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LOOKING BACK IN TIME

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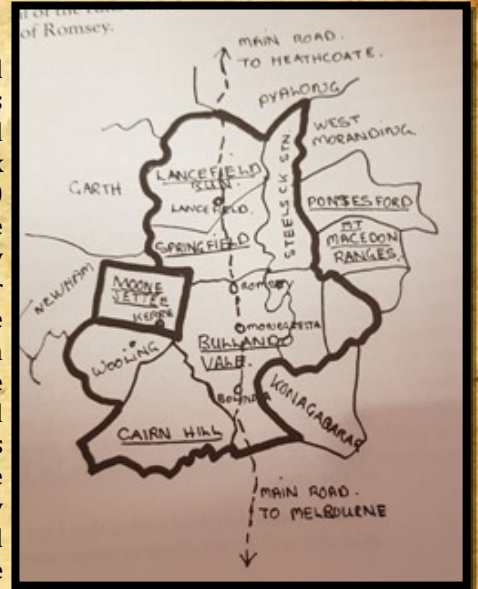
Romsey, The Squatting Era.

In August 1835, two parties led by Batman and Fawkner, sailed into Port Phillip Bay to settle on the banks of the Yarra River. Horses and ploughs, farm implements and farm animals were unloaded, and the settlement of Melbourne began. During 1836, settlers spread out from Melbourne as squatters took out licences for vast areas of grazing land. This land was under control of the Colonial Office, and could only be occupied on a depasturing lease until surveyors completed their preliminary work. Several of the squatters leased land in the Romsey area. They were John Brock, who settled on Bullando Vale in 1836 a run of 25600 acres that ran from Romsey to Clarkefield. John Pascoe Fawkner settled on the Moonee Jettie run of 12800 acres including Brock's Monument west of Romsey and ran as far as Kerrie. Together with James Fulton who settled on the Springfield run of 20000 acres which encompassed Melbourne Hill to the north and Romsey to the south and ran west towards Newham in 1838. The squatters' new life was full of hardships, there was no security of tenure, as they survived under the poorest of

built and shepherds were employed to mind a flock of about 700 sheep on the open country and smaller mobs in the hilly bush country. The shepherd and his dogs guarded the sheep by day and returned the flock to the yards at night

to protect them from wild animals. In his diary, A.F. Mollison recounted the difficulties of bringing cattle and sheep across hundreds of miles of unknown country with no roads and the "Major's Line" the only notable guide. He told of trees being felled and laid on the bed of a creek to be used as to form a bridge in order to cross the creeks. Although flooded rivers posed a far greater problem. On one occasion, while crossing the Murray river, Mollison dismantled a dray, removed its wheels, nailed a tarpaulin to the bottom and lashed empty water casks to its side for buoyancy. In this "boat" 500 sheep were landed on the Victorian soil, 40 at a time.

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conditions. Early shelter came in the form of tents or bark or log shelters. There was an unchanging diet of mutton, tea and damper and the only respite to life's monotony and isolation was the trip to Melbourne twice a year for provisions. The squatter's wife bore the brunt of the isolation as she reared the family, kept house, made clothes, milked cows, made butter and cheese, kept poultry, grew vegetables and nursed and educated the children.

Steels Creek Station pioneer E.M. Curr described squatting as "a lucrative occupation, but its main drawback was the want of mental occupation." Until the runs were surveyed, few fences were



By 1837, there were at least 200 squatters grazing stock in the Port Phillip district, and in March of that year, Governor Sir Phillip Bourke came from Sydney to investigate the unauthorized occupation of land. In central Victoria, he noted the excellent sheep and cattle pastures and declared the district open for settlement.

When the land in the Romsey area was surveyed, the first farm lots came on the market at the Crown Land Sales at Kilmore, in 1855. At this time, an area was put aside for a future township. This area came on the market in 1860, and was referred to as "Five Mile Creek". The Romsey and Lancefield land sales were apparently conducted in an orderly fashion, but this was not always the case. According to the Romsey Examiner, land in the Kerrie area in the 1870's was settled under a somewhat "free-for-all" system. The parcels of land for selection were placed on show for a fortnight and, to get a head start at the peggings, prospective buyers camped overnight in their swags, buggies and chaise carts. At first light, they made a huge rush for the best blocks of land, some of which were pegged by up to 100 people. All applications, accompanied by a lodgment fee of 10 pounds, were collected by officers of the Lands Department at Romsey or Riddells Creek, and referred to a panel who chose the successful applicants.

Thus from here the early settlement of the Romsey district proceeded.

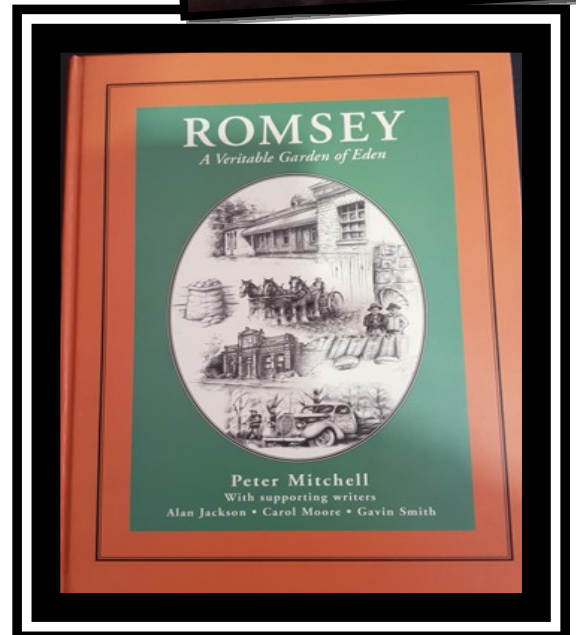
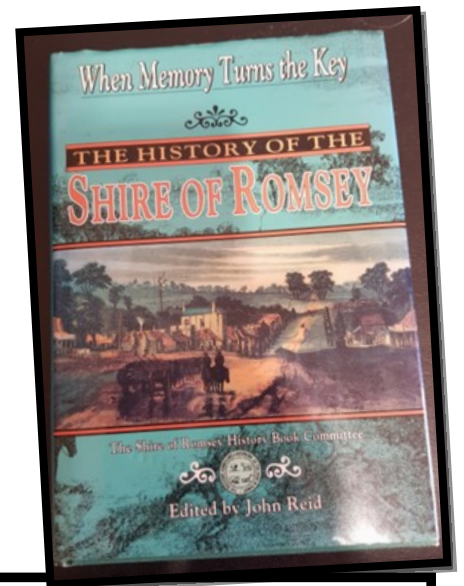
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JUST A LITTLE BIT ABOUT PETER Romsey resident Peter Mitchell has been recognised in the Macedon Ranges Australia day Awards 2018, for his Contribution to the Romsey Community. How fortunate are we to get his contributions for The Romsey Rag.

He has belonged to many of the community groups in the area and raised numerous funds for various community needs, from new tennis courts to working on the Lancefield cemetery trust, scouts, Rotary Club and more. He also served as a Romsey shire councillor for three terms in the 70's and 80's. Mr Mitchell has been active in the local historical society, and so contributed significantly to the following books,

*When Memory turns the Key,
The History of the Shire
of Romsey and
Romsey a veritable
Garden of Eden.*

These books are available to borrow from the Romsey library.



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Inviting men and women 55 to 105 who are retired, who are helpful and wish to make new friends.

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 and now we have Bingo. 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 **Bus Trips** to some very interesting places on the first Wednesday of the month with a 2-course meal and morning tea. Trips are \$40 including lunch.

What a bargain, we do not have an age limit, maybe you are retired and want a break from driving, maybe you just want an excuse to get out of town or even just have a fun day with like minded people who enjoy exploring and visiting new places or revisiting somewhere you visited a long time ago.

Come along and give us a try!

Up and coming bus trips

WEDNESDAY 2ND MAY 2018 – MARYBOROUGH Today is all about sightseeing. On our way to Maryborough we will be driving along the Sunraysia Highway to see the Waubra Wind Farm. For lunch we are heading to the Maryborough Highlands Society for a 2-course meal. At the end of the day, we will be having a wander through Maryborough's historical Railway Station. Depart Monegetta Gen Store 8.45am, Romsey 9.00am, Lancefield 9.15am.

WEDNESDAY 6TH JUNE 2018 – ESSENDON & AIRPORT WEST This month we are going to see the only aviation museum dedicated to the preservation of Australia's domestic aviation development formally recognizes all participants in aviation development in this county. For lunch we are going just around the corner to Windy Hill Bistro for a 2-course meal. To finish off we are going for a browse around the Poyntons Nursery. Depart Lancefield 9.00am Romsey 9.15am & Monegetta Gen Store 9.30am.



Our Bus trip to Marysville in March

The weather was great, the company outstanding and a really good day was had by all. It was great to get out and about with those taking the opportunity to visit somewhere beyond Romsey.

Bruno's Sculpture Garden was amazing. To see how it had been re-established after the fires, with every corner of the gardens adorned with yet another sculpture.

You did not know what to expect as you walked through the meandering pathways around the gardens. Stephensons Falls and lunch was a real treat also.

Photo1

The Social Club enjoying a tea break prior to visiting The Werribee Rose Garden.

Photo2

One of the many spectacular sculptures seen in Bruno's Sculpture Garden Marysville.

Photo 3

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THIS MONTH IN THE ROMSEY RAG.....

Welcome to the May edition of The Romsey Rag. This edition aims to present the usual wide range of news and information, including, for instance, local treatments of highly topical health issues, such as flu vaccinations; health services for LGBTIQ+ young people, and End-of-life conversations. Also, there is the monthly snapshot of the busy programs of our district's spiritual, social, and sporting groups; of the trades and businesses serving the community, and of the artistic, cultural, entertainment, and government services in Romsey, and the Macedon Ranges.

The Interim Committee would especially thank those contributors who responded immediately to last month's appeal, and submitted their copy in the week before the 15th of the month (a few contributions arrived on the 10th!) This greatly assisted our Rag production volunteers, and I would just like to repeat the request. Could contributors aim to get material to the Rag as early as possible in May?

The 2018 version Romsey Rag is a learning journey for us all -- reader, contributor, production volunteer -- and we would like to invite you to participate as fully as you would wish. If you have any comments, criticism, advice or ideas whatsoever about content, editing, production or distribution to direct toward the Committee, then please feel free to communicate.

Our initial Annual General Meeting is upcoming, and would be another opportunity for you to dialogue with the Rag, and also, if you would be so led, to join us on the Committee of Management, or as a contributor, distributor or commentator.

Russell Miller, on behalf of the Editorial Committee



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THE GISBORNE SINGERS PERFORM CANTATA MEMORIA

Cantata Memoria commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Aberfan tragedy of 21 October 1966.

It was on this day that 116 children and 28 adults perished when a coal spoil tip enveloped Pantglas Junior School together with some nearby houses in Aberfan, South Wales. It was not only the disaster itself, but the following insensitive bungling by authorities, and lack of prosecution of the National Coal Board and employees which has cast this tragedy deep within the Welsh psyche. 22 Gisborne Singers took up the offer to be part of the North American premiere in Carnegie Hall, New York in January 2017. Karl Jenkins work was not new to our choir having performed his The Armed Man (a Mass for Peace) in 2015. Thus preparing and performing the Australian Premier of Cantata Memoria is fitting. It's also worth mentioning that the Gisborne Singers have developed a fine reputation for the quality of their performances. One of our professional soloists said after a recent concert: "Thanks again for having me, I honestly think the Gisborne Singers are the finest amateur choir I've heard in Australia. Very impressive sound."

The music is accessible, memorable and truly moving. It uses repetition effectively and borrows appropriately from other musical sources, and the final result is riveting. As in Jenkins' other works, it shows a truly Jenkins stamp throughout.

There will be two Sunday performances at 3.00pm: 20th May, Church of Christ New Gisborne; 27th May, Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kyneton.

Bookings through Trybooking; easiest access is the link on our web site www.gisbornesingers.org.au or Robert 5428 7033.

ROMSEY FOUNTAIN

Nine months after the crippling vandal attack on the Romsey Fountain, the community will be delighted to know that it is now back in action. Since the five local families funded the project in 2001, there have been a number of efforts to destroy the monument that had become a town feature.

Because of the difficulty in replicating the original parts, the fountain has evolved to a different design to that originally constructed, but still does the same job.

May I take this opportunity to thank two members of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council: Lisa Ryan, and Justin Lee, who have worked tirelessly to have this town icon restored once again.

Thank you,
Mike Garnett OAM



Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club Inc.

ROMSEY MEN'S SHED FORUM

Friday
4th MAY
2018



TO BE HELD AT: ROMSEY COMMUNITY HUB

Main Street Romsey, VIC, 3434

Date: Friday 4th May 2018

Time: 2 pm - 4 pm

ROMSEY MEN'S SHED OPEN FORUM

We all know about the importance of the shed in the backyard as part of Australia's cultural history. The Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA) states that Men's Sheds in Australia now number nearly 1000 ! The Men's Shed movement has become one of the most powerful tools in addressing health and wellbeing through helping men to feel valued and productive members of their local communities.

The Men's Shed is a place to meet and talk, cook meals, be creative and relax in the company of locals. And importantly there is no pressure. Men, young and old alike, can just come along to have a yarn and a cuppa in an atmosphere of mateship.

The Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club Inc. wishes to invite any members of the community to an open forum at the Romsey Community Hub on Friday 4th May 2018 2 pm to 4 pm

So if you are interested please come along to this Forum to discuss the feasibility of establishing a Men's Shed in the Romsey township and share in afternoon tea.



Please note:

The closing date for the JUNE 2018 edition of the Rag is MAY 15th.

We cannot guarantee inclusion of copy received after this date.
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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 on life.

Its core 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. 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. Alternatively phone us to enquire.

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

During May, a group from our club will be travelling to Echuca/Moama for a three-day trip Tuesday 15th to Thursday 17th May.

**Our next meeting is on
Thursday, 24th May 2018**

Guest Speaker: Our club member - Tony Davis on his life as a barrister.

Our group enjoy fortnightly coffee mornings and the alternate week Ten-Pin Bowling at AMF Bowling Watergardens

The dates for May Coffee morning - 4th & 18th at 10am at the Mad Gallery, Lancefield.

Check out our website for information about the Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club

rlprobus.org.au

ROMSEY RED CROSS

THANK YOU ROMSEY for your generous support of RED CROSS CALLING. The total amount raised was \$1676.70.

The money raised will go towards helping the most vulnerable members in our community.

Some of the programs that Red Cross Victoria are involved in are:

helping people who are homeless to find suitable accommodation

companionship and social support for older Australians

a phone call each day to check on the welfare of the elderly

transport services to appointments

youth programs such as Save A Mate.

Thank you once again.

Meetings are at 1.30 pm on the second Tuesday of the month (but no meetings in January, June and December) at the Old Court House/CFA Headquarters. New members welcome.



LANCEFIELD ROMSEY LIONS CLUB

We invite you join us at

Five Kings Cafe

119 Main St. Romsey

on the 12th May 2018

or

Lancefield Farmers Market

on 26th May 2018

between 9.30 am and 12.30pm.

We would like to share with you some of our achievements and upcoming projects.

Not only as a club but as
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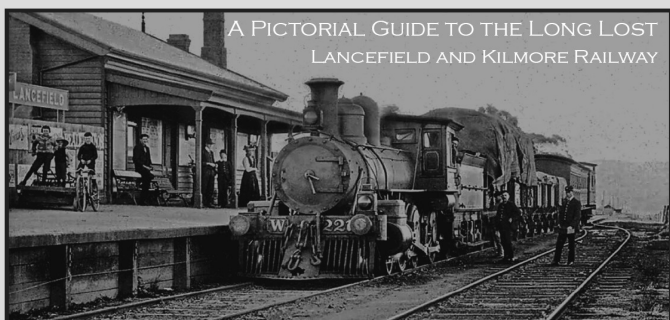
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BY KYLIE MCKAY AND BOB TOMKINS

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in any way you can
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Secretary at the
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The Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society



MACEDON RANGES RURAL LIVING GROUP

We are a newly formed group. We cherish our peace, and feel very fortunate to enjoy the tranquility that rural living in the Macedon Ranges provides.

The recent announcement by our Shire to review the law relating to the use of Motorised Recreational Vehicles close to homes on properties has inspired us to get together with the aim of protecting the peaceful amenity of our beautiful region, because that is what is important to us. If this is important to you, too, then you are very welcome to contact us, and join us. Whatever part of The Ranges you live in, we are interested to listen and do what we can to try to protect our peaceful amenity.

You can contact us by email at: rurallivinggroupmr@gmail.com

M Byrne
Macedon Ranges Rural Living Group



Romsey Five Mile Creek – West Walk

Brochures out now! April 2018.

Five Mile Creek flows west to east through Romsey.

Romsey was settled in 1850, around the creek. You can see bluestone churches, a swimming pool, an old well, a school courthouse and colonial houses. Walk the creek to see the history.

Find the old swimming pool, the old well, and see the different plantings in 1985 and 2005.

Anyone new to Romsey, or visitors, can follow one of two walks.

A simple walk 2km up and back, or a longer trek up to see views over hills and farmland, and past historic houses.

The guide came out of the work of the Romsey Five Mile Creek group.

The guide will also be on romsey.org.au.

Check out the Five Mile Creek walk
flyer Now available from local coffee
shops, the Post Office, and The Hub.





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workshop, call Emilie
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Be inspired to live a modern life with less waste at Council's free Zero Waste Forum on Thursday, 3 May, at Woodend Neighbourhood House.

The event, being held from 7pm to 8pm at 47 Forest Street, Woodend, will feature a stimulating talk from zero waste advocate and writer, Erin Rhoads.

In 2013, Erin started The Rogue Ginger blog, documenting her experience of participating in Plastic Free July—a month going without single-use plastic items like shopping bags, straws and over-packaged foods.

Her brief experiment led her to quit plastic for good, and she now educates others on the health, social, economic and environmental benefits of throwing away less.

Brimming with a range of practical and useful ideas, don't miss Erin as she shares her journey on the road to a plastic-free and zero waste life.

To find out more or to book, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events or call 5421 9660.

KINDERGARTEN READINESS SESSION: HELPING LITTLE FEET TAKE BIG STEPS

Parents of children who turn four years old before 30 April 2019 are invited to attend a free information session on assessing their child's readiness for kindergarten the year before school.

Presented by Council and featuring members of Council's Early Years team, Cobaw Community Health's speech pathologist and guest speaker Michelle Savage from Bloom Psychology, the session will provide an overview of how you can prepare your child for kindergarten and support available for you and your child if needed, what kindergarten is about and the unique aspects of each of our kindergartens.

The free information session will take place on Wednesday, 16 May, from 7 pm–8.30 pm at the Woodend Community Centre, corner of High and Forest Streets.

"If parents have any concerns, or are unsure about the benefits of kindergarten, or whether their child is ready for the transition, I'd encourage them to attend," said Council's Acting

Director of Community Wellbeing, Jill Karena.

"This session gives parents the tools to feel more confident in assessing whether their child will be ready for kindergarten next year, and to learn some strategies for supporting their child in the transition to kinder."

Places are limited. To register visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/kinder-ready

Registrations for kindergarten and three year old groups are now open.

Council would like to remind parents that registrations for our three year old groups and kindergarten programs across the shire are now open. To register your child today visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/kinder-enrol.

Kindergarten supports your child's development, in particular their social, emotional, fine motor language, literacy and numeracy skills, and instils in your child a joy for learning.

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NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2018 BUSINESS AWARDS

Nominations for the 2018 Bendigo Bank Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards are now open.

The awards are open to all businesses based in the Macedon Ranges Shire, and recognise outstanding service to the community and beyond in the following categories:

- Excellence in Agribusiness
- Excellence in Customer Service
- Excellence in Health and Wellbeing
- Excellence in Hospitality
- Excellence in New Business
- Excellence in Professional Services
- Excellence in Retail
- Excellence in Tourism
- Excellence in Trades, Construction and Manufacturing
- The Not for Profit/Public Sector Award

Bendigo Bank, which has a branch in Kyneton, and Community Bank® branches in Gisborne, Lancefield and Romsey, is pleased to again be major sponsor of the awards and wishes 2018 nominees the best of luck.

Andrew Towner of Braeside Mt Macedon Country Retreat, the 2017 Business of the Year, said taking part in the awards had been beneficial:

"I have found participation in the awards to be a worthwhile exercise as it has provided me with the opportunity to take time out from the busy day-to-day operations to take stock of our business and review the way forward," he said.

"This program not only supports businesses in their planning but also shines a light on their achievements, something that can also get lost in daily operations."

Nominations close on Monday, May 21st, and can be submitted at mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-awards, or collect a form from Council's customer service centres in Gisborne, Romsey, Woodend and

[Photo caption: Andrew Towner of Braeside Mt Macedon Country Retreat receives the 2017 Business of the Year award from Mayor, Cr Jennifer Anderson and Karen Bloomfield, Bendigo Bank Branch Manager Kyneton.]



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Firewood season is upon us...

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Autumn Edition
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Term 2 2018 Program
It's Your Neighbourhood House... Be Part of It!

COMMUNITY WORKS PROJECT INITIATIVE
A mutually beneficial initiative building partnerships with local groups and organisations providing a supportive network of services to get basic practical jobs done within our local community to both enhance, beautify or just to complete outstanding jobs.
For the success of this community initiative we encourage donations of any and all time, and gardening tools. Your kind generosity of time will be in the hands of our grateful members getting practical jobs done for the community for the community. We can pick up your donations or you are welcome to drop off at Romsey Neighbourhood House. Phone 03 5429 6724

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16th April to 29th June

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TUESDAY 16TH MAY 2018
Celebrating Neighbourhood House Week
from 30 April to 6 May 2018
Open House & free community sausage sizzle. Come in and check out what your local Neighbourhood House is all about & what we can offer you!
Join us on Tuesday 30 May for an Open House & FREE Community Sausage Sizzle.



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Twelve years *in the community*

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ARTS

WE'RE BRINGING COMEDY, CULTURE AND CRAFT STRAIGHT TO YOU

From hands-on workshops for creatives, to performances that promise belly laughs and plenty of family drama, Council's program of arts and culture in May is guaranteed to put a smile on your dial.

2018 Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow

Get your month off to a mad-cap start, as the 2018 Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow spills into town.

On Saturday, 12 May, from 7.30pm, a cast of funny makers from Australia and beyond showcase everything from stand-up and sketch to satire and song.

Always a popular event on the Kyneton Town Hall calendar, get in fast because these tickets won't last.

Tickets are \$45 adults, \$42 seniors and \$40 concession. To find out more, or to book tickets, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets or call 1300 888 802.

Hotel Sorrento

The complexity of Australian families come under the microscope on Wednesday 23 May at 7.30pm, as the award-winning play Hotel Sorrento takes to the Kyneton Town Hall stage. Written by acclaimed author Hanne Rayson, the story chronicles the life of three sisters who grew up together in the seaside town of Sorrento.

Dubbed a 'gentle psychological thriller that no Australian should miss', Hotel Sorrento highlights the importance of blood ties and collective family memories.

Tickets are \$32 adults, \$29 seniors and \$25 concession. To find out more, or to book tickets, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets or call 1300 888 802.

Workshops: calling all crafters and makers!

Don't miss your chance to be part of two professional development sessions for artists and makers, being presented by Council, along with Craft Victoria.

Workshops include:

Market Ready: a discussion for creatives interested in finding out more about what's involved in taking their wares to market.

Topics will include how to create strong product branding, negotiating cross-platform selling, savvy market preparation, logistics, and more.

Selling Yourself: a confidence building workshop for artist and makers with tips on how to promote yourself and your work.

This session will unpack ideas on how to help you and your work stand out in the crowd, with topics such as how to write

a compelling artist bio, the art of a press release, and social media smarts.

If you're a maker or artist looking to build your business, don't miss this!

Both workshops will be held on Tuesday, 1 May, 4 pm–6 pm (Market Ready) and 7pm–9pm (Selling Yourself) at Kyneton Town Hall, 129 Mollison Street. The cost is \$40 per person per workshop.

To find out more, or to book tickets, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets or call 1300 888 802.

Exhibition: Chinese Fortunes

Don't miss the myth-busting exhibition at Kyneton Museum: Chinese Fortunes.

The exhibition, showing until Sunday, 24 June, explores the stories of Chinese migrants in Victoria, and offers new insights into the political, economic and cultural dimensions of their experiences.

Developed in conjunction with The Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka (M.A.D.E.) in Ballarat, and The Golden Dragon Museum in Bendigo, Chinese Fortunes uncovers the remarkable contributions made by Chinese migrants from 1851 to 1901 and highlights their resilience and cultural pride.

Catch Chinese Fortunes at Kyneton Museum on Friday to Sunday from 11am to 4pm.

Entry fees apply. For more information, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/museum or call 1300 888 802.

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF ARTS AND CULTURE IN THE MACEDON RANGES

Did you share your ideas on arts and culture in the Macedon Ranges with Council recently?

The draft Arts and Cultural Strategy 2018–2028, which will guide Council's promotion, support and investment in arts and culture over the next ten years, will be released shortly, and we want you to have your say.

Council will be hosting public forums and listening posts in the shire that offer an overview of the draft strategy.

Come along, have your say, and be part of shaping the future of arts and culture in our community.

For more information, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay or call Robyn Till on 5422 0333.

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Community Events & Arts

ADFAS CV

For more information
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THE ART OF FRESCO AT KYNETON TOWN HALL

ADFAS CV presents Virtual Realities: The Art of Fresco, on Thursday 17 May at the Kyneton Town Hall. Entry is \$30 cash or cheque payable on the evening, and this includes refreshments (served from 6.30-7.30pm), in addition to the lecture (7.30-8.30pm). For more information and registration, please call Nicky on 0400 958 449.



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TOURISM WORKSHOP – TUESDAY, MAY 8th

Communications, nearly 25 years ago. One of the programs she offers is packaging training. The training focuses on how we can make travel experiences even more enjoyable and satisfying through packaging.

Feedback from participants at previous packaging workshops

"Great to have a presenter with knowledge and passion for the subject."

"I did get a lot more out of the day than I expected. It was fantastic!"

"The session was aimed at the right level in terms of my own exposure to packaging. Many thanks."

"The fact that Rachel is in touch with operators constantly really helps to make her delivery more relevant and interesting."

To book tickets follow the link to Trybooking:

<https://www.trybooking.com/VFDL>

Media Contact: Tourism Macedon Ranges Committee Member, Jill Dalton

daltonj72@bigpond.com or 0400 171 721 <http://www.visitmacedonranges.com/>

Tourism Macedon Ranges (TMR) would like to invite any tourism-related business operators, including accommodation providers, tour operators, restaurants, cafes, wineries, and visitor attractions, to take part in an upcoming tourism workshop.

Create Even More Memorable Visitor Experiences with Two of the Region's Top Events!

Budburst – Macedon Ranges Wine and Food Festival
The Lost Trades Fair

TMR invites you to learn how to package your business with the Region's most popular events to improve your visitors' experience, boost your sales or yield - or all of the above!

To be held: Tuesday, May 8th

Time: arrive 6.15pm for a 6.30 start - until 8.45pm

At: Kyneton Mechanics Institute, 81 Mollison Street

Cost: \$40, including light catering, which will include finger food, tea and coffee

Hear from Lisa Rundell (Lost Trades Fair) and Jennifer Ward (Macedon Ranges Vignerons Assoc., and Budburst) about the opportunities available to your business and learn skills about packaging that you can apply to any event.

TMR President, David Rivers, describes Tourism Macedon Ranges as a voluntary based tourism association, which seeks to act as a unified voice for the Visitor Economy in the Macedon Ranges, to encourage the development of tourism product, and develop operator expertise. Its current members are drawn from a number of segments of the Visitor Economy – restaurateurs, accommodation providers, vignerons, and several Business and Tourism Associations (BATA).

Facilitator, Rachel Donovan (BA, MBA) has worked in tourism development in some of Victoria's most popular visitor destinations to improve visitor experiences and grow visitation. She launched a consultancy, Insight



PRODUCT
PACKAGING WITH A
DIFFERENCE – AN
EVENING WITH
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TUESDAY 8TH MAY
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6.15PM
KYNETON MECHANICS
INSTITUTE
\$40 INCLUDING
CATERING



WORKSHOP PRESENTED
BY TOURISM
MACEDON RANGES

GUEST SPEAKERS
LISA RUNDALL
LOST TRADES FAIR
AND JENNIFER WARD
BUDBURST

ROMSEY ECOTHERAPY PARK *

It's all happening at the former Romsey Primary School site!

CAN YOU HELP US WITH OUR FUNDING CAMPAIGN?



Having recently had its working title unanimously approved by Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Romsey Ecotherapy Park's community advocate, GRAAP, is embarking on a huge marketing and fundraising campaign to enable completion of this important recreational, health and wellbeing regional resource.

While the Active Nature Space is rapidly approaching completion, it is the only space fully funded.

In an election year, the State Government has been approached for support of this significant project, with philanthropic and corporate funding also being actively sought.

CAN YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HELP MAKE THE SENSORY THERAPEUTIC, ARTS/CULTURE AND WOODLAND RAMBLE SPACES REALITY?

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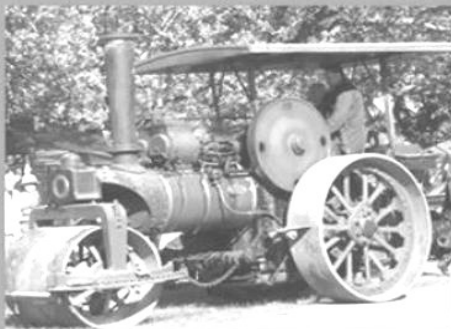
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President, GRAAP
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Community News



Gisborne Steam Rally & Tractor Pull



Help us celebrate 40 years of the Gisborne Vintage Machinery Society at our annual rally

Sunday 20th May 2018 9.30am – 3.00pm



Webb Crescent New Gisborne, Melway 658 D10



Family friendly activities

**Exhibitors arrive early to set up
Come and see working live steam exhibits**

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Enquiries:

General: John 0427 886 047 or

Anthony 0400 087 896

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Tractor Pull: Robert 0408 532 603 or

Jeff 0408 541 820

Market Stalls: Dave 0402 783 958



Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA)

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RRBATA UPDATE

ROMSEY REGION BUSINESS AND TOURISM ASSOCIATION

Tourism Macedon Ranges (TMR) Product Packaging Forum

RRBATA is a committee member of Tourism Macedon Ranges Inc (TMR) and, as such, "flies the flag" for the eastern corridor. As part of its commitment to support tourism and its providers in the Macedon Ranges, Tourism Macedon Ranges Inc. (TMR) is inviting all operators of tourism businesses in the region, including accommodation providers, tour operators, restaurants, cafes, wineries and visitor attractions to take part in an upcoming tourism workshop – "Product Packaging With A Difference". Facilitated by Rachel Donovan, Lisa Rundell (Lost Trades Fair) and Jennifer Ward (Macedon Ranges Vignerons Assoc. and Budburst) will speak about the opportunities available to your business before a workshop discussion that will help you learn skills about packaging your business that you can apply to any event.

This is a great opportunity for Romsey Region businesses to get some professional insight on how to make the most of the visitation to the region using two large events as examples. To book tickets, follow the link to 'Trybooking'. <https://www.trybooking.com/VFDL>

Romsey Digital Interface Historic Plaques Project Update

This project is progressing with 10 plaques due for imminent completion. It is anticipated that another 10 will be completed in time for a Stage 1 installation by mid-year. This RRBATA project has been generously supported by the Bendigo Bank and Macedon Ranges Shire Council and is being worked on by a committed group of community members. The digital interface aspect is what will set these plaques apart from other historic site plaques and bring Romsey's incredible history to life for locals and visitors of all ages.

Christmas 2018 In Romsey

The Arts Culture Events (ACE) working group is already planning an even bigger Christmas In Romsey for 2018 to include a launch event at the beginning of December. Also, SAVE THE DATE for the Community Carols event – Saturday, December 15th. With Lancefield and Riddells Creek also planning significant Christmas initiatives, the Eastern Corridor could well be the "Christmas Capital" of the Macedon Ranges! The ACE working group is seeking volunteers to assist with the planning of this year's festival. It is particularly keen to hear from those community members with marketing

expertise. Those interested in being on the volunteers' register should contact Sandra Chestnutt 5429 6278 or schestnutt@rocketmail.com.

RRBATA Inaugural Business Dinner

The inaugural RRBATA Business Dinner was to be held soon after this Rag's deadline and will be reported on in the June edition of the Romsey Rag. In advance, RRBATA wishes to acknowledge the wonderful sponsorship support of Macedon Ranges Shire Council for this event.

RRBATA 9th Annual Business Breakfast

SAVE THE DATE – This year's Business Breakfast (RRBATA's 9th!) will be held on Friday, August 17th, 2018. Watch this space for updates.

RRBATA in 2018 and Beyond **CONTINUED THIS IS SERIOUS!**

As reported in last month's Rag, 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). For the sake of Association renewal as well as current committee members' wellbeing (!), RRBATA seeks new members willing to continue RRBATA's good work in advocating business and tourism for the Romsey region. **The next Annual General Meeting has been set for Wednesday, August 29th, 2018.** If RRBATA is to survive, continue and thrive, business and broader community members will need to step up to assist on a new committee. Otherwise, RRBATA's survival as an organisation and fierce advocate for our region will be most uncertain.

Anyone wishing to discuss this further, should contact Jenny Stillman on 0412 349849 or jennystillman@optusnet.com.au.

RRBATA Membership Package

RRBATA 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.

DEEP CREEK LANDCARE GROUP

Covering the districts of Lancefield, Romsey, and Monegeetta

Why are nest boxes so important?

Australian birds and wildlife have the highest rate of natural nesting hollow dependence in the world, according to the South Australian Department of Natural Resources.

It takes more than 80 years for a tree to form even small hollows, and can take 300 years to form larger hollows for larger species such as possums and parrots. Often by the time a tree gets old and large enough to form hollows, it is removed, due to it being considered a public danger. Different species require different size hollows, which provide shelter from heat, cold, wind, and most importantly, a site to breed and raise their young.

Due to the clearing of bushland, collection of firewood, and urban encroachment, the number of natural nesting hollows has significantly declined. This decline has impacted many birds, mammals, reptiles and insect species.

But it's not all bad news. There is a lot we can do to lend a helping hand to our native wildlife. When you see a hollow tree or log on your property, or in the bush, let it stay where it is. Hollow trees are actually quite strong and sturdy, and provide vital habitat. Mother

Nature is supposed to be untidy, so when you see a hollow log, try looking at it as a warm safe home for an animal, as opposed to something making the environment untidy.

Another way to help is to create nesting boxes, which provide an important supplement to naturally occurring hollows. Nest boxes are a great way to observe native wildlife in all their life stages in your garden, or on your property or local park.

Over the past few years, Deep Creek Landcare Group has installed 15 different sized nesting boxes around our project sites. Our nest boxes are made from hollow logs retrieved from burn piles on acreage that are cut into sections, and fitted in a fork of a large tree. We have made bat boxes, bird boxes and mammal boxes.

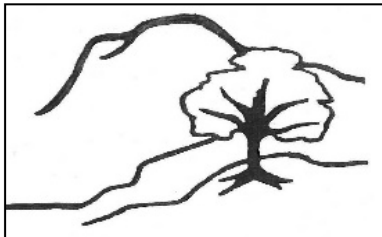
Deep Creek Landcare is happy to provide and enhance habitat for our unique native species in this way. If anyone is interested in making nesting boxes, please visit the website of the National Wildlife Federation, or contact us.

For information and links available to assist you, try
deepcreeklandcare@gmail.com

The minor bird total count for March was 63. Well done! Anyone may attend our Landcare meetings, held on the second Monday of every month at the Lancefield Mechanics Hall Annexe at 8pm. All welcome.

Hayley Goodman
President
Deep Creek Landcare Group
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Neighbourhood Houses:

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Join Neighbourhood Houses Victoria to Campaign for better funding for our sector! Please drop in to the House & fill out a 'support card' to be submitted to our local MP (our aim is to submit 500 of these cards)

Every week Victorian Neighbourhood Houses deliver over 10,000 activities and have over 188,000 visits from community members. Neighbourhood Houses respond to local community needs! Yet we are asked to do more for less and our funding is going backwards! There has been no sector-wide increase to Neighbourhood Houses for many years. NH Vic is coordinating a State-wide funding campaign.

We are asking the current Victorian State Government to deliver on it's 2014 Election Campaign and support our Neighbourhood Houses.

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Neighbourhood House

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Give back to our community by volunteering to drive people to appointments...

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Many in our community have trouble getting to medical appointments.

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What are we doing:

The Romsey and Lancefield Neighbourhood Houses are running a trial program in February and March, pairing community members with volunteer drivers.

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What can you do:

Volunteer as a driver, using your car in our trial.

You can help out as much or as little as suits.

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Find out more:

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UNSPOKEN: WHAT WILL BECOME OF ME?

Uncomfortable conversations that explore end of life wishes, ageing and poor health are in the spotlight in the art and theatre work, *Unspoken*, being performed at Kyneton Town Hall on Thursday, 3 May.

The interactive performance aims to generate awareness, understanding and action around end of life conversations, and gives audience members a gentle and humorous entry point into the discussion.

There are 3 sessions available, with performances being held at 11am–1pm, 2pm–4pm and 7pm–9pm.

Unspoken is presented by the Health Issues Centre and the Council on the Ageing (COTA) Victoria and hosted by Macedon Ranges Shire Council. For more information or to book, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets or call 1300 888 802.

Information sessions

COTA Victoria are offering three information sessions on end of life options, with topics including Advance Care Planning, palliative care and the new Voluntary Assisted Dying legislation.

Unspoken:
What will become of me?

Free event exploring ageing and important end of life conversations with humour.
Thursday 3 May, Kyneton Town Hall, 129 Mollison Street

Performance, exhibition and activities:
11am–1pm, 2pm–4pm & 7pm–9pm
Information session:
1pm–2pm

For more information or to book: call 1300 888 802 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets

With thanks to
 Unspoken What will become of me?
 Health Issues Centre Consumer voices for better healthcare
 COTA for older Australians
 VICTORIA State Government

These will be held on: **Thursday, 3 May, 1pm (Kyneton Town Hall, 129 Mollison Street, Kyneton)**
Thursday, 17 May, 10am (Romsey Neighbourhood House, 96–100 Main Street, Romsey) and 1pm (Macedon Ranges Health, 5 Neal Street, Gisborne).

To attend an information session, email sharper@mrsc.vic.gov.au or call 5422 0258.

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Flu vaccinations offer the best protection in the first 3 months after the injection and the flu season peaks in August most years. You will get the best protection if you have your vaccination in May or June rather than earlier in the year. **It is never too late in the season to have your flu vaccination.**



ROMSEY MEDICAL WELCOMES DR FABIAN SCHWARZ

Romsey and Lancefield Medical is pleased to welcome Dr Fabian Schwartz to the team. Dr Schwartz recently moved to Hidden Valley with his family. He is an Australian-trained rural generalist/family physician, with a special interest in people and their stories. He enjoys binging personal aspects into contemporary medical education, going beyond mere medical facts.

Dr Schwartz will work at Romsey Medical from 8.30am to 2 pm on Mondays, and will bulk bill all patients.

Phone 5429 5254 for an appointment.

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HEALTHCARE UNDER THE RAINBOW

Cobaw Community Health's *WayOut* team has launched an educational video that provides a safe platform for LGBTIQ+ young people to speak to healthcare professionals and services about their needs, and offer suggestions and advice about working with the sex and gender diverse community.

The Healthcare under the Rainbow video is a contemporary educational tool for GPs and other healthcare professionals, aimed at improving inclusive clinical practice, and increasing the safety of young people accessing healthcare services.

A group of young people from the Macedon Ranges developed and produced the video. Participants enjoyed the opportunity to develop skills in photography, film, editing and events, as well as the experience of researching and developing health promotion messages for healthcare professionals.

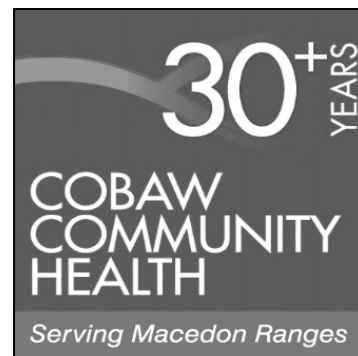
This project was funded by a grant from Kyneton Community and Learning Centre's LETS! Leaderships & Events Training Skills Project, through the Victorian Department of Health & Human Services' Engage! Program. A

seven month process, the video was launched last month with an event at Brooke Street Medical Centre in Woodend.

The producer of the video, Kieran Atkins said, "I really enjoyed doing the video. It was very exciting to work on something about youth healthcare that is medically sound and informative, and that has been led by LGBTIQ+ young people. I hope the video ends some of the stigma around the doctor/patient relationship. It's a very positive and encouraging video that celebrates the good that equal healthcare can provide."

Margaret McDonald, Cobaw's CEO, encourages all healthcare professionals to view and share this short video.

"A few changes to the way we interact, and the questions we ask LGBTIQ+ young people, can make all the difference to a person's experience visiting their doctor, hospital or other healthcare setting," Margaret said.



For further information, contact WayOut on 1300 026 229 or

admin@cobaw.org.au, and to view the video visit:

www.cobaw.org.au/healthcare-under-the-rainbow/

Media enquiries: Amity Bradford, Corporate Services & Communications Manager, 5421 1650.

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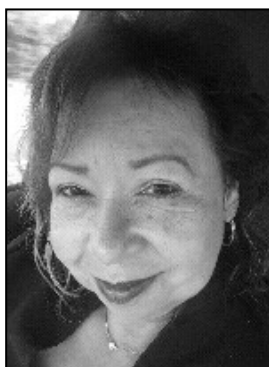
No matter what your age, your mum will always remain one of the most important people in your life. While you may not have enough time to show her your appreciation and love on every other day,

Mother's Day is the one time you can let her know how important she is to you. If your mum has a demanding work life and a hectic household to look after, she will appreciate a massage treatment to help her chill out and relax.

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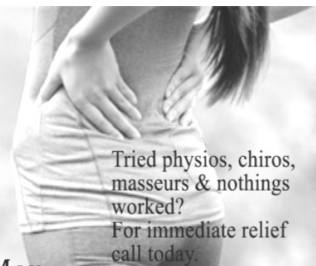
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The Muscle Man



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

All classes are run by Kyoshi James Sumarac, 8th Dan assisted by Shou Mei Sumarac, 5th Dan and Glen Cannon, 4th Dan.

Private lessons are available by arrangement. All Classes are held at the **WU LIN RETREAT** Lancefield.

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47 Sherwood Court Lancefield

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www.wulinretreat.com

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Trishes Poetry Corner "The Day I shot the Telly" by Bob Magor

I prepared to shoot a rabbit
Which on weekends was my habit
In the sixties, back when I was just a lad.
And I grabbed my gun and bolted
With the rifle breech unbolted.
I'd been taught this safety practice by my dad.

From the garden Mum was pleading
Could I help her with some weeding?
Though the rifle now was loaded, it could wait
For I'd only be a minute
So I left the bullet in it
And I stood the loaded gun against the gate.

Well the daylight was receding
By the time I finished weeding
So I grabbed the gun and wandered back indoors
Where the TV was still going
It was 'Bandstand' that was showing
So I settled back to see what was in store.

Little Pattie looking pretty
And the Delltones sang a ditty
With the legend JO'K all systems go
All the music highly rated
But the chap I really hated
Was that Brian Henderson, who ran the show.

He was talking when I got him
For I drew a bead and shot him
I said 'Bang, bang' but no corpse there I could see.

So I lined up with a snigger,
Cocked the gun and pulled the trigger
And the world as I knew it ceased to be.

Cripes, I forgot the gun was loaded
And the TV screen exploded.
As I sat in fright cemented to the chair.
Shattered picture tube suspended
And the goldfish tank upended
As the smell of smoke and gunfire filled the air.

There were valves and things exploding.
My composure was eroding.
As a burst of sparks drew patterns on the wall.
And I got a sinking feeling
Watching shrapnel peel the ceiling
And a smoking cat ran howling through the hall.

I had hit the man dead centre.
Yes, I'd fixed that damn presenter
Though he haunted me with no time to rejoice.
From a crackling left hand speaker
Somewhat dry and slightly weaker
Out of this hole that once was a picture, came his voice.

It was a nasty shock he gave me
Just as Mum rushed in to save me
But the sight of so much carnage made her stare.

As she viewed the lounge room blasted
I dribbled out. 'I got the bastard'
And I heard Mum say, 'I'm pleased, but who and where?'

I'd acute smoke inhalation,
Shock and TV screen abrasion
And I will admit, I messed myself as well.
Quite relieved it all had ended,
Then a chilling thought descended.....
When he came home I'd the old man still to tell.

I was shaking like a jelly
And there wasn't much on telly,
So I went to bed, quite early I recall.
'Cause I didn't feel like eating,
I was bracing for a beating.
When Dad came home I heard him through the wall.

From outside Dad yelled and stuttered
'Someone singed the cat' he muttered,
He was not a happy pappy, I could tell.
I'd contractions in my belly
When Mum choked 'Bob shot the telly'-
And the old man had a door to fix as well.

Well I had a nasty time then
Child abuse was not a crime then.
Father fixed the box and had the lounge redone.
Though for weeks he weighed the option
Of my name up for adoption.....
But he kept me 'cause I was his only son.

Chartered Accountant

Locally based in Romsey
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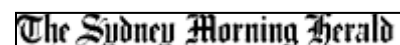
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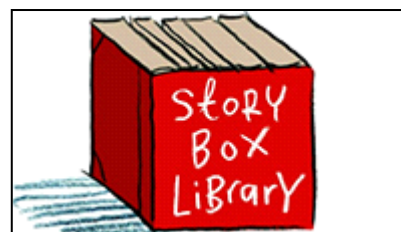
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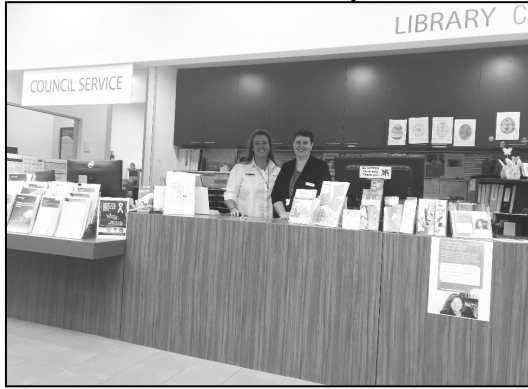
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LIBRARY EVENTS, SERVICES & BOOK REVIEWS



Hub staff, from L to R:

Anna Quigley, MRSC, and Trish Gauci, Manager
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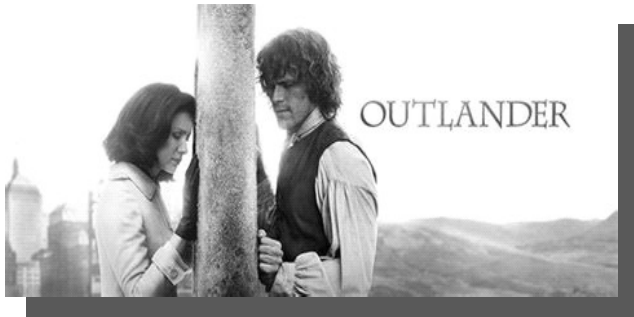
FUN NIGHT IN FRIDAY MAY 25th

Trivia Night and Cancer Council fundraiser Friday 25 May 2018 at
Romsey Library (Mount William Room)
7 pm – 9 pm \$10 ticket, tables of 8.

To book, please pop in to see the library staff, or phone us on
5449 2726. Payment is required before the event to secure your
tickets.

REVIEWS BY MARNI HICKMAN, ROMSEY LIBRARY

Outlander Series 3



If you are a fan of Diana Gabaldon's gripping Outlander Series, you will love the latest series. This DVD begins with Claire continuing her life back in Boston in 1948, after travelling through the stones. Claire has given birth to Brianna, her child with Jamie, and has embarked on a medical degree in Boston. Jamie is recovering from the battlefields of Culloden in the 18th Century and is trying to pick up the pieces of his life. Separated by centuries and a lost love, will they find each other again? This series is the best one yet, filled with excitement, and the promise of Jamie's and Claire's undying love for one another.

The Good People, by Hannah Kent

"Some folk are born different, Nance. They are born on the outside of things, with skin a little thinner, eyes a little keener to what goes unnoticed by most. Their hearts swallow more blood than ordinary hearts; the river runs differently for them." Nora Leahy has just lost her daughter and son-in-law, leaving her to care for her four-year-old grandson, Michael. This is County Kerry, Ireland in 1825. Michael is unable to speak or walk. Nora and the village locals are convinced that the fairies have taken the real Michael and replaced him with a changeling. Ireland is a country full of myths, superstition and belief in The Good People. Nance is the only villager who is rumoured to have the ability to communicate with the Good People, but can she return Nora's real grandson?

To reserve a copy of these titles or any others, please visit our website:

www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au, pop into our library or give us a call on 54492 726.

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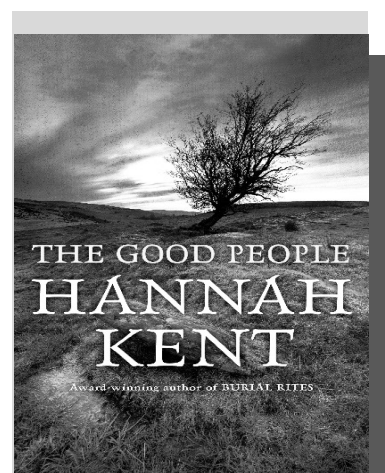
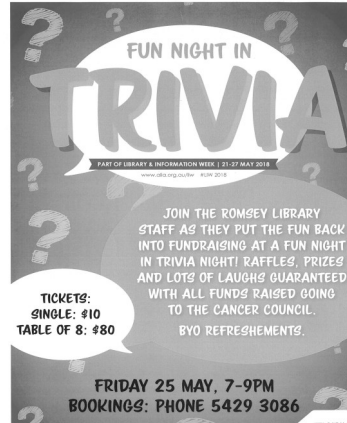


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Good Relationships



effort and thought to build something, but practically no effort to destroy it.
A good relationship is hard to build. It demands a lot of consideration and effort. It needs 'give and take' but mostly 'give' in the form of understanding, listening and forgiveness.

So, are we relationship builders or wreckers? When we review our life do we see a trail of broken relationships due to carelessly spoken words, thoughtless acts or an unforgiving heart? Do we soon destroy friendships because we are too self-absorbed? Do we constantly demand attention but seldom give it? Do we always seek favours but never return them? Do we insist on sensitivity and understanding yet in turn we are insensitive and unforgiving? If we are honest, there is a little wrecker in each of us; however, we should all aim to be prolific builders.

God created humanity to have a relationship with Him. But friendships are not formed by one party doing all the taking. God

has given us so much; in return He hopes we will give back some time getting to know Him. God also created us, so we can build lasting relationships with each other. This takes effort but is one of the primary reasons of our existence. In life, we may build impressive portfolios of wealth and fame but if we haven't made good relationships, what have we really accomplished? Relationships can last into eternity – all our accumulated wealth will not.

A Mother's heart is for all of her family to get along. For brokenness in her family's relationships to be mended. This Mother's Day let's make it our goal to Invest in relationships; build them up – spend more time encouraging each other than tearing them down. This could be the best Mother's Day gift your Mum has ever had!!

Our gift to you Mum. . this Mother's day

Thus God implores us in Ephesians 4:32, '...be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.'

Pastor Marilyn Hunter

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

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

Encourage Church:

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

Get Snapping Photo Competition

The ultimate contest if you enjoy where you live and just love taking photos.
Take a picture of

"People In and Around Romsey...people doing things, the community you live in"

Open to all amateur photographers. Show us your best snap!

Open from 1 May to 15 August, 2018

1st prize: \$200 ~ 2nd prize: \$75 ~ 3rd prize: \$50 ~

People's prize: \$50



More news next month of our judges, public display of pics and a function to announce the winners. (Winners will be announced in the September Issue of the Romsey rag). Romsey Rag will publish some photos along the way.

Send your photo to editorromseyrag17@gmail.com, with your name, age, and where the photo was taken*.

Entry form will be available from www.romsey.org.au and the Library.

(*remember, for pics of children under 18 you need to have their parents consent)

Let's have a little fun with this opportunity! Regards Gillian and Sue call 0409 801 082 for more info.



St Mary's Parish Lancefield and Romsey Update

Mass Times

MASS TIMES

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month:

8:00am Lancefield and 10:00 am Romsey

2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday of the month:

8:00am Romsey and 10:00am Lancefield

COMMUNION SERVICES

Tuesday

9:00am Romsey Church

Saturday

10:00am Romsey Church

ROSARY

Saturdays 9:45am Romsey

RECONCILIATION

By arrangement.

BAPTISMS

Parish Priest:	Fr Martin Fleming	c/- Woodend	5427 2690
Supply Priest:	Fr Vinoth Santiago		
Parish Secretary:	Mrs Tammie Dalglish	Presbytery	5429 2130
School Principal:	Ms Julie McDougall	St. Mary's Primary	5429 1359
School Website:	www.smlancefield.catholic.edu.au		

2018 – Romsey Church – July 1st, September 2nd & November 4th.

2018 – Lancefield Church – June 10th, August 12th, October 14th & December 9th.

For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

SACRAMENTS

Parents with children not attending St. Mary's School who are scheduled to receive the First Holy Communion or Confirmation in 2018 are invited to email their details to the secretary at lancefield@cam.org.au to register your child.

Like us at <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysparishlancefieldromsey/> to keep up with parish activities and news.



**St. Mary's
Parish -**

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

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It is my intention to teach you as simply as possible how to work with and understand the Tarot cards.

The Tarot is a mysterious deck of cards of unknown origin, about six centuries old.

The ancient Tarot has always been a mystery, the personalities when known are there to bring us messages of great importance.

A journey through the Tarot is a journey into our own depths, to explore the ancient wisdom of our inner selves.

We are all looking for a new wisdom...wisdom to solve our own personal problems and wisdom to find creative answers to the universal questions that confront us all.

Book now to secure your place:

Date: Saturday the 12th May (six weeks duration)

Venue: Romsey Mechanics Hall 122 Main Street, Romsey

Time: 10am – 2pm **Cost:** \$660.00 or 3 payments of \$220.00 **Discount for payment in full when booking \$550.00**

Contact: Judythe...0422038319

Church News



Macedon Ranges Uniting Church Partnership

25 Pohlman Street,
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(P.O Box 264)



Chairperson:

Mr. Noel Shaw
5429 5509

Secretary:

Mrs. Jenifer Clampit
5429 5480

Let the peace of
Christ 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 UNITING CHURCH

No one to Help John 5: 1-9 Christ stands ready to help us.

It was the Sabbath. Jesus and the disciples were in Jerusalem when they encountered a number of people who were blind, sick, and lame waiting by the pool of Bethesda. These people believed that its water possessed healing powers. While walking by the pool, Jesus encountered a very lame man who had been ill for a long time. Jesus showed mercy to the man and healed him. When Jesus asked him if he wanted to get well, the man replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me."

When we read these words, we can picture the man trying to get into the pool and missing his opportunity every time - for 38 years - until the day Jesus walked by and the man's life changed forever.

This passage from John's Gospel reminds us that no matter how hard we try; some things cannot be accomplished without the help of Christ. How many times do we try to succeed on our own, only to find it too difficult. Eventually Jesus comes along to tell us 'pick up our mat' and to trust his way and his power for our life.

Father God, thank you for being with us; we cannot make it on our own.

Romsey Church Services & Activities during May 2018

2nd. 6pm. Church Council at Stracks
4th. 6pm. Social BBQ. BYO Meat /small salad or desert.
6th. 9am. Worship Service.
7th. 2pm. Cuppa at Cookies'
9th. 1.30pm UCAF meeting

13th 9am. Worship Service & Holy Communion conducted by Wendy Elson
14th. 2pm. 'Cuppa at Cookies'
20th. 9am. Congregational Service
21st. 2pm. 'Cuppa at Cookies'
27th. 9am. Worship Service conducted by Peter Cannon
28th 2pm. 'Cuppa at Cookies'

The Macedon Ranges Unit- ing Church Partnership Office

is at the Riddells Creek
Uniting Church,
3 Sutherland Road,
Riddells Creek.

Phone: 5428 6920.

Ministers:

Rev. Deacon Wendy Elson
5427 2761

Rev. Peter Cannon 9746
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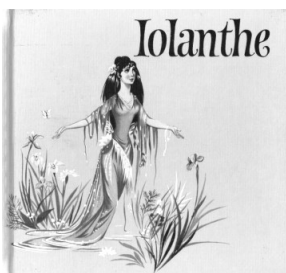
Pastor Annette Buckley
5429 5351

Partnership Email:

macedon.ranges.partnership@
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Partnership Website:

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church.org.au



The Romsey Uniting Church

Invites you to join us for an afternoon of music, fun and laughter from Gilbert & Sullivan's 'Iolanthe' performed by the Singularity Choir Sunday, 17th June, 2018 at 1.30pm in the Romsey Uniting Church Hall, 5 Pohlman Street Romsey followed by afternoon tea
Cost: \$20.00 Concession \$15.00

The story tell us: Twenty-five years previous to the action of the opera, Iolanthe, a fairy, had committed the capital crime of marrying a mortal. The Queen of the Fairies had commuted the death sentence to banishment for life, on condition that Iolanthe leave her husband without explanation and never see him again. Her son, Strephon, has grown up as a shepherd – half fairy, half mortal. Strephon loves Phyllis, a shepherdess who is also a Ward in Chancery. She returns his love, and knows nothing of his mixed origin.

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF LANCEFIELD AND ROMSEY

Doreen Morgan - Correspondent

FULL CIRCLE

Six months have passed during which time we have celebrated all the events in God's great plan for Man's redemption – us. Redemption means being reconciled to God, for we are alienated from Him by our sinful, fallen human natures. In ADVENT -- remembering His First Coming, and preparing for His Second Coming; CHRISTMAS -- Jesus leaving the glory of heaven to be born in human form, and identifying as one of us; GOOD FRIDAY -- when He offered Himself as the One True Sacrifice for the sins of the whole world; EASTER DAY -- when He was raised from the dead by the mighty power of God the Father to live for evermore. So, He opened the way for us to have victory over sin and death when we give ourselves over to Him as our Saviour and Lord.

Now in May, we come the full circle in God's redemptive plan: ASCENSION DAY -- when Jesus, after His post-resurrection appearances, returned to the glory of heaven, taking His humanity into the Godhead. He is now the REIGNING Christ and the RESTING Christ as He sits at the right hand of God the Father (Mark 16:19), where He ever lives, praying for us. Before He ascended, He commanded His followers to "Go into all the world and preach the Good News of salvation to all people," which His Church is committed to carrying out. Ten days later comes WHITSUNDAY/ PENTECOST -- the momentous pouring out of the HOLY SPIRIT into His disciples and many

other believers. This changed them forever, from cringing fearful men and women, into bold and powerful witnesses of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Holy Trinity, which means that He is one with the Father and the Son, and is essentially God, bringing enlightenment and power to all who seek Him.

Next comes TRINITY SUNDAY -- as we celebrate the mystery of our Trinitarian Faith - Three Persons and One God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

God's plan for our Redemption and Regeneration through Revelation has now come full circle.

So, it is now up to each and everyone of us to seek this great God, who made us and loves us so much that He devised this plan to bring us to Himself; to become His sons and daughters in Christ.

"Glory be to God the Father; Glory be to God the Son;

Dying, risen, ascending for us, Who the heavenly realm has won;

Glory to the Holy Spirit; to the One God in Persons Three

Glory both in earth and Heaven, Glory, endless glory be."

(Bishop C. Wordsworth)

May 2018 DIARY

Tue 1	KYB Bible Study resumes. Study Unit 1: 2nd Corinthians, 10.30 am, Lancefield.
Sun 6	Welcome to Rev Heather Vander Reest (Locum until Rev Judi Pollard in mid-July)
Tue 8	Bible Study Unit 2: 2nd Corinthians, 10.30 am, Lancefield -- all welcome.
Thu 10	Ascension Day: Jesus Christ returns to the glory of heaven and the Father.
Tue 15	Bible Study Unit 3, 2nd Corinthians, 10.30 am, Lancefield.
Sun 20	Whitsunday/Pentecost: Coming of the Holy Spirit. Wear a touch of red or white.
Tue 22	Bible Study Unit 4: 2nd Corinthians, 10.30 am, Lancefield.
Sun 27	Trinity Sunday: The Triune nature of God.
Tue 29	Bible Study Unit 5: 2nd Corinthians, 10.30 am, Lancefield.

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THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF



CHRIST CHURCH, LANCEFIELD AND ST. PAUL'S ROMSEY

Correspondent
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12.30pm—4.30pm

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10am –1pm

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BY VICTORIAN LAW Electrical Items, Mattresses, prams, or cots, booster seats helmets of any sort or other safety equipment. We cannot accept broken or damaged items. Clothes need to be clean and wearable.

NO FURNITURE We do not have the storage room / floor space to display. It would also be helpful for goods to be placed in small boxes or bags as items can become too heavy and difficult for helper to lift.



SUNDAY 13TH MAY 2018
YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR

Mothers Day Lunch

Spoil Mum this Mother's Day at Cleveland Winery with a two course lunch, with all mothers receiving a glass of brut and a flower gift. Enjoy the warm and stylish atmosphere whilst enjoying live entertainment.

2 COURSE | \$69.00 PER PERSON | FROM 12:00PM
BOOKINGS THROUGH RECEPTION P: 03 5429 9000
PLEASE NOTE - CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER - \$18.00PP

Cleveland
WINERY, RESORT & EVENTS



Boat/PWC Licence

Training Day
Monday 28th May '18

5.30pm— 9.30pm

\$135 - Boat and Personal Water Craft

\$95 - Boat Only

Phone The House to register.

\$50 deposit

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House



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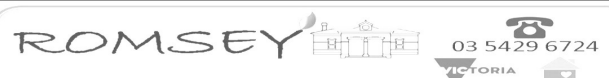


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WHEN: THUR 14TH JUNE'18 COST: \$120.00

TIMES: 9.30am - 3.30pm @ Romsey N/hood House

PAYMENT TO BE MADE @ Romsey N/House WHEN REGISTERING.



UPDATE ON ROMSEY RECREATION CENTRE'S BASKETBALL GRAND FINALS

Romsey Recreation Centre's summer season of basketball programs came to a close in March.

On Monday, 26 March, U13's basketball teams Red Bulls and Blue Magic went head-to-head in the grand finals. The Red Bulls held a handy half time lead of 13 points, but in a stunning second half, Blue Magic diminished that lead and came back to win by two points with the final scores 42-44. The senior men's basketball competition finished up on Wednesday, 28 March, with a nail biting grand final. It was a tight game with some great skill showed by the Bunnings Snags to get over the line in the second half, and finish with an 11-point win over The Lions.



U13 Basketball Grand Final MVP Nicholas Johnston



Mens Basketball Grand Final MVP Nick Witmitz



U11 Basketball Grand Final MVP Fletcher Lewis

The U11 basketball grand final was played on Thursday, 29 March. It was a tight ball game at halftime, with Yellow Lakers leading Blue

Celtics by just 4 points, before they ran away with an 11-point win, with the final score 35-24. Congratulations to all the teams in this year's competition!

NEW MEMBER SPECIAL DURING MAY

If you've been thinking about joining the gym, here's your chance to save!

During the month of May, new members to the Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre, Gisborne Fitness Centre or Gisborne Aquatic Centre who buy a three-month gym or swim membership, get one-month membership for free! That's four months membership to one of our aquatic and leisure facilities for three.

Terms and conditions apply. Offer valid for new members only, from Tuesday, 1 May to Thursday, 31 May.

To find out how you can get more for your money, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/leisure or call 5422 0333.

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

To register for basketball, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/thestadium or call 5428 1619.

**To register your interest
At Romsey Recreation Centre
for any of the sporting programs call us on
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Or Register online now at
rrc@mrsc.vic.gov.au
Or email
romsgym@mrsc.vic.gov.au**

UPDATE ON ROMSEY RECREATION CENTRE'S SOCCER GRAND FINALS

Romsey Recreation Centre's summer season of soccer wrapped up in March.

The mixed senior soccer grand final was played out on Tuesday, 27 March. It was a fast-paced, highly skilled game, with Romsey City taking the win over Draught United by 6 goals, with the final results 13-7.

Friday 23 March saw the conclusion of the summer season of junior mixed soccer.

First up, it was Jets and Victory battling it out for the Under 12's grand final title. Victory were too good on the night, taking a one-point win over Jets, with a final score of 4-5.

The U16 grand final followed, with another exciting game being played as Victory took the win over Phoenix.

Congratulations to all the teams in this year's competition!



U12 Soccer Golden Boot winner Andreas Boukouras (left) & Grand Final MVP Aaron Canning (right)



Cr Bill West with Senior Soccer Grand Final MVP Alex Munro



U16 Soccer Golden boot winner Josh Emonson (left) & Grand Final MVP Nathan Abdel Sayed (right)

**Romsey Golf Club,
Established 1921**

President 0417 088 891

Secretary-

0400 768 040

Website -

www.romseygolfclub.net



Jim Paton (4).

Thursday April 12th - Phyllis Williams Bowl - Seymour Golf Club

The Phyllis Williams Bowl was held at the Seymour Golf Club, and a field of 60 players enjoyed the well grassed fairways and lovely greens. The good conditions saw some excellent golf; Stableford scores on the day were generally quite good with plenty in the 30s. The highest for the day came from Bev Bellman (Marysville) with 39 pts. RGC was well represented by Pam Drummond (29) 30 points, Jenny Hartley (24) 35 and Darlene Baker (16) 29, for a total of 94.

The Day's Winners; Kilmore (Cheryle Anderson/Sandy Wicking/Bron Gunn.) - 106 pts

Both Darlene and Jenny picked up a NTP.

Wednesday April 11th - Handicap Matchplay

With the start of Pennant just around the corner, Handicap Matchplay was on the agenda. All players struggled in the unseasonably humid condition for mid April. The greens continue to improve, and generally putted very true. A number of golfers played a friendly nine holes before coming together for lunch to discuss the hosting of the first round of Pennant on Monday 16th. Only two full matches were played;

Beryl Cole (24) d Darlene Baker (17) 7/6 and

Saturday April 14th - Algie Mitchell Final

After more than eight weeks with virtually no rain, the skies finally opened up, and heavy rain began to fall mid morning. The finalists in the 2018 Algie Mitchell had hit off earlier in the morning, but they too were caught up in the heavy rain. After playing 13 holes, all square, it was decided to call the match off; one club flying over 40 metres after an approach shot. All repaired to the club room s for a warm drink, and a chance to win the weekly raffle.

The final of the Algie Mitchell will again be; Rob Rea (0) vs

Pam Drummond (31) d Jenny Hartley (26) 2/1 (a tense battle throughout).

Sunday April 8th - Pennant Rd 2 - Hidden Valley G. C.

Hidden Valley G.C. hosted the 2nd round of the H/C Div 3, 2018 Pennant Golf season. The course was in top condition, and with a temperature in the mid 20sC, all looked good for the round. However, a number of the field found the greens difficult to read; in both line and speed, leading to more than a few putts pulling up well short or rolling well past the cup. During the afternoon, a tricky breeze blew up from the north, causing players to second guess both distance and ball movement while in the air. Regardless of the conditions, it was a good day for Romsey, who came home with a 5/2 win against Lancefield. RGC results were; Daniel Wright; W-6/4, Mick Nicholls Jnr; L-2/1, Scott Williams; L-7/5, Hugh Drummond W-1up, Rob Rea; W-2up, Ron Walker; W-2up & Chris vanDerVliet; W-5/4.

The day's complete results were;

Romsey d Lancefield - 5/2

Woodend d Mt Macedon - 4/3

Kilmore Tied Trentham - 3.5 ea

Saturday April 7th - Foursomes & Algie Mitchell Semi-finals

The field took to the course on a reasonably still, sunny day. The wind picked up a little from SSW later in the round, but in general it was a pleasant day for golf. The 3rd and 8th greens were a little soft, but all played well, and generally putted true. The recent rain and heavier dews saw the fairways greening up with new growth popping through; Romsey, like all local courses, just needs a little more rain to see them green up completely. Our attempt to finally knock over the paspalum on the 2nd fairway looks to have been successful, so other locations of this nasty weed had better beware. Between the Women's Bowl on Thursday and Friday afternoon, the birds had again done some damage to 7, 9, 16 and a little to 15th, even pulling up some of the bent grass turf patches. Perhaps more rain will see these destructive creatures move off. The Foursomes format sees teams of two alternating strokes, a challenging format which does not easily allow individual golfers to get into a rhythm. It was great to see life member Pater Scanlon back on the course after his recent operation.

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Saturday April 7th – Foursomes & Algie Mitchell Semi-finals continued...

On a beautiful day for golf, the results were;
Winners; Hugh/Pam Drummond –
93/25.5/67 from Rob Rae/Peter Scanlon –
94/24.5/69.5

NTPs; 15th – Bob Dwyer & 16th – Roger Baker
Algie Mitchell Shield Semi-final
Rob Rae D Mick Nicholls Snr – walkover
Algie Mitchell Final
Jim Patton (2) Vs R Rae (0).

Thursday April 5th – 2018 Romsey Women's Challenge Bowl

Thursday, April 5th, saw Romsey Golf Club hosting the 25th Annual Romsey Women's Challenge Bowl; a team's Stableford event with teams of three competing. Teams do not play together so final scores are not known until the final teams get in. It was a foggy start for the first three holes, then turning into a warm, sunny autumn day. As the day warmed, adjustments in shots to the greens were required. Fourteen clubs were represented with a total of 16 teams and some individual entries. There was a full field of 52 players from both DDGA District and neighbouring clubs, The Challenge Bowl Trophy was originally donated by Phillip and Virginia Newell from Newell Electrics, who were instrumental in initiating the first Bowl in 1993. The 2018 event was generously sponsored by Sage Business Group and Director, Tim McCarthy, was on hand to present the trophies to all the winners. The 2018 Women's Challenge Bowl was won by Goonawarra G. C. Cheryl Price (24) 37 pts, Kathleen Eiser (26) 34 Pts & Barb Marino (23) 30 pts. – 101 points;
Runners Up; Woodend – 98 points.
A Grade Winner; Ricky Rickman – Seymour (13) 36 points
B Grade Winner; Cheryl Price – Goonawarra (24) 37 points
NTPs; 1st – Cheryl Price, 3rd – Chris Barrett (Bacchus Marsh West) & 16th – Cheryl Price
Small Team's event; Ricky Rickman (13) 36 pts Seymour, Loretta Matthews (20) 32 pts Woodend & Sandra Wicking (11) 34 pts Kilmore – 102 pts DDGA Player of the Year Points; 5 pts Veronica Maher (23) 36 pts Trentham c/b, 4 pts Ricky Rickman (13) 36 pts Seymour, 3 pts Sandy Wicking (11) 34 pts Kilmore, 2 points Bev Bellman (28) 33 pts Marysville c/b & 1 point Helen Young (21) 33 pts, Trentham.

The Winners of the 2018 Romsey Women's Challenge Bowl (pic right)
Cheryl Price, Kathleen Eiser, Barb Marino.

Wednesday April 4th – Foursomes

Another glorious, mid-autumn day for golf ; the sun was shining (at about 23C), the wind, just a gentle puff from the SSE, the greens had recently been repaired, the course had been swept of

miscellaneous fallen twigs, bark and branches, and all was well in the golfing world. The preparations for RGC's 2018 Women's Challenge Bowl were very noticeable and much appreciated. A friendly round of Foursomes was played on the 12 hole "Old Course" and enjoyed by all. On such a beautiful day the results were;

Winners; Jenny Hartley/Leila Beasley with a scratch score of 67.

Saturday March 31st – Monthly Medal – Stroke & Putts

Players headed to the tee on a beautiful, still day, but most golfers struggled to play to their handicaps. There was water in many cups and occasional casual water behind and at the sides of some greens; certainly, well watered greens. The greens and surrounds were in magnificent condition, giving great advantage to those playing attacking approach shots. The very recent patching and rolling of the greens has been very successful so, while a little slow, the greens were a pleasure to play on, and those who putted with conviction were well rewarded.

Winner & March Medalist; Andrew Laing – 87/18/69 (pic below)

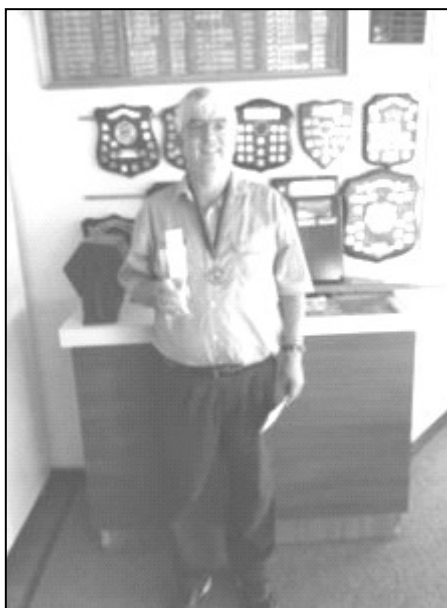
from Jim Patton – 92/20/72

NTP: 15th – A Laing & 16th – R Walker

Least putts; J Patton – 28

Algie Mitchell Shield Quarter Finals Results

J. Patton D J. Moody – 4/3 on Friday



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Handicap winners; Bev Bellman and Helen Howard (Marysville G. C.) – 98/24.5/73.5.

RGC was well represented, Elaine Scanlon/Jenny Hartley, Wendy Gosden/ Darlene Baker and Lorraine Robb/Pam Drummond. Lorraine and Pam had the best of the Romsey scores coming fourth overall with 108/31.5/76.5.

Sunday March 25th – Pennant Rd 1 – Lancefield G. C.

The first round of the 2018 Pennant Golf season got underway on wet courses all across Dalhousie District. Romsey was taking on Hidden Valley at Lancefield. Saturday's heavy rain brought a deal of casual water with some bare patches becoming quite muddy so relief, club length fairway played, was given. The gusting wind also proved a hazard. Romsey got the pennant season off to good start with a 4/3 win; Shannon Wright – 2 up, Scott Williams – 1 up, Mick Nicholls Jnr – 2/1 win, Rob Rea – 4/3 win, John Freestone – 4/2 loss, Hugh Drummond – 5/4 loss & Mick Nicholls Snd – 8/7 loss. The day's complete results were; Romsey d Hidden Valley – 4/3
Woodend d Trentham – 5/2
Kilmore d Mt Macedon -5/2.

Saturday March 24th – Relative Pairs – 4BBB

The 2018 Relative Pairs (an RGC shield event) was called off at 11.20am due to heavy rain, the BOM radar also showed a large storm front that would cover the area for almost all of the afternoon. The Relative Pairs competition has been rescheduled to Saturday April 21st.
On a better note, the Golf and Bowls Clubs enjoyed a great night's semi-competitive bowling on Fri 23rd. With 25 golfers on the rink it was very great fun to see their attempts and to catch a bit of coaching re the finer skills of the game from the Bowls Club members. The evening allowed for a great deal of social interaction as the bowls gradually rolled down the green.

Thursday March 22nd – 2018 Women's Challenge Bowl – Kilmore G. C.

Sixty golfers competed in the 2018 Kilmore Golf Club Bowl, the club's annual Women's Challenge Bowl. Some wonderful scores were recorded across the three grades. Romsey was

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Wednesday March 28th – Monthly Medal 2nd Rd Silver Spoon – Stroke & Putts

Players found a glorious autumn day, perfect for golf, as they took to the field for the March Medal. The women also played the second round of the Silver Spoon. The course had softened up slightly with the recent rain, although another downpour would be useful. A band of helpers were working diligently on the greens using bent grass turf to repair the corella damage. The volunteers on our course spend many hours and do a fantastic job. Let's hope the corellas move on very soon. On a wonderful day to be walking around the park with a few clubs in hand the results were;

Winner and March Medalist; Lorraine Robb – 107/34/73 C/B from Jenny Hartley – 99/26/73 with Elaine Scanlon 107/32/75
Least Putts; Pam Drummond – 27.

Monday March 26th – DDGA – Foursomes – Lancefield G. C.

Another wonderful Dalhousie event saw 58 players take to the course at Lancefield for the DDGA Foursomes Championships. These Championships began in 1962 and have been played every year since, except for one cancellation due to extreme weather. The course was in lovely condition; the very recent rain had softened the course nicely and allowed golfers to attack the pin with confidence. Drives down the middle of the fairway were rewarded with some summer run, although not as much as in recent weeks.

represented by a team of three, who thoroughly enjoyed their round, the hospitality, and delicious lunch served after the 18 holes. Wendy Gosden continued her recent good form by recording a great score of 39 pts, which earned her another point in the Dalhousie District Player of the Year Award. Pam Drummond played some wonderful golf to record a very respectable score of 36 pts, and Darlene Baker, the third member of the team, scored 20 pts. A very enjoyable day all round.

The day's winners came from Woodend who, with scores of 42, 42 and 33, produced a combined Stableford Points score of 117.

Wednesday March 21st – Doris Chambers – Foursomes

For the first time in many weeks, players teed off on a cool, still morning. The recent dews had produced a green tinge across most fairways, but they were still hard with the odd crack here and there; balls travelled a long way with the occasional one taking a surprising deviation. The greens had recovered well from their recent deep coring; however, some recalcitrant corellas were still hanging around determined to do as much damage as they could before they headed north for the winter.

As a result, putting on the 15th and 16th was quite a challenge. The Doris Chambers Cup is an 18 Hole Stableford Foursomes event. The perpetual trophy was donated by Miss Doris Chambers OBE, former Ladies Golf Union President, and was first played in 1950. Romsey women today played a qualifying round of this competition. The winners will proceed to the State Finals later in the year.

Results for the day:

1st; Wendy Gosden/Elaine Scanlon 32/38pts
2nd; Kath Jekabsons/Darlene Baker 23/35pts
3rd; Pam Drummond/Jenny Hartley 29/34pts.

Saturday March 17th – Algie Mitchel Quarter Finals & Stableford

With an extremely hot and windy day predicted, two of the Algie Mitchell Quarter Finals teed off at 8.30 am. The other two finals and the remainder of the field headed out at midday. The day began with gusting winds from the north, which swung to the west and back again. However, this wind kept the players much cooler than expected. The strong head winds on some holes saw very unusual club selection;

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The hard, dry fairways saw everyone get excellent value for well struck drives, with a number of players hitting well over 250m. The recently deep cored greens proved to be a bit of a challenge, but anyone who pitched on knew that their ball would hold. Putting required some nerve, and a willingness to hit much harder than usual. Unfortunately the corellas had dug around the cups on some greens, so getting the ball into those holes was a little easier. Despite the wind and the unusual movement on a few greens. there was some excellent scoring. On a hot, windy day, the results were;

Winner; John Laing (28) – 44 pts from Tony Freeman (21) – 41 pts, Anthony Lakey (22) – 40 pts, Chris vanDerVliet (24) 40 pts, Mal Mottram (11) – 37 pts, Bob Dwyer (36) – 36 pts & Andrew Laing (19) – 36 pts
Women's Winner; Pam Drummond (33) – 36 pts
NTPs; 15th – Hugh Drummond

& 16th – John Freestone
)Algie Mitchell Quarter Finals
Jim Patton (10) d Shannon Wright (0) – 1up
Mick Nicholls Snr (13) d Michael Squires (0) – 2/1
John Moody (0) d Mick Nicholls Jnr (2) – 3/2
Rob Rea (6) d Bob McLennan (0) – 2up
The semifinals of the Algie Mitchell will be
Jim Patton (8) vs John Moody (0)
Mick Nicholls Snr (4) vs Rob Rea (0).

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Friday March 16th – Goonawarra Bowl – Goonawarra G. C.

The Gonnawarra Bowl was held in near perfect conditions. The weather was lovely, the fairways were lush and recently mown, and the greens were mighty fast, but true. A field of 57 took to the course from 8.30 am and had a very enjoyable round of golf. RGC was well represented by Wendy Gosden; (34) – 36 points, Jenny Hartley; (29) – 32 points and Darlene Baker; (18) – 30 points, their total score of 98 pts placed them 4th overall. The day's winners; Northern Golf Club – 106 Stableford Points.

Thursday March 15th – Sandy Wilson Bowl – Marysville G. C.

RGC Members Lorraine Robb, Beryl Cole and Darlene Baker made the two-hour trek across to Marysville to play in this annual event. The weather was crisp in the morning and warmed up nicely in the afternoon -- warm enough in fact for a snake to make its way across the 17th fairway, much to the surprise of unsuspecting golfers. The course was in very good condition, however the green keeper had advised that after no rain for 44 days preferred lies were granted across the course. Most players agreed that this was very generous. The greens ran true and were reasonably fast.

field 2 with a total of 107 points.

Wednesday March 14th – Stableford

The 18-hole field headed out for a second round of match-play with three hotly contested matches being played. The recent works to the greens made putting more than challenging, and all balls had to be struck firmly to have any chance of making it to the cup. All greens, however, were quite soft, if sandy, so all approach shots that landed on a green soon pulled up. Match-play is an interesting format, and the practice should prepare players well for the 2018 Pennant Competition, which starts next month. On a warm, sunny morning the match-play results were:

Beryl Cole (24) All Square Jenny Hartley (26). Lorraine Robb (34) d Darlene Baker (17) – 2 up. Pam Drummond (33) d Wendy Gosden (32) – 2/1.

Nine-hole Competition winner; Kath Jekabsons (28) – 15 pts from Jan Harver (45) – 11 pts.

Men's Stableford Winner; Hugh Williams (23) – 43 Stableford points (a great effort with the greens in their current uncut and sandy condition

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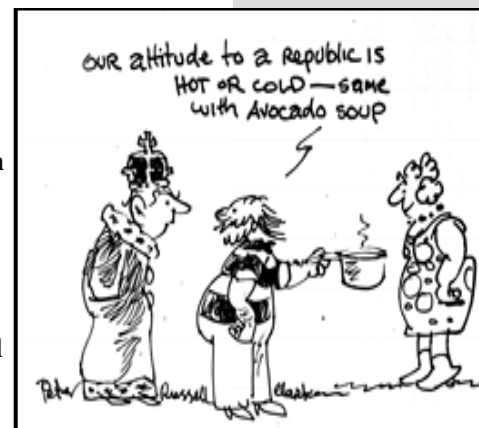
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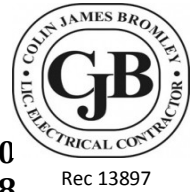
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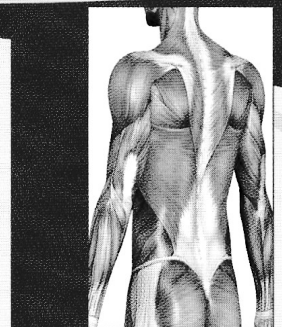
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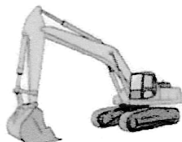
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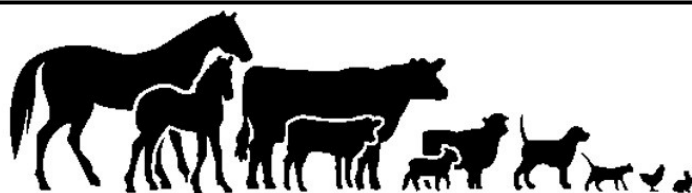
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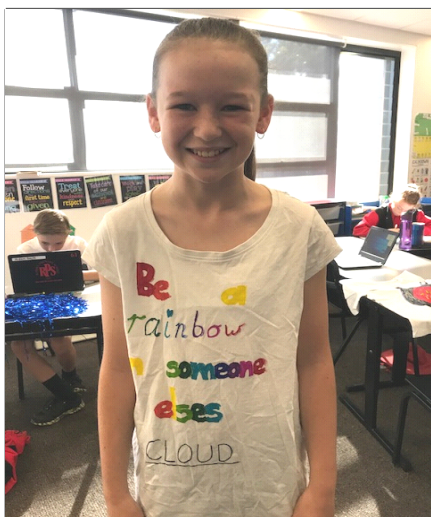
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The Wellbeing Team organised this special day at school to launch our School-Wide Positive Behaviour Program. This program is to promote positive and inclusive behaviours across the school. To make it a day to remember for all our students and school community, these activities were organised;

During the morning, every student in the school designed a t-shirt with a logo or phrase about positive behavior (eg: **A FRIENDLY SMILE IS ALWAYS IN STYLE!**), that they wore at school for the day, and then took home to keep forever.

After recess, there was a whole school assembly to see our t-shirt designs and discuss the Positive Behavior program. All students received a small show bag with information about the program.

Lunch Time – Family Picnic Lunch. All students had a picnic lunch outside - family members were invited and encouraged to come and have a picnic with their children.

The Junior School Council ran fun activities on the basketball court for students to participate in during lunch play time.

After Lunch – Wellbeing Movie Afternoon - (Inside Out)

All units watched this wellbeing focused movie in their atriums -- popcorn and a drink were given to students as a

the emotions displayed in this movie.

What Is Positive Behaviour Support?

Romsey Primary School has adopted a SWPBS framework.

This is also known as Positive Behaviours Support or PBS. PBS involves the establishment of a Continuum of Behaviours Support that considers all students and emphasises prevention.

It is a proactive approach and focusses on teaching all students agreed expected behaviours and pro-social skills, rather than reacting to inappropriate behaviour. This in turn creates a safer and more effective school environment.

Teaching behavioural expectations & acknowledging students for meeting them, is a much more positive approach than waiting for misbehaviour to occur before responding.

At Romsey Primary School, the students and teachers agreed to use our school values to guide our expected behaviours:

1. Respect
2. Integrity
3. Responsibility

Why focus on positive social behaviors?

In the past, school-wide discipline has focused mainly on reacting to specific student misbehaviour by implementing punishment-based strategies, including reprimands, loss of privileges, time out, and suspensions. Research has shown that the implementation of punishment, especially when it is used inconsistently and in the absence of other positive strategies, is ineffective. Introducing, modelling and reinforcing positive social behavior is an important aspect of a student's educational experience. Teaching behavioural



special treat. Discussions took place with students regarding

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Romsey Primary School strives to be a creative, inclusive and stimulating learning community where we all “dare to be excellent”.