accept Him as our Saviour and Lord. The Scriptures record that Jesus was crucified, died and was buried and was raised on the third day. The two crosses tell the story - Christ on the cross, then the empty cross and the empty tomb. By His death, He defeated death to live for evermore. This may be our future too, because He lives we may live also. "And this is the testimony; God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life, and he who does not have the Son of God does not have life." 1 John 5:11/12.

"On the third morn He rose again, glorious in majesty to reign,  
O, let us swell the joyful strain, ALLELUIA.

F. Pott from the Latin.

### MARCH 2015 IN RETROSPECT

The World Day of Prayer centring on The Bahamas was appreciated by all who attended. The speaker, Dr. Bronwen S. Branagan gave an outline of the history of the service and then spoke on following the example of Jesus being a servant to others. The AMS night when the film, GOD'S Outlaw - William Tyndale, was shown highlighting the costs suffered by the pioneers of The Faith to give us a Bible in English, sadly these days left to gather dust on our shelves, if we have one at all. Then so many of us enjoyed a great afternoon of music in the Welsh Male Voice Choir tradition under the inspired leadership of Faleiry Kocsar, plus Malcom Sinclair on the bagpipes and his wife Mardi on the drum to stir the hearts of those with Scottish ancestry. It will give a boost to Christ Church Restoration appeal - \$1500 was raised, plus a generous donation of \$1000. A big thank you to all who supported us and especially to God Who so blessed us. Mothering Sunday was observed with the traditional

Simnel Cake made by Glenice, also Palm Sunday, when we remember Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem just before His crucifixion. We acknowledged God's bounty to us in our Harvest Thanksgiving and a stocked car was taken to Anglicare by Betty and Max.

### APRIL 2015 DIARY

**Thurs.2nd 7pm. Maundy Thursday**  
ST.PAUL'S ROMSEY - Holy Communion

**Friday 3rd 9am. GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY**  
ST.PAUL'S ROMSEY. Combined Churches Walk of Witness.

**Sat.4th. 7pm. Easter Even New Fires Service.**  
CHRIST CHURCH LANCEFIELD.

**Sun.5th. 9am. EASTER DAY.**  
ST.PAUL'S ROMSEY. Holy Communion  
10.30am .CHRIST CHURCH LANCEFIELD. Holy Communion

**Thurs.9th. 8pm. Anglican Men's Society (AMS) meets Christ Church Hall Lancefield.**

**Thurs.9th.1.30pm. Romsey Guild meets, A WEEK EARLIER, in Christ Church Hall Lancefield. Glenice 5429-6418**

**Sun.19th.7pm. HEALING SERVICE .**  
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**JESUS LIVES! for us He died; Then, alone to Jesus living, Pure in heart may we abide, Glory to our Saviour giving.**  
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**Thank you to everyone who supported Red Cross Calling.**

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Meetings held at the Uniting Church, Pohlman Street and all our welcome. New members welcomed come along and see what it's all about.

Meetings – 2015 (**second Tuesday of month**)

14 <sup>th</sup> April	12 <sup>th</sup> May	9 <sup>th</sup> June	14 <sup>th</sup> July	11 <sup>th</sup> August	8 <sup>th</sup> September	13 <sup>th</sup> October
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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: NEW!** (Tuesdays 7pm-8pm) Thursdays (9.30am-10.30am) 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! Great for whole family! \$10 class. Bookings essential: Lauren 0431 314 157

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

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

**Yoga:** (Thursdays 7pm-8:30pm) **Saturdays 8am-9.00am** \$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 .

**Konga BURN:** (last Friday of Month 7.00pm-8.30pm) BURN!® is a combination of Konga and a dumbbell workout which uses 1.5-2.5kg dumbbells & fuses dance inspired movements which will shape, sculpt & improve your muscle tone. Book with Lauren on 0431 314 157.

**Zumba GOLD:NEW!** (Fridays 9.30am - 10.30am) Register your interest now for a Zumba or Zumba Gold class in Romsey! Come join in the fun dance fitness program suitable for all ages. Low impact, move at your own pace, learn a variety of dance steps, easy to pick up. Bookings: at the House on 5429 6724 Enquiries: Karen on 0432 807 682. Cost:\$6

**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 Wednesday from 10am—1pm or ring House for appointment.

Discreet and confidential service.

Register your interest now by firstly booking via Kyneton Car-ing Community on 0405 809 565.

**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: 5429 6724

**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.

**Crocheting for Beginners: NEW!** (Commencing Wednesday April 22nd 10.30-12.00pm) \$20 per session. All materials provided. Bookings: 5429 6724

**Learn to Spin: NEW!** (2 sessions Wednesday 22nd April, 29th April 1.00-2.00pm) \$35 session. Bring your own wheel, or one provided. Bookings: 5429 6724

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

**Watercolours for Beginners-Intermediates:**

**NEW!** (Commencing Friday 24th April 1pm - 3pm) Learn to develop your skills and techniques in using watercolours with helpful guidance in this tutor-based class. Bookings:5429 6724 Enquiries: 0455 131 659 Cost: \$10 per session.

**Furniture Restoration Classes: NEW!** Learn how to bring an old piece of furniture back to its former glory. Hands-on tuition covering paint stripping, basic timber repairs, staining, finishing techniques. Day and evening classes individual or small groups. Off-site location. Book now at the House.

**Scrapbooking & Card Making: NEW!** *Capture those treasured memories forever in designing your own unique album or personalised gift cards. Register your interest at the House for this class to go ahead.*

**Tatting - Learn to Make Lace: NEW!** *Learn the lost age old art of lacemaking. Register your interest now!*

**CHILDREN'S SPEECH THERAPIST—**

Tuesday fortnightly 3pm—5pm.  
For bookings contact Naomi McCraw on 0438 834 125.

**It's Your Neighbourhood House...Be Part of It!****St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey**

27-29 Chauncey St, Lancefield &amp; 85 Main Rd, Romsey

Parish Priest: Fr. Arnold Heredia  
Parish Secretary: Mrs. Tammie Dalgleish  
School Principal: Mr. Anthony Falls

Presbytery: 5429 2130  
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St. Mary's Primary: 5429 1359

**MASS TIMES****Saturday:**

6.00 p.m. Lancefield

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month:**

8.00 a.m. Lancefield and 10.00 a.m. Romsey

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month:**

8.00 a.m. Romsey and 10.00 a.m. Lancefield

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays 9.45am Romsey &amp; 5.45pm Lancefield.

**BAPTISMS**

June, August, October, December 2015.

For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

**REGULAR EVENTS**

**SVDP Drop-In:** First Thursday of each month, 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey. All welcome to come for a game of cards/chat and free lunch.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2015**

Parents of children not attending St. Mary's Parish School wishing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (grade 3), Eucharist (grades 4 & 5) or Confirmation (grade 6) in 2015, are asked to contact Tammie Dalgleish, the Parish Secretary, at St. Mary's presbytery on 54292130 as a matter of urgency to register your child. Reconciliation classes will start in April.

# Greylight "Olde Time Dance"



Kyneton Town Hall  
Tuesday 12 May 2015  
1:30pm-4pm  
**FREE**



## Music by the Sacred Heart College Band

### For older people, their carers and support workers

Light refreshments provided.

Bookings essential to attend and for free transport .  
RSVP for both by Monday 4 May 2015.

Contact: Stephanie Harper  
Macedon Ranges Shire Council  
Call (03) 5422 0258 or email sharper@mrsc.vic.gov.au



## Romsey's Summer Water Use Down on Last Year

Romsey residents used around 205 litres of drinking water per person per day this summer, almost a 30 per cent drop on last year.

Across the Macedon Ranges average water use over summer was 230 litres per person per day, well down on the 300 litres used last summer.

Summer 2013-14 was marked by several heatwaves and bushfires in the region, while this summer was dry but significantly milder.

Kerrie Reservoir, which supplies drinking water to Romsey, is being topped up with supplies from Riddells Creek and Gisborne's Rosslynne Reservoir.

Romsey and other towns in the Macedon Ranges remain connected to the Melbourne drinking water supply as a backup during very high water use periods.

For more information go to western-water.com.au or call 1300 650 422.

