

The Romsey Rag

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Golf Club Drives towards a Century

The first Romsey Golf Course, a nine-hole course, was built on the Inglis property at Monegeetta in 1919. The game and the club proved so popular that Romsey Golf Club (RGC) was formally established in 1921, and moved into Romsey to build a new course within Romsey Park.

RGC has produced two professional golfers, brothers Chris (One Asia Tour) and Daniel (European Tour) Gaunt. Romsey Golf Club is very aware of the responsibility it carries for maintenance and improvement to the ~75% of Romsey Park that makes up the Golf Course. RGC is a totally volunteer club. Members mow the grass on a regular basis, have worked together to install a re-cycled water irrigation system and, with the assistance of the Bendigo Bank, have installed a fresh water tank at the work shed. This water is available to all who use the course or the Park.



In the past seven years the club members have also planted over 1,500 indigenous native trees and flowering bushes.

Competitions;

Men/Women – Sat 11.30 am for 12.00 pm hit-off

Women/Men – Wed 9.00 am for a 9.30 am hit-off

Nov-Feb – Twilight Golf 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm hit-off

Each year, RGC hosts a number of District and other events: the Women's Bowl (April), Men's Open (June), pennant golf (April), Relay For Life Charity Golf Day (Feb) and the Macedon Ranges Junior Tournament (Sept).

Memberships available include;

Full Adult - \$350.00

Seniors - \$240.00 (65 yrs or over)

Juniors - \$75.00 Yr 9/full time student/apprentice

Associate - \$240.00 (if a member of another golf club)

Green Fees & Social Golf - \$100.00

Handicap - \$150.00.

For more information;

Pres: 041708889,

Sec: 0400 768 040

or romseygolfclub.net



2017 RGC Club Champions,
Kath Jakabsons and Dean Jones



Life members, John Laing & Peter Scanlon. In 2017, John won the match-play shield named in his honour

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Vale Donnn Gray

That's Don with three n's the last two are silent.

Don is Gone

Outrageous, entertaining, witty, wonderful Don is gone. Leaving a hole in all of our hearts which it is hard to imagine will ever be fully filled. Iconic Don, ever cheerful, whose life was an unending performance of love, support, wisdom and tolerance for all those around him. Don, who never judged, who was never cruel, who never made anyone feel uncomfortable, and who embodied the tenet that the time to make up your mind about people is - never. White haired Don, who was known to everyone, who added value to every waking moment of every day, who enriched our lives, who enriched our entire community and who drew out the best in us all. Funny Don, who smiled all the time, who laughed at his own silly jokes, who did silly walks, who did silly hand gestures, who said 'goodness gracious', who saw the positive in everything and everyone, and who taught us all to do the same.

In the end, however, we are all just passing through this life, before each of us eventually returns home. That is our destiny and how easy it would have been, among all the twists and turns of fate for our paths not to have crossed with Don's along the way. How lucky are we that he chose to spend his time with us?

Not only was Don an avid dancer, he valued family and he was involved in numerous other groups in one form or another, the Red Cross, Dogs and was a colourful participant in the Romsey Lancefield Relay for Life. He was a colourful character, a past winner of the "Spirit of Relay" award.

He was always there to fly the flag for the Relay for Life. Taking his position on the Merchandise stand as well as taking his turn on stage as the MC for the night.

He often said "a lot of people are involved and they don't ask for any thanks, the minute one Relay for Life is finished people start preparing for the next one"

Thanks Don.



How lucky are we that he became part of our family? How lucky are we, that, for those few brief years, we were able to call him 'friend' and now have him in our hearts forever?

But now Don is now gone from us. Gone to whenever we go to after we have finished with this world. Gone to John. Leaving us enriched by the time he spent with us, but also leaving us less robust and more vulnerable with a piece of our scaffolding now missing forever.

So, grieve and weep for the loss of him, for it is okay to do so. Be sad for his passing, for it is okay to be that way too. Then laugh at the memories, because that is what he would have wanted.

We loved you Don. You will live on in hearts for ever and we shall grieve and weep and be sad and laugh and feel good about doing all of those things.

Paul Carter

"At the speed of a thousand Gazelle."



Macedon Ranges: Hope Lives in *Relay For Life* and you!

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th of March

Only a month to go until our 16th Relay For Life, to be held at the Lancefield Park.

It is not too late to register or join a team.

If you're interested in registering a team, joining a team or volunteering please email

lancefieldrfl@cancervic.org.au,

call 1300 656 585 or visit the

Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life Facebook page or

[fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR?](http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=5120)

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February is also
PAINT THE TOWN PURPLE month.

Businesses are encouraged to deck their windows out in purple, the colour of Relay.

If you are interested in taking part in the Paint The Town Purple please

contact Kathy on 0419 644 688 for more details.

You can vote for your favourite window by visiting our Facebook page and pressing "like" on their picture.

Why Purple ?

Well, Mr Mirura, a lung cancer survivor and the founder of Relay For

Life in Japan, tells his story of why the color purple resonated with him.

He believes in the wee hours of the morning when he felt alone, he would look out the window just before light.

The color in the sky right before the sun comes up is the most beautiful purple in the world – for just a few seconds the sky turns purple between night and morning, between the darkness and the brightness.

He believes this is the color that all cancer patients wait to see.

It's proof that they made it one more night, they've survived another day!



Public Transport Romsey

Yes we do have public transport, Buses depart from in front of The HUB to various destinations, railway stations, as far north as Bendigo and into Melbourne.

Time tables are available from the library.

Community News



R.I.P

Donn Gray

On a sad note, the Relay Committee and Relay Family mark the passing of Donn Grey. Donn was a fantastic supporter of Relay working in the Merchandise Stall, MC'ing on stage and even dying his hair purple for a fundraiser. He was at every Relay and will greatly missed.



Please note

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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:

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Come along and give us a try!

Romsey Rag February Update

The message is that Romsey Co operates, and Communicates, and it does so, Continuously

During the 1960s, the Canadian educator Marshall McLuhan famously observed that "...the medium is the message." We usually discuss McLuhan in reference to mass media, the world press, television, and computers, of course, but all the same, I was reminded of the statement, in 2009, when I was opening my first issues of The Romsey Rag.

Beyond the content, supplied by a great many district organisations -- and the strong presence of businesses, both large and small -- the reader could sense the large number of cooperating volunteers who would have to participate in the generation of such a publication. And then a glance at the front cover for a check of the Issue Number revealed that The Romsey Rag had been operating in this way for 25 years.

To me, it meant that Romsey was a district used to volunteering, cooperating, and communicating. And the one place this was expressed eloquently each month was in the pages of The Romsey Rag.

In its earlier years, the Rag was

by successive waves of volunteers. In the early 2000s, it evolved into a school/community partnership, with Romsey Primary taking in the business management and printing of the paper. By 2017, however, education policy had again changed, and the School announced that it needed to dissolve the partnership.

Another wave of volunteers built a working party, conducted a community survey, formed an Interim Committee, incorporated, and attended to all necessary to launch Issue Number 362 in 2018 in this newly-independent mode.

We're asking you and your business to participate in The Romsey Rag community, and to communicate with your local customers by advertising regularly in the pages of the Rag.

And we're asking Romsey and district as an entirety to enjoy your new-look Romsey Rag.

The Romsey Rag prides itself on being by the community, for the community. Enjoy.

- **Russell Miller for the Editorial Committee**

Welcome back everyone and I hope you had a very Happy, safe and relaxed Festive Season. We are proud to introduce you to our new updated version of the Romsey rag. With the help of an editorial Committee we can only improve. Thank you for your patience in the past and hope you will remain patient in the future as we take one step at a time. Our content is only as good as we get, so don't be afraid to submit any articles of interest, reports and advertising as we believe it is a news paper For the Community, By the Community.

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Membership packages

From March 2018 you will need to acquire a membership Package if you wish to be a regular contributor

To the Romsey Rag We have 6 Packages available 2 not for profit Community memberships and 4 Business Membership packages that will create a win win for both you and the rag. As we are now printing a higher quality product we need to be able to fund its growth.

Distribution

Please note that the Romsey rag will be pick up only, pick up points will be scattered around Romsey.

The Post Office, IGA., The Bay Tree, The Library and the Servo.

2018 State Themes

Theme: Share the Friendship
Product/Resource: Dairy
Country of Study: Denmark
Social Issues Focus: Homelessness and affordable housing
Thanksgiving Fund: Crohn's and Colitis Australia

CWA is *not just for older women*; it is for women of any age wanting to be involved in their local community and also be connected to a world-wide organisation of friendship and community care. We have a lot of fun and laughs while being creative and raising funds for community projects. CWA is a volunteer organisation. Our friendly monthly meeting occurs on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 10.00 am to approx. 12.00 noon. Our fun craft days occur on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 10.00 am to approx. 2.00 pm; both meetings are held in the supper room (side entrance) of the Romsey Mechanics Institute, Main Rd, Romsey. Examples of crafts we do are: knitting, sewing, crochet, cooking, beading, paper-craft. On Tuesday 20th March we are having a CWA Open Day in Romsey at the Mechanics Institute to promote our organisation in the local community. See flyer for more details.

Creative Arts encompasses handcrafts, sewing, cooking and baking, preserving, photography. There is also opportunity to be involved in performing arts in some branches. Creativity is as diverse as the individual members.

There are also regional exhibitions throughout Victoria periodically. In March 2018 there is the Creative Arts Exhibition of the Central Highlands Group. It will be held in Kyneton, at the Masonic Lodge, on Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th March 2018.

In August each year there is the Victorian State Creative Arts Exhibition. In 2018 it will be held on Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th August.

Around May/June each year, in a different location around the state, our Members attend and enjoy the annual CWA State Conference which is held over 3 days. Information from the many speakers & presentations is in turn shared within our Branch. There are many initiatives that the CWA are involved in, from State to International level.

Our Romsey Branch participates in various community activities, and we welcome new members. Come and join us! Membership is very affordable. For any further information please call

Community News



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CWA ROMSEY OPEN DAY INVITATION

Tuesday 20th March
9.30am to 3.pm



Romsey Mechanics Institute Main Road Romsey

Cooking demonstrations from
CWA of Vic. Inc. Cooking team.
9.30am—12.30pm

Craft demonstrations
1.00pm—3.00pm Craft Dis-

Please feel free to come just morning or afternoon sessions or stay and enjoy the day. Devonshire tea will be available. Come along and ask us about the work CWA does for the community.

CWA of Vic. has many sections of interest and there

RSVP required by Wednesday 7th March to: cwaromsey@gmail.com
Further information: 0402066318 0417013744



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

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RRBATA



Bendigo Bank Christmas in Romsey 2017 Reflections

RRBATA's Arts Culture and Events (ACE) working group has met to review what is now LAST YEAR's "Bendigo Bank Christmas In Romsey". In addition to analysing feedback from business and community surveys, the working group is already brainstorming ideas to further build the event in 2018. Volunteers interested in assisting with Christmas In Romsey 2018 should contact Sandra Chestnutt schestnutt@rocketmail.com or 54296278B

***RRBATA wishes to again
acknowledge the sponsors
and
supporters for 2017:***

- ***Bendigo Bank***

- ***Just In Time Transport***
- ***Romsey Hardware***
- ***Ray White***
- ***Romsey IGA***
- ***Verdure Bistro***
- Romsey Lancefield Lions Club***

RRBATA would also like to thank the community members, community groups and businesses who were involved in any of the Christmas In Romsey elements – your contribution helped make it a successful Christmas In Romsey 2017.



New RRBATA Membership Package

RRBATA Membership does NOT necessitate committee involvement. Rather, in order for RRBATA to effectively represent and advocate for Romsey region business and tourism, it needs a strong membership base. It also needs renewal of personnel at the management level. Otherwise, there is the real risk of it being Membership is open to all businesses, organizations and individuals who support Romsey business and tourism. Website listing, discounts to RRBATA events, reciprocal membership rights with

Business Kyneton (formerly Kyneton BATA) and Macedon Ranges Business Connect discounts will all feature in this package. RRBATA aims to provide networking opportunities as well as facilitating communication with key stakeholders for all RRBATA members.

For further details, contact Jenny Stillman (ph. 0412 349849, Email jennystillman@optusnet.com.au or go to Romsey Online and RRBATA Facebook.

Romsey Online

Remember - The website must be fed!! 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.

Macedon Ranges Business Dinner

In December, Macedon Ranges Business Connect, Business Kyneton and RRBATA collaborated for the inaugural Macedon Ranges Business Dinner which was held at Baringo Food and Wine's Banquet Room. The event was very well attended by businesses from across the region and was the culmination of a year of collaborative relationship building between the three business associations.

RRBATA In 2018

As reported after last year's Annual General Meeting, the 2017 Committee of Management members agreed to accept nomination to the 2018 Committee in order to oversee the Romsey Streetscape implementation and acquittal of grant funds (including the Plaques Project). It is hoped to transition to a new committee in approximately 6 months. In addition, the position of Secretary is currently vacant. RRBATA is actively seeking interested community members interested in being involved at a committee level in order to facilitate a transition of personnel and keep RRBATA strong and able to effectively continue its contribution to the region's business and local community.

1st Romsey Scout Group

***Are you looking for an extracurricular activity for your child?
Would you like to help your child develop life skills whilst
enjoying what they are doing?
Is your child aged between 7 and 14?
Have you ever thought about the scouting movement?***

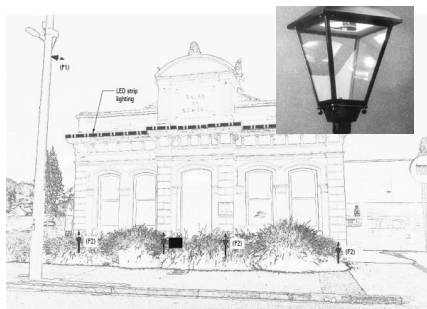
Scouting can give your child life long skills to help them through all stages of their life. Just ask our Chief Scout of Scouts Victoria, Shane Jacobson, of Kenny and Oddball fame. "Scouting provided me with memories, skills and friendships that will last my lifetime. I was shown great leadership, and as a result, I believe I became a good team player in the game of life." Another famous Aussie, Dick Smith AO said, "I owe a lot to scouting. It had to be the most fantastic influence on my life. It taught me responsible risk taking." Past scout members from around the world that have credited scouting to a part of their learning include Nelson Mandela, Sir Richard Branson, Bear Grylls, Sir Richard Attenborough, David Beckham, Bill Gates, Barack Obama, and have you ever wondered where Steven Spielberg made his first movie?

As part of his Photography merit badge!
To read more visit.
www.scoutsvictoria.com.au
Romsey Scouts return after the summer break, on Monday, February 5th, while Cubs resume Tuesday, February 6th. New children are more than welcome to come and have a look at a session for free to see if they may enjoy the adventure. The Cub Group is also looking for an assistant Cub Leader, so if any adults would like to reconnect with their Scout experience, then please let us know. Further inquiries 1stromsey@gmail.com or check out our fb page: 1st Romsey/Lancefield Scout Group.

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Victoria



RRBATA continued



*Heritage Style Lantern and a
4 metre high pole*

Romsey Streetscape Project Update

RRBATA committee members met with MRSC officers in December to discuss design detail for the lighting component

of the Romsey Streetscape Project. Installation of heritage lamps, illumination of the former Commercial Bank/Shire Hall (current Community Hub), Mechanics Institute, Fountain, Murphy Street/Main Street intersection trees and Five Mile Creek bridge will be included. The civil works component of the project (including seat realignment, bluestone curb upgrade, angle parking, elevated pavements in service lanes) is due to commence in January with Main Street Gardens upgrades to be initiated in Autumn. It is anticipated that the full project will be completed by the end of June 2018.

Community News



"ATTENTION CITY COMMUTERS"

The Lancefield Romsey Commuter Bus offers a Mon-Fri return service direct to the CBD at the cheapest rate available in the shire.

Only \$60.00 per week for permanent travelers. We also cater for casual travelers.

Departs

Lancefield General Store 6.35am,
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Arrives CBD 7.50am

Departs: Cnr William & Latrobe Sts 5.20pm,

Arrives: back in Romsey 6.20pm

Lancefield 6.30pm

Seats currently available.

Contact Wendy McNally
0419 362 673





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PROBUS CLUB OF ROMSEY and LANCEFIELD Inc.

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Vic. 3434

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Join Probus for Fun and Fellowship

Probus is an Association for active members of the community and for those no longer working full time to join together in clubs for a new lease of life.

Its basic purpose is to advance intellectual and cultural interests amongst adult persons; to provide regular opportunities to progress healthy minds and active bodies, through social interaction and activities, expand interests and to enjoy the fellowship of new friends.

All our members are active and aged between 60-90+ years.

We enjoy each others company and have made good friendships along the way. Always plenty of chat and laughter whenever we are together.

Monthly meetings are at 10am, on the
4th Thursday of the month in St.Mary's Church Hall
Main Street, Romsey.

Our next meeting is 10am Thursday 22nd February, 2018

Check out our website for information about the Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club rprobud.org.au

Now you are retired or close to retiring from work come and join the friendly folk in the Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club and learn more about what Probus can offer to assist you in staying active. Or phone the numbers to the side.

Vale: *We were all saddened by the death of our Probus Member and friend Don Gray. Don passed away just a few days before Christmas. Don was a very well known and much loved character in Lancefield and Romsey.*

He was a gentle man and had a great sense of humour. 'Rest in Peace Don'.

In memory of Donn Gray. A favourite poem, which he read on Anzac Day each year.

"Mates" *by Duncan Butler from Trish Vowles Romsey Lancefield RSL.*

*I've travelled down some lonely
roads,
Both crooked tracks and straight.
An' I've learned life's noblest creed,
Summed up in one word ... "Mate".

I'm thinking back across the years,
(a thing I do of late)
An' this word sticks between me ears;
You've got to have a "Mate".

Someone who'll take you as you are,
Regardless of your state,
An' stand as firm as Ayres Rock
Because 'e is your mate.

Me mind goes back to '42,
To slavery and 'ate,
When man's one chance to stay alive
Depended on 'is Mate.

With bamboo for a billy-can
An' bamboo for a plate.
A bamboo paradise for bugs*

*Was bed for me and "Mate".
You'd slip and slither through the
mud
And curse your rotten fate,
But then you'd 'ear a quiet word:
"Don't drop your bundle Mate."

And though it's all so long ago,
This truth I 'ave to state:
A man don't know what lonely means
Til 'e has lost his "Mate".

If there's a life that follers this,
If there's a Golden Gate,
The welcome I just want to 'ear
Is just, "Good on y' Mate."

An' so to all that ask me why
We keep these special dates,
Like "Anzac Day" ...
I answer: "WHY??!" – We're thinking
of our MATES."*

*An' when I've left the driver's seat,
An' handed in me plates,
I'll tell ol' Peter at the door,
"I've come to join me Mates."*



Mechanics Institute Update for February.

Dec '17 and Jan '18 have been a busy time at the RMI. Work has begun to instal our solar panels, we hope these panels will assist us to at least slow the steady increase in costs of energy and help us to reduce any resultant increases in hire rates. The solar panels were made possible via a Community Funding Scheme grant of \$6,000.00 from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council. The RMI CoM will also pay around \$7,000.000 however some of this will return in the form of a solar rebate.

Work has also been undertaken to finish off our Chimneys & Heaters program. This project has seen the chimneys made sound and capped to stop birds and insects entering the building and the installation of new heaters. Fans, fireplace inserts and closing off of large ceiling vents in the supper room should be completed by early Feb. Once finished this will mean a warmer and more attractive supper room and one of our upstairs rooms heaterd and cooled. This two stage project has been made possible through CoM funds and by 2016/17 grants from the Bendigo Bank.

The 3rd Antiques Fair will be held at the RMI on **Saturday March 17th**. There will be a \$5.00 entry charge (this event is a combined fundraising activity between the RMI and the

RNH). All stall spaces have been filled so there will be a wide variety of items available for purchase. The Romsey CWA will again be preparing and serving their wonderful afternoon teas. Please come along to have a look at the arious stalls and to see how good the main hall and supper room look after the render/plaster repairs and repainting works.

Our application to the Armistice Centenary Grant was unsuccessful. We will now be looking into other avenues to assist us to rehang the WW1 Honour Rolls

The RMI CoM would like to congratulate all involved in the Main St Christmas Trees. They certainly brightened up the town and drew a deal of attention for both locals and other towns.

If you are planning something, a birthday, an anniversary, an engagement or any other function please consider the RMI our web site gives a good idea as to what we have to offer. Bookings and all inquiries can be made at; rmibookings@gmail.com. We are very happy to discuss your function, show you through the hall or supper room and explain the hire process.

**Anthony Lakey -
Chair RMI - CoM**

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Beginners \$5

Mondays 9am -9.40am

Intermediates \$7

Mondays 9am -10.40am

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Opening hours

Monday 9.30am-5pm
Tuesday 9.30am-5pm
Wed 9.30am-5pm
Thurs 9.30-6pm
Friday 9.30- 5pm
Sat 9.30am-12.30pm
Sunday Closed

Book Reviews by Marni Hickman from Romsey Library

Romsey Library February Happenings

FACEBOOK Online Learning Workshop at Romsey Library

Tues 27 February 2018, 11am – 12pm

Learn the basics of Facebook and open up a whole new world of communication with your family and friends.

BYO device or use one supplied by the library.

Learn more about online information and resources with this series of small workshops run by your friendly library staff.

BOOKINGS REQUIRED via Eventbrite on the Goldfields Libraries website or by phoning Romsey Library on 54293 086.

Little Big Bang Discovery Club at Romsey Library

Calling all mini scientists!

Sign up for this fantastic four-week STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) series to develop ideas and skills that inspire scientific exploration, discovery and learning. Engaging for both children and accompanying adults, LBDC includes hands-on activities, Q&A

time, and a Discovery Box and Book loaned to each child for the duration of the club for more experimenting at home.

A truly special introduction to science for little kids.

Attendance required for ALL FOUR sessions.

Weekly sessions: Tuesdays 6, 13, 20 and 27 February,

2-3pm. Ages 4-5 years

Free sessions.

Bookings required in person at Romsey Library or by phoning 54293 086

Book-Reading of Picnic at Hanging Rock with Anne Phelan at Romsey Library

Actor Anne Phelan will read from the novel by Joan Lindsay, which is celebrating its 50-year anniversary.

This event is part of the Unleash Your Inner Miranda project. Come along and hear Anne bring the story to life!

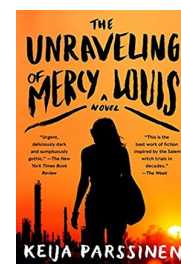
Wednesday 21 February, 2pm
Romsey Library
No bookings required

The Unravelling of Mercy Louis by Keija Parssinen

This is great novel, which is set in a small Texan oil refinery town called Port Sabine in the 1990s. The main character is Mercy Louis, who is the sixteen-year-old star of the championship girls' basketball team. Mercy's grandmother/guardian is an evangelical, God-fearing, and self-righteous woman who is convinced the world is coming to an end. She has also been the instigator of the Purity Coalition and the yearly Purity Ball. When a newborn baby is discovered in one of the town's dumpsters, the town is thrown into panic and fear. All the girls are immediately under suspicion and interviewed by the police. One by one, Mercy and the girls on her basketball team fall victim to an unexplained, mysterious condition. This sends the town into a tailspin and convinces Mercy's grandmother that her prophecies have been realised.

Mercy and her peers are faced with bigotry and confusion growing up in this small town with prejudices, environmental issues and religious zealotry. In the end, Mercy discovers what it means to find love and happiness. A riveting read and highly recommended.

These titles are available from Romsey Library. Pop in to the library or give us a call on 54283 086 to find out about placing a reservation for these or any other item you are interested in!



**Book Reviews by
Marni
Hickman from
Romsey Library**



The Winter Children by Lulu Taylor

Olivia and Dan Felbeck are a young couple who finally find themselves expecting twins after years of treatments. Francesca, Dan's friend from his past, offers the couple accommodation in a cottage on the grounds of a large boarding school built in the 1950's. It is here where the mystery and dramatic events take place.

The author has cleverly intertwined events and characters that lived at the boarding school in the 1950s with the current day characters to develop an extremely engaging and emotionally powerful novel.

I would highly recommend this novel to anyone who enjoys a novel with multiple layers and suspenseful storytelling. The two storylines come together with an unexpected twist at the end



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Community News

Get the latest Council news delivered direct to your inbox

This year Council will deliver some editions of its resident newsletter, *Shire Life*, electronically—straight to your inbox.

This change means that the news can be delivered to you faster, making it more up-to-date.

By printing less editions we can also reduce our carbon footprint.

Sign-up at mrsc.vic.gov.au/eNews to ensure you receive the latest news about Council projects, services and events happening in the Macedon Ranges.

While you're there, you can also choose to subscribe to one or more of our other eNewsletters about a range of topics including aquatics and leisure, arts and culture, business, environment, disability and family services.

Events and Festivals Grant Program opens 1 March

Council's annual Events and Festivals Grant Program will open to the public from 1 March 2018, a month earlier than in the past.

The program is a dedicated fund for organisers seeking funds and other Council support specifically for events and festivals. Funding is available for not-for-profit and commercial activities that deliver benefit to Macedon Ranges residents.

The program has been redesigned with options available for festivals and events of every size and type and include:

TIER 1 - designed to support small scale events or festivals up to \$2,000 cash and \$1,000 in-kind support.

TIER 2 - designed to support events or festivals that provide a strong economic and community benefit to the shire up to \$6,000 cash and \$500 in-kind.

TIER 3 - designed to support major, large scale events and festivals which display significant economic and/or community benefit to the shire. Applicants can apply for a multi-year agreement with \$6,000 to \$10,000 available per year.

Details of the in kind support available including some permit fees, bin hire and cleaning of public amenities can be found in the grant kits on Council's website.

The guidelines are now available to view at mrsc.vic.gov.au/grants

For more information, call Bridgette O'Brien on 5421 9521 or email bobrien@mrsc.vic.gov.au



What an Opportunity.

How would you balance Council's budget?

Tell us how you think Council should spend its budget for the upcoming 2018/19 financial year. You can let Council know your priorities and how you think we should spend our budget by using the new interactive online tool we are trialling, Budget Allocator.

To find out more, try the Budget Allocator and provide feedback we can use to prepare the budget, see mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay

Say NO to the Destructive Madness of Urban Sprawl.

Join our forums to explore ideas for the creation of thriving communities.....communities whose security is strongly underpinned by clear prescriptions for sustainable development.

Let's discuss ideas which have the potential to save us all from the planning crisis into which the draft of the Localised Planning Statement threatens to plunge us.

SAY YES TO GROWTH that truly protects the character of our towns and region. .

We're at a crossroads in the Macedon Ranges. Do we give in to the prospect of embracing the urban sprawl we see around the outskirts of Melbourne, or do we search for a different path that concentrates on making our towns and rural areas more vibrant and sustainable?

The Localised Planning Statement (up for your feedback by 19th February) takes us down the destructive growth path

it expands town boundaries beyond the existing and generous allocation in the Shire's recent Settlement Strategy, adding hundreds and hundreds of hectares for development;
it doesn't give specific policy direction to new dwellings in rural areas outside towns;
it doesn't say that the existing town and rural character **must** be preserved, only that this should be **encouraged**.

Residents who don't want this will SAY NO to the proposed Localised Planning Statement. But having said NO, what will we say YES to??

We need creative thinking and deliberation by local

residents about **how** our Shire will grow:

What kind of housing do we want, and where?

Let's talk about the benefits of medium density and infill housing development

What do we want for our town centres?

What alternatives are there to cure our addiction to the car?

What are the options for moving around our towns and between towns?

What mix of agriculture, conservation and rural living do we want in each part of the Shire?

How can we prescribe the creation of bio-links/habitat restoration and protection?

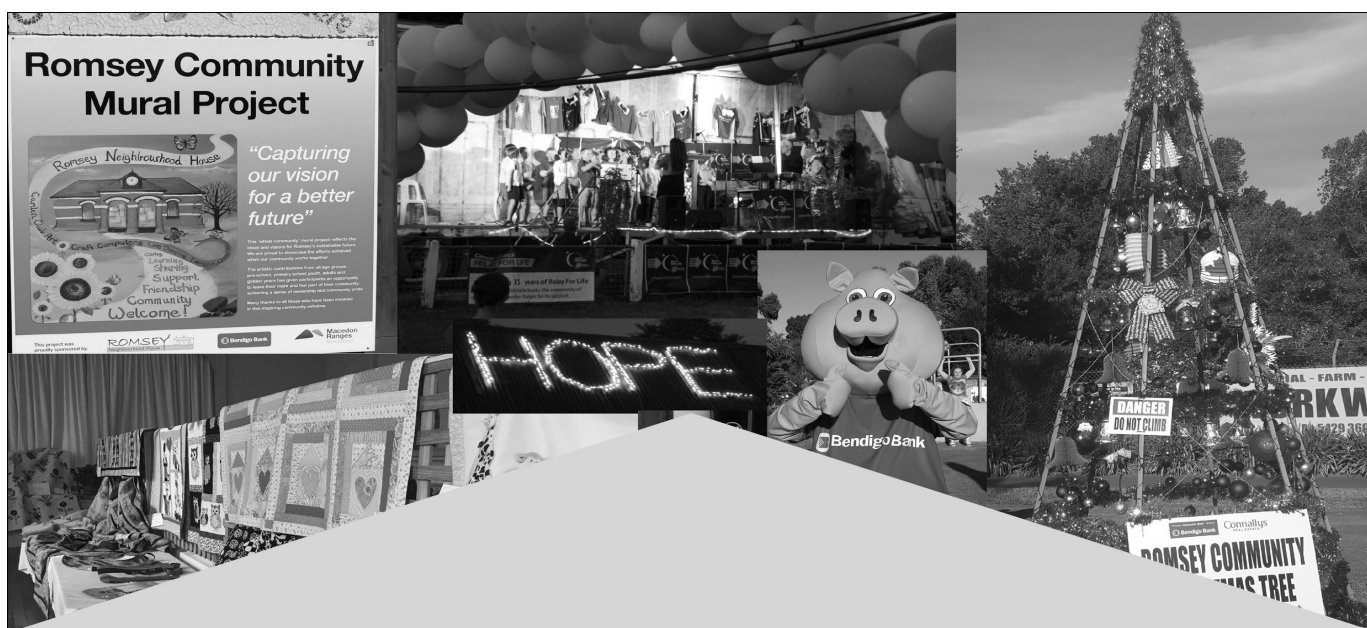
Let's talk about the benefits of town advisory groups. These Forums are timed to catch you when you're thinking about these issues. They are an opportunity to hear the ideas of other people who are sick of reacting to bad planning proposals, and crave discussion that brings out the best of what we want. We are aiming for sketch plans for the future to which developers can respond, not blank spaces on maps that get filled with urban sprawl.

At each Forum, a keynote speaker will open up our thinking about planning topics. We will hear about alternatives to what is proposed in the LPS?

The Forums will be a first pass to gather ideas, and link up with residents who want to take these ideas further. We need on-going conversation. but we have link up to make that happen. The Forum for Democratic Renewal, a voluntary movement of Macedon Ranges residents who want to do democracy differently, will document and communicate the results; the people who will drive it, with their local knowledge, professional experience, creativity and their own time, will be you, the people who want growth which is designed to make communities and the environment thrive

A series of Forums will be held around the Macedon Ranges in February.

For more information phone 54226602 or email maceonrangesec@gmail.com



APPLY NOW.

Planning an event in 2018?

Apply for funding from the Lancefield and Romsey **Community Bank®** branches, via our new Event Sponsorship Program.

We are offering this funding in addition to our annual Community Investment Program. This is a coordinated way for us to help support events that will run pre-November 2018.

The Program will open on Monday 19 February and applications will be due in by Friday 30 March 2018.

Contact Sally Peeler at marketing@lancefieldromseybank.com.au to be included in our community database.

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Are You Prepared This Summer

If an emergency such as a bushfire occurs in the shire, Council is the lead agency for emergency relief and recovery and will provide a range of assistance to help those affected.

What to do in an emergency

If an emergency such as a bushfire occurs and you need to leave your home, Council will open an Emergency Relief Centre. This centre is located well away from the affected area and the location will be broadcast on radio, social media and online, www.emergency.vic.gov.au

Services available at emergency relief centres:

Food and water

Personal support

Temporary accommodation

Information

A place to bring your pets (make sure you bring a leash or cage, food, water bowls and anything else they may need).

Recovering from an emergency

Following the immediate emergency, as soon as possible after the event and where necessary,

Council will open a recovery centre. This centre will be located as close as possible to the affected area.

At a recovery centre you can get information about emergency grants, clean-up, health and wellbeing, housing and insurance. You can also register for assistance including counselling, hazardous tree assessment and water tank cleaning and refill if needed.

Immediately following an event, Council works with other agencies to assess the impact of the event. You may receive a visit from staff or volunteers who will be checking to see how you are managing after the incident and assessing damage to your property, animals and fencing.

Experience shows that those people who have prepared their property and have a bushfire survival plan recover more quickly from an emergency.

In an emergency a centre is located well away from the affected area and the location will be broadcast on

Radio, Social media and Online,

www.emergency.vic.gov.au

Have your say about local landscapes, flora and fauna

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has started work on two new projects that will protect and enhance the shire's unique natural environment and is inviting feedback from the community at a series of drop-in sessions to be held in February.

All feedback received at the drop-in sessions will inform the development of two important strategic documents—a Landscape Assessment Study that recognises the importance of the shire's unique landscapes and a Biodiversity Strategy to protect the many plants and animals that call the Macedon Ranges home.

The Landscape Assessment Study will review significant views and vistas in publically accessible locations across the shire, focusing on the visual, cultural and historic qualities of these landscapes.

The Biodiversity Strategy will outline a shared vision for the protection and enhancement of ecological values across the shire.

The drop-in sessions will be held on:

Monday 12 February, 4pm–6pm, Gisborne Community Centre, 8am Hamilton Street

Thursday 15 February, 5pm–7pm, Room 3 at Kyneton Mechanics Institute, 81 Mollison Street

Wednesday 21 February, time to be confirmed, Lancefield Neighbourhood House, 78 High Street

For more information:

Landscape Assessment Study, call Liz Jardine on 5421 9684

Biodiversity Strategy, call Krista Patterson-Majoor on 5421 9503

Community Support for a Pub in Romsey.

Show your support, Have your say.

A public meeting to discuss community responses to the closure of the Romsey Hotel was held at The Hub on Monday evening, January 22nd. The meeting was called and chaired by Romsey resident, Sandra Chestnutt. Among the fifty attendees was a representative of Jim Hogan, the owner of the Romsey Hotel site, and Barry Kennedy, a journalist with Leader Newspapers. The meeting noted the widespread community disappointment at the owner's decision in late 2017 to close the Romsey Hotel, located on the corner of Main and Barry Streets. The meeting shared general reactions to the hotel closure, and listened to brief outlines of possible community responses. One notion forwarded was community purchase of the site, and management of the hotel business. Another notion was for a local sporting club or clubs to obtain licences for poker machines and liquor, and to run the hotel business in partnership with the owner. Deborah Lawry, speaking for Jim Hogan, told the

meeting that the owner was not interested in a pokies licence, but would appreciate a community group approaching him with a valid business case for hotel operations.

The meeting decided to form two concurrent working parties: a general Working Group to liaise with the community, and to organise public activity, surveys and petitions; and a Business Case Group, to immediately open dialogue with the hotel owner on the various options that may be possible.

Please show your support by contacting the working group by

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No Pub In

By Stratos Pavlis

**On what day of the week, down by ol' five mile creek,
was the day when our Romsey was founded?**

**That I can't say, but I can tell you the day
when the pubs final "last drinks" had sounded.**

**You see I'm not playing it down, there's no pub in town!!
And it feels like we're all quite deflated.**

**There's an empty refrain, down on Barry & Main.
Where once politics and football debated.**

**You see Lancefield's too far, for a bloke with no car.
This could be such a tragic statistic.**

**Now there's no TAB, and the kids can't eat free.
And Sunbury is unrealistic**

**Now the words gotten 'round, there's no pub in town.
No laughter, no beer, no reflection.**

**And I'll let out a moan, as I watch footy alone,
And organise my dad's stamp collection.**



**The Romsey &
Lancefield Districts
Historical
Society**



Historical Seymour Cottage Update

from John Spring Co ordinator December 11th 2017

All society members and many in our regional community are now aware of the extensive termite damage to Seymour Cottage and outbuilding and the consequent safety and repair reasons for closing the building to the public in August 2017. Background articles have appeared in the local newspapers and town newsletters on the termite and restoration problems. See online article at <https://romseylancefieldhistorical.com.au/our-blog/item/9-seymour-cottage-update>

Temporary propping of roof structure support beams have now been carried out to arrest their structural deterioration. It is however necessary to carry out a more comprehensive and physically intrusive investigation to assess and document the full extent of the termite damage. The society cannot gain accurate quotations for rectification works without more detailed identification of the full extent of structural timbers needing replacement and other related repairs. Consequently the temporary removal and storage of all of Seymour Cottage's historic displays and chattels is necessary before the intrusive investigations in the roof, ceiling, walls and floors are undertaken.

The Council has indicated that it will contribute \$1,500 towards a steel storage shed-garage at the rear of the property. The total cost of which it is estimated at over double this grant amount.

The Society's recent application to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council for a 'People & Places' funding grant of \$8,000 towards completing the storage shed works plus the consultants termite related investigations and structural restoration works and repair costs has been unsuccessful.

This rejection of the Society's urgency application The gardens and re-Seymour Cottage is registered by Heritage Victoria and has town planning zoning control overlays which impose statutory responsibilities to obtain Heritage Permits

(or permit exemptions) before undertaking any repairs and decorative changes. The Council's heritage consultant Ivar Nelsen has been most helpful in advising the Society with a preliminary strategic repair plan along with making several Heritage Permit exemption requests on our behalf.

Currently much of the repair discussions and financial estimates is just conjecture until investigative reports and works assessments are received and repair costs have been quoted on by builders with experience in this type of historic restoration.

The gardens and re-landscaping are another area of 'green thumb' works that need a new master strategy but can be implemented with dedicated local 'Friends of Seymour Cottage' people power.

Can you help us in this 'garden & landscape' area ?



If you can assist us in any way you can contact us by emailing the Society's Secretary at the lancefieldcourt-house@gmail.com

Seymour Cottage Update (cont)



Heritage Victoria has an annual 'Living Heritage Grants' funding program and it is hoped that the Society may have better luck in an application for consultants costs and restoration funds in the 2018 new year. But the timing for all the necessary investigations, reports, restoration quotes and building repairs will now take much longer than initially estimated as other funding sources or grants must be obtained before proceeding. The drafting of a master plan has also been set back because realistic options and costs cannot be generated until specialist reports are completed and appropriately experienced heritage consultants and builders provide comparative work quotes. The Society has resolved that it cannot authorise spending on consultants investigations and any building works without there being adequate covering funds and grants 'in our bank' to cover the expenditure payments.

**If you can assist us in any way you can contact us by
emailing the Society's
Secretary at the**



**Check out what's on offer at your local Neighbourhood House.
We are offering over 100 courses and activities 6 days a week.**

**Our Term 1 brochure, 2018 has been delivered so check out what's new.
If you have not received a calendar or our term one brochure you can pick one up from THE HUB
We have lots happening. So pop in and say hello.
You can also expand your interests by being a Volunteer at The House.
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Hours Monday to Thursday 10am to 3pm**



**Romsey-Lancefield
& District
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For further information
contact:
Helen Richardson
0448208655

Community Announcement

The Romsey-Lancefield & District Ambulance Auxiliary is pleased to announce the placement of two more AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillators) in the community. One is attached to the outside of the Romsey Ambulance station. The other will be placed outside the Lancefield Police station. Both these AEDs will be accessible 24 hours per day.

A community training session will be held soon.

WATCH THIS SPACE

THANK YOU ROMSEY

The Romsey Red Cross Branch would like to thank the very generous community who supported our Christmas Raffle.

First Prize winner: Mr Fred Armour of Subury
Second Prize winner Vicki Wilkinson of Romsey
Third Prize winner: Lily Murray

Money raised will go towards helping the most vulnerable members in our community. Red Cross Victoria programs include:

- # helping people who are homeless find suitable accommodation
 - # companionship and social support for older Australians
 - # a phone call each day to check on the welfare of the elderly
 - # transport to appointments
 - # youth programs such as Save A Mate
- Thank you once again.**

Meetings - 1.30pm on second Tuesday of month
(no meeting in January, June or December).

**First meeting for 2018 will be February 13th at the Old
Court House /
CFA Headquarters.
New members welcome.**



Romsey Red Cross

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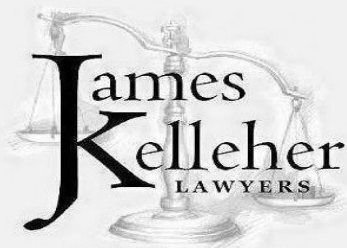
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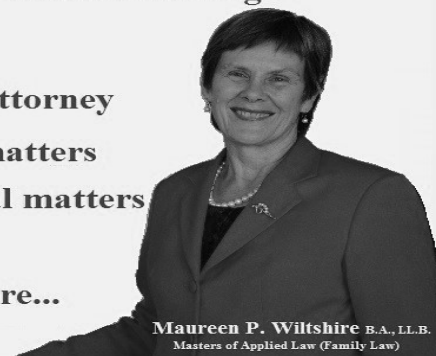


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Be part of the first ever flash mob at Hanging Rock

What do a pink ribbon, white frock and straw boater hat have in common?

In February, fans of Hanging Rock and the iconic *Picnic at Hanging Rock* story will channel their inner Miranda as part of a special flash mob dance event, featuring moves such as the “Corset Conga” and the “Miranda Mirror”.

Starting with a series of community and school dance workshops and culminating in a mass performance on 24 February, *Too Many Mirandas* is an opportunity to get involved in a large-scale community event that celebrates an iconic Australian story and landmark.

Open to everyone, participants can choose to become a “Master Miranda” by attending a dance workshop, or simply pick up the basic Miranda dance moves during rehearsals on the day. Spectators are also welcome. The event will take place in the East Paddock, adjacent to Hanging Rock. School and community workshops will be held in Gisborne, Lancefield, Woodend and Kyneton in January and February.

The community workshops will go for 1 hour and be held from 9.30–10.30am and 11–12noon on the following dates:

Sunday 28 January—Kyneton Town Hall

Sunday 4 February—Woodend Children’s Park

Sunday 11 February—Lancefield Plantation

Sunday 18 February—John Aitken Reserve, Gisborne

Community News



Too Many Mirandas was conceived by Council’s Arts and Culture team as a way to support community involvement in the arts and mark the 50th Anniversary of Joan Lindsay’s novel, *Picnic at Hanging Rock*. The project is funded by a \$20,000 grant from Creative Victoria’s Regional Partnerships program. Inspired by *The Most Wuthering Heights Day Ever*, a dance event held annually in Melbourne, it aims to bring the community together for a fun-filled activity that is unique to the Macedon Ranges.

To register for the event or dance workshops, and to receive project updates via email visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/toomanymirandas.



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Have your say about local jobs for the future

With more than 50 per cent of residents leaving the shire for work each day it is vital to create options for our residents to work locally.

To better understand the local workforce, Council is working with Deakin University on a new study to support business growth and local job creation. The findings will be published in a *Jobs for the Future Blueprint*.

Last year, local businesses were surveyed to find about the ways in which they can be supported to grow and employ more people. Now we would like to hear from residents about their goals, skills and future priorities. For example, is it important for you and your family to access employment and training close to home? What types of jobs should be provided for your children?

Have your say and complete our survey by Thursday 1 March at mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay



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What's On At The Romsey Recreation Centre

Strength for Health

Progressive strength training classes for the older adult are held on Tuesdays, 10.30am-11.30am. Held in a friendly, safe environment, this program is perfect for anyone returning to, or new to exercise. Bookings essential. For more information, call 5429 5637 or email rrc@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Staying strong circuit classes

High intensity, group circuit classes for the mature adult. Increase muscle and cardiovascular strength. Classes are held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10.30am-11.30am. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.30-10.30am. All programs and competitions are dependent on interest and sufficient registration numbers. We welcome feedback and suggestions for new programs you would like to see offered. Call us on 5429 5637 or email rrc@mrsc.vic.gov.au

BULK BILLING FEMALE GP AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY 2018

Dr Hawa Yasir completed her MBBS at Monash University in 2009. Dr Yasir has gained knowledge and experience working as a Rural GP in Swan Hill, and has special interests in skin cancer, surgery and preventative medicine. Additionally she continues to work on a monthly basis with one of the plastic surgeons at Epworth Hospital. Outside medicine, she enjoys travelling and the good eateries that Melbourne has to offer. Dr Yasir will commence four days a week at Romsey Medical in February

2018. She is in her final year of Australian General Practice Training, and will be with us until February 2019. The Romsey and Lancefield Medical Centres are fully accredited. We are committed to providing the highest quality medical care to our community by delivering ethical, consistent, timely and comprehensive care encompassing family medicine, emergency care and preventative health strategies.

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Youth Mental Health First Aid training program for 2018



Youth Mental Health First Aid training is back for 2018 and residents are invited to register for one of the sessions.

The training program teaches adults how to provide first aid to young people who are developing mental health

problems, experiencing a worsening of an existing problem or in a mental health crisis.

The practical and interactive program includes information about adolescent development, identifying signs and symptoms of mental health problems and how to encourage young people to access support.

The following sessions will be held:

Thursday 15 and Friday 16 March,
9am–5pm at Romsey
Neighbourhood House
Friday 20 and 27 April, 9am–5pm at
Kyneton Town Hall (teachers
only)
Friday 15 and 22 June, 9am–5pm at
Kyneton Town Hall
Tuesday 7, 24, 31 July and 7 August,
6.30pm–10pm at Holgate
Brewhouse (evening sessions,
men only)
Saturday 13 October, 9am–5pm and
Tuesday 16 and 23 October,
6pm–9.30pm at Gisborne
Administration Centre, Council
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Coffee Shop Conversations

The New Year has arrived and January has gone with the blink of an eye. As you know I am an advocate for positive thinking ,change your thoughts ,change your life and I get very excited about what's possible when you take responsibility your thoughts and actions.

So how are you going to make 2018 your best year yet.

Life is just to short to live in an upset, angry, resentful or ungrateful state, every now and then I remind myself that we need to remember to look for the good and the positive in our lives, to choose to be happy because you can and to be at peace with yourself and others.

We don't need to live in the past as it gone, tomorrow has not happened yet, We need to live in the moment NOW.

Grab each moment and make it your best, release negative thoughts and people from your day, trust your journey, know that if you make a mistake it's ok, take your positive learning's and move on, you can only do your best at any one point in time and that's ok.

Let the negative go and move on with positive action, change what you need to change, nothing will change if you don't take action.

The power of intention and the choices you make is in your hands no one else can do that for you.

The New year is a fantastic time to take stock and consider what we want to change and grow in our lives.

I will be running some

Vision Board Workshops over the next couple of months

Which is a good **Uplifting** and **Fun** way to bring energy and hope into your New Year Join us for a fun ,creative inspiring session of self discovery where you will be guided to :

Reflect on 2017 and release what you no longer serves you,

Clarify what you really want to manifest in 2018,

Create an inspiring Vision Board to take home and use ,

and **Learn** easy ways to stay on track.

Check out my face book page for the dates of my up and coming workshops or just give me a call.

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Tai Chi has been practiced in China for centuries to develop balance, coordination and overall wellbeing. Classes are suitable for all ages offering a balanced approach to both martial and health traditions.

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Classes operate on **Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays**, with a Children's class at 5:00 and adult class at 6:30 during the week, and at 2:00 on Saturdays.

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Pastor Parables

Happy New Year to all residents of our Community

We have some really good news for all our you... (please read on)

For most, business and pleasure is not the same thing. When asked: 'Are you here for business or pleasure?' people often mean: 'Are you here because you have to be, or want to be?'

Christianity was designed to be a wonderful relationship with God - not a religion. Sadly, the greatest obstacle for many people coming to Christianity is religion. It has turned what should be a pleasure into a business. Religion, burdened with its numerous works, rituals, cults, intolerance and atrocities, has distorted the true meaning of Christianity.

God isn't interested in religion - He doesn't need our insignificant works or our meagre money to complete His purpose (Ephesians 2:8-9). He is God, the Creator of the universe - Governor of the laws that sustain science - Possessor of all knowledge and riches.

God doesn't need our help - we need His.

God is like a loving parent whose children have run away. His greatest desire is for us to choose to come back to Him. God created mankind with free will. He cannot and will not force anyone to love Him. We are created in His image - just as we desire people to freely love us, so too does God want us to freely love Him.

God desires a personal relationship with each of us. As a parent, He wants to protect and provide for us. He wants to impart His wisdom. His rules are written not to spoil our chance at happiness, but to increase it. Christianity is not a set of meaningless rituals, but a restoration of a family relationship with our Heavenly Father.

You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:11.

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.

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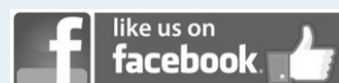


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150gm spinach
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1 avocado diced
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100gm Changs noodles

Dressing

¼ cup olive oil
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Reflection

Now that all the festivities of Christmas and New Year are over for another year and we are wondering what 2018 will have in store for us. Would you take some time to read the following -

A recipe for the coming year

Take 12 whole months
Clean them thoroughly of all
bitterness, hatred and jealousy.

Make them as fresh as possible.
Now cut each month into 28 (or 29),
30, or 31 different parts, but don't
make up the whole batch at once.

Prepare it one day at a time,
From these ingredients.

Mix well into each day:
one part of faith,
one part of patience,
one part of courage, and
one part of work.

Add to each day:
one part each of hope, faithfulness,
generosity and kindness.

Blend with
one part of prayer,

one part of meditation and
one good deed.

Season the whole with
a dash of good spirits,
a sprinkle of fun,
a pinch of play, and
a cupful of good humour.

Pour all of this into a vessel of love.

Cook thoroughly over radiant joy;
garnish with a smile,
and serve with quietness,
unselfishness and cheerfulness.

Follow recipe carefully and you are
bound to have a productive and
happy year.

(UCAF Network December 2017)



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rule in your hearts and
homes.*

*Let the word of Christ
dwell in you richly.*

*God comes to us, each and
every one.*

God bless you every day

Romsey Church Services & Activities during February 2018

- 4th. ? Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Jay Brooks (time to be confirmed).
- 5th. 2pm 'Cuppa at Cookies'. All welcome.
- 7th. 6pm Church Council at Stracks.
- 11th. 9am Worship Service & Holy
Communion conducted by Peter Weeks
- 12th. 2pm 'Cuppa at Cookies'
- 15th. 1.30 UCAF meeting
- 18th. 9am Congregational Service
- 19th. 2pm 'Cuppa at Cookies'
- 25th. 9am Worship Service conducted by
Annette Buckley
- 26th. 2pm 'Cuppa at Cookies'

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Forward In Faith

As we enter the New Year with all our hope and fears, what better way to start the year than by putting ourselves into the hand of God, the One who made us, knows us, loves and sustains us, and died for us that we might know Him, and be in fellowship with Him. This Christmas season was the most Christless one I have ever experienced: no traditional carols or manger and wise men, shepherds or angels pictured in the marketplace, but plenty of cash registers ringing to the tune of the commercial, secular froth and bubble. Our nation has turned its back on its Christian heritage, especially here in Victoria, with all the radical programs in progress to change our society.

When Jesus taught those of His day, many of His followers found His teaching too hard, so they turned away from him. Jesus then asked the twelve disciples, "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Peter replied, "To whom shall we go, for You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know You are the holy One of God." (John 6.66-69)

Well said, Peter! Jesus is the One we should look toward, to strengthen and guide us in the days ahead. As King George VI said, during World War II, "Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand of God. That will be better than a light, and safer than a known way.

*"Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labour to pursue;
You, only You, resolved to know,
In all I think or speak or do."
Charles Wesley.*

For Christmas, a packed car of goods and gifts were delivered to Anglicare by Betty and Max, to extend Christmas cheer to Melbourne's needy families. During January, our diligent Op. Shop team have been working hard sorting and cleaning for the 2018 season of operation.

We hope and pray that 2018 will be a happy and prosperous year to all in our community.

February 2018 diary

Feb.13th. KYB – Know Your Bible Studies
- Open to all -

Commencing – Feb. 13th @ 10.30
am.. CHRIST CHURCH LANCEFIELD HALL.

Studies will be on –

Genesis...Chapters 1-11; -

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Each person will need a book.

You will have questions to answer, in writing. Rev. Jeannie will lead the studies.

Wed..14th Ash Wednesday.

(40 days of Lent begins)

9am - Holy Communion - St. Paul's
Romsey.

7pm..Christ Church Lancefield.

Wed..21st Parish Council

7. 30pm - Christ Church Lancefield.

March 2018

Fri. March 2nd - 11am -

Christ Church Lancefield

****World Day of Prayer Service**** -

compiled by the Christian women of
Suriname, on the N.E. coast of South
America.

Their theme is -

"All God's Creation Is Very Good."

The churches of Romsey/Lancefield
unite for this service, and members of our
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Whats On at Buffalo Stadium

Register now for women's netball and basketball

Would you like to play netball or basketball?

Buffalo Sports Stadium in Woodend offers women's day and night netball competitions and The Stadium in Gisborne has a Thursday morning basketball competition.

The Monday morning netball competition games are played from 9am. Tuesday night netball

games begin at 7.10pm. Thursday morning basketball games are played from 9.30am. New and experienced players welcome. Register as an individual or as a team—a number of teams are seeking extra players and new teams are always welcome. The next season begins in February.

Family friendly competition, with no games in the school holidays, and children are welcome to attend.

Sport News



To register for netball, contact Buffalo Sports Centre on 542 7 3411 or email buffalo@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

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Whats On at The Romsey Recreation Centre Term 1.

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Basketball and indoor soccer—Shooting Hoops and Goal Kick

Give your child the chance to learn the skills before progressing into our junior competitions.

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Soccer—Under 12s and Under 16s

Under 12 games are played from 4.50pm and Under 16 games are played from 6.30pm on Fridays. Register now for winter competition starts 16 April. Call 5429 5637 or email your interest to rrc@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Basketball—Under 11s and Under 13s

Under 11 games are held from 4pm on Thursdays. Under 13 games are held from 4.50pm on Mondays.

Winter season starts 16 April.

Junior basketball and indoor soccer training

We're seeking expressions of interest from anyone interested in junior basketball and indoor soccer training. Sessions would be held in term 2 and dependant on numbers. To register your interest, email rrc@mrsc.vic.gov.au with your child's name, date of birth and chosen sport.

Senior Programs

Indoor mixed soccer Indoor men's and women's basketball

Players must be over 15 years old. Team and individual registrations accepted.

Men's basketball games are played on Tuesdays from 7.30pm. Women's basketball games are held on Thursdays from 7.40pm.

Senior mixed soccer held on Tuesdays from 6pm.

Winter season starts 17 April.

To register your interest
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Romsey Golf Club, Men's & Women's Reports

Saturday December 16th – Stroke

It was almost the perfect day for a round -- clear, blue skies, temperature in the mid 20s and only a zephyr from the North-East. Good scoring was to be expected. The recent hot weather saw the fairways much harder, so all players got good value for well struck drives. The greens, while still a little lumpy, held well and players who putted with conviction got good results. The day was one for the veterans with three octogenarians giving their handicaps a serious scare. However, in the end, it was a battle between two of the club's most engaging members with age and experience winning over youthful enthusiasm. On a great day to be out in the Park, the day's results were;
Winner; Mick Nicholls Snr – 88/25/63 from Shannon Wright – 81/15/66, Bruce Robb – 102/34/69, Mal Mottram – 81/11/70 and John Laing – 102/31/71.
NTPs; 1st – Rob Rea, 15th – Nathan Rayment

Saturday December 23rd – Ambrose & Christmas Drinks

After over 40mm falling during the week and temperatures in the mid to high 20s, the course had shown good growth and was again in top nick. The ongoing bird scaring meant far fewer Little Corellas chewing up Romsey Park, and there was only slight damage to the 15th green. The round began with gusting winds moving between the west and the south-west. Later in the day, the wind died down, making for far simpler high approach shots. The field featured a number of low, single figure players, so the team handicap was always going to figure heavily in the day's outcome. A few teams had wonderful front nines -- one being six under -- but to win the day steady golf over the whole 18 was required, and it was the final few holes that separated the winners from the rest of the field. As the clock ticked over to 4.15 pm, groups headed to the rooms for a quiet drink, a relaxed BBQ and a pre-Christmas talk as the cards were checked. On a very enjoyable, relaxed day the results were;

Winners; Anthony Lakey/Mal Mottram/Jim Patton/Mick Nichols Snr – 63/9.6/53.3 from Andrew Evans/Anthony Freeman/Kevin Dunn/Ned Evans – 67/11.5/55.5, Daniel Wright/Seamus Whelan/Tom Cannon/Connor Whelan – 61/4.4/56.6 & Shannon Wright/Andrew Clement/Mick Nicholls Jnr/Toby Clement – 65/8.4/56.6

NTPs; 1st Mick Nicholls Jnr, 15th – Mal Mottram & 16th – Les Gaunt

Tuesday December 26th – Boxing Day Stableford

It was a surprisingly large field that took to the course at 8.30 am for the club's Boxing Day Stableford competition.

The first few holes proved to be a little scratchy, but the quality of the golf soon picked up. A few dry patches on the fairways gave some lucky golfers added distance off the tee, but accuracy around the greens was again all important. As the day began to heat up, players were heading to the rooms for a well-earned drink and then back home for Boxing Day lunch and the cricket. On a warm, still morning the results were;

Winner; Michael McCarten (13) – 40 pts from Adrian Poulton (27) – 36 pts

NTPs 1st – Michael McCarten

Saturday December 29th – Monthly Medal – Stroke & Putts

The field teed off in fine conditions. After Friday night's rain, the fairways were a little soft, but the greens were in top condition. Early in the round, there was a gusting wind from the west which made high approach shots more than usually challenging. The day was one of two halves, with many players putting together a top front or back nine, but steady golf was what was required. A highlight of the day was a beautiful shot on the Par 3, 145 m 15th to ~45cm of the flag. This saw visitor, Michael Squires, take home the \$100 jackpot. On another wonderful day to be out on the Park the results were;

Winner; Michael Squires – 83/16/67

December Medallist; Scott Williams – 90/20/70 from Joh Freestone – 98/24/74

Women's Winner; Darlene Baker – 94/20/74

Least Putts; Rob Rea – 29 c/b from Anthony Lakey, Bob Dwyer & Michael Squires

NTPs; 15th – Michael Squires & 16th – Andrew Laing.

Monday January 1st – New Year's Day Stableford

A small but enthusiastic group hit off in the club's New Year's Day Stableford competition. The recent hot weather had dried the fairways, and a number of players found themselves driving past the corner and into the rough, leaving very tricky second shots. The Little Corellas, who had been quietish for almost a month, had expanded their range, and had now damaged four greens. This was a real pity, as the greens had been in their best condition for a number of years. The club has tried everything to move these destructive birds on, but nothing seems to work for more than a day or two. It was a day for accuracy, both off the tee and with approach shots, and only two players were able to overcome the odd bad hole, and continue to score at a steady rate. On a beautiful New Year's Day the results were;

Winner; Dean Jones (2) – 34 pts C/B from Sherif Abdel-Sayed (24)

NTP; 15th – Dean Jones

Saturday January 6th – 4B Multiplier Stableford

With the day's temperature predicted to reach 40C, the club's "Extreme Heat Policy" was activated, and play began at 8.30 am. A good-sized field of "hard nut" golfers headed out with gusting winds from the NE. As the round progressed, the wind strengthened and then moved to the NW. Players had to contend with both the wind, the harder fairways and some deep, corella-based damage on a few greens. Over the round the greens hardened making high approach shots a bit of a gamble. The team of Wright/Nicholls Jnr had a stunning front nine, recording 38 points, but as the temperature rose it was the older, cooler heads who came to the fore. In the end the day's winners were able to overcome three wipes to record an excellent score. On a very hot and windy morning the results were;

Winners; John Freestone/Mick Nicholls Snr – 69pts from Shannon Wright/Mick Nicholls Jnr – 62pts

Individual scores; John Freestone (23) – 37 pts from Mick Nicholls Jnr (19) – 34 pts & Shannon Wright – (14) – 33 pts

NTPs; 15th – Les Gaunt & 16th – Shannon Wright

Wednesday January 10th – Ambrose

The 2018 Wednesday season kicked off with a friendly game of Ambrose. The weather was perfect for golf,

and the round was completed before the sun became too hot. The course has dried out considerably, making the fairways quite hard, which resulted in some interesting bounces and of course a lot of run. The greens are in very good condition apart from the terrible bird damage on some. The day's results were; Winners; Pam Drummond, Jenny Hartley and Wendy Gosden 83/17.6/65.4 from Elaine Scanlon and Darlene Baker 84/12.75/71.25

Saturday January 13th – Stroke

With around 10mm falling on Friday evening, the fairways were a little softer and the green tinge that had suffered through last Saturday's 42C was again evident. Players headed to the tee under overcast skies with a gusting westerly wind; rain looked to be on the horizon. As the round progressed the wind swung around to the north before moving back to the west. Steady drizzle for much of the round also made gripping clubs more challenging. As with the last few weeks many players found it difficult to put together a steady 18 holes. A number of players had wonderful front or back nines, only to fall away. In the end, it was up to two "old stagers" to show the way, and to bring just one of the younger brigade along with them. On a wet and windy afternoon the results were;

Winner; Ron Walker – 91/24/67 from John Laing – 100/31/69 & Mick Nicholls Jnr – 90/18/72

Over the past month we have signed up a number of new members, good to see the club again growing in numbers. Our own clubrooms will certainly assist us to continue to grow.

With the arrival of more regular hot weather, the irrigation regime has been adjusted, so only the first two banks on each hole are now working. The other sections of fairway will have to survive as best they can, while we work to keep the ~100m out from the putting surface alive and green

Currently the club is discussing the possibility of a Saturday morning nine-hole competition. This is being canvassed with the membership, and will be on the agenda for the January committee meeting. Such a competition would allow community members who follow the football or cricket in the afternoon to play a round earlier in the day.

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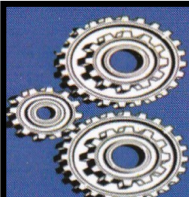
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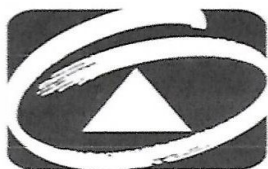
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