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Dental Health Week 2018

Watch Your

Brush twice a day
with fluoride
toothpaste

Floss in-between
teeth once a day

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Welcome to the August Edition of The Romsey Rag

Winter has well and truly set in, frosty mornings, gusty winds and plenty of rain! Hopefully everyone is finding ways to keep warm but still enjoying this time of year.

The Committee are continuing to work hard to bring the community a local publication that everyone can feel proud of. A few new ideas are currently being considered:

- * "Classifieds" section: It would welcome items for sale, swap or wanted but would exclude all livestock and pet sales.
- * "Letters to the Editor" section: Looking for matters of community interest, all letters would be considered for publication but may be rejected if the content is deemed contentious or of an inflammatory nature.

Do either of these ideas appeal to you? Please let us know.

Many people will have noticed the change in email address, the previous address will be monitored for another month and then will cease to operate. Also at the beginning of 2018 the bank details changed. During the past few months the Committee has been made aware of a number of people still paying the Romsey Primary School. Please take all efforts to update your records to the new details below:

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- 3rd Prize \$50
- Peoples Choice \$50

You've got to be in it to win it!

For more information just pick up an entry form from around town: IGA, the Library and the Bendigo Bank.

Email your photos in a jpeg format and entry form to: gillian@lifecirclessolutions.com



"WHATS ON" in and Around Romsey this August



- 3rd August** Four Hands at the Piano, Kyneton Town Hall.
- 9th August** The Women in Business Networking Lunch, Macedon Hotel and Spa, Macedon.
- 14th August** "Let's Talk Romsey" workshop, Romsey Community Hub, Romsey.
- 15th August** Probus Outing to Barringo Café Restaurant, Gisborne
- 16th August** "Let's Talk Romsey" workshop, Romsey Community Hub, Romsey.
- 17th August** RRBATA 9th Annual Business Breakfast, Romsey.
- 18th August** Vietnam Veteran's Day, Romsey Cenotaph..
- 18th August** Trip to Kryal Castle Ballarat run by BTD Home Services.
- 18th August** RPS Comedy Night Barcham Theatre, Gisborne Secondary College, Gisborne.
- 24th August** Pavarotti: King of the High C's, Kyneton Town Hall.
- 29th August** RRBATA Annual General Meeting, Romsey.

Are you a sporting or community group wishing to inform the community of your up and coming events?

If so please contact us via the email below to discuss various options that may suit you:

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THEME :	Celebrating 90 years of Diversity
Product/Resource :	Lamb and Wool
Country of Study :	Peru
Thanksgiving Fund :	National Centre for Farmer Health
State Project :	Umina B & B
Social Issues Focus :	Elder Abuse

CWA is *not just for older women*; it is for women of any age wanting to be involved in their local community and also be connected to a world-wide organisation of friendship and community care. We have a lot of fun and laughs while being creative and raising funds for community projects. CWA is a volunteer organisation.

Our friendly monthly meeting occurs on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 10.00 am to approx. 12.00 noon.

Our fun craft days occur on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 10.00 am to approx. 2.00 pm; both meetings are held in the supper room (side entrance) of the Romsey Mechanics Institute, Main Rd, Romsey. Examples of crafts we do are: knitting, sewing, crochet, cooking, beading, paper-craft.

August is a very important month for our branch. We will be celebrating our 80th birthday. What an amazing achievement.

One of our members is currently working on the branch history and is looking for any information that members of our community may have on CWA Romsey, e.g. photos newspaper clippings or branch awards.

Upcoming events-

8th & 9th September – Kyneton Daffodil Festival, CWA stalls, morning teas and lunches. Kyneton Masonic Hall.

Saturday October 20th - Shopping Tour to various Melbourne Outlets. Non-members are welcome. Please call Wendy Foster 0409175667 for further details.

Our Romsey Branch participates in various community activities, and we welcome new members. Come and join us! Membership is very affordable.

MATES

Men's wellbeing night

7.30pm Saturday 8 September 2018

Special guest: Mick Reeves

Free entry—appreciation offering will be collected
Roast meat & gravy rolls for supper—\$5 each

Encourage Church:

7 Mitchell Court, Romsey

office@encouragechurch.com.au



Water Prices to Remain Steady for Next Two Years

Western Water customers will see bills increase by inflation only for the next two years following the Essential Services Commission's final decision on Western Water's 2018 price submission.

Managing Director, Neil Brennan, said "thousands of customers were involved in our consultation for our price submission and we heard their concerns about affordability. We have worked hard to find efficiencies to avoid price rises for the next two years despite the region's fast growing population."

From July 1, the impact of inflation on Western Water's typical owner/occupier customer bill will be around \$19 a year. For the typical tenant, the inflation impact will be less than \$5 over the year.

"Annual bills for Western Water's customers remain among the lowest in Victoria," said Mr Brennan, "and they represent great value for money. For less than \$3 a day, customers receive a guaranteed, quality water supply and safe sewerage disposal and treatment."

Western Water's customers will benefit in other ways also from the two year plan including improved service standards, enhanced e-billing, increasing SMS advice for supply interruptions, more community and environmental activities, and expanded programs to support customers in hardship.

Mr Brennan said, "Western Water has begun work on its 2020 price submission. Customer input is vital to offer the best service as we address the challenges of climate change and unprecedented population growth".

"It has never been more important to get the balance right between affordability and service delivery."

For more information on Western Water's prices, service standards or how to get involved in planning for the future, visit westernwater.com.au.

Community News



Romsey Mechanics Institute Monthly Update

Some good news during these wet, cold months. After a great deal of work to repair and renovate the World War 1 Honour Rolls they are now back up in pride of place in the foyer of the RMI. The yellow paint is gone and the french polished, oak frames are clear for all to see. Preparation works for the rehanging included plaster repairs to the walls, repainting and designing and installing a five metre picture rail. Special thanks to John Freestone and to CoM member Allan Irvine, their assistance was invaluable in putting up the picture rail and getting the Honour Rolls in place. We would also like to thank Mr George Lobb for his very generous offer of financial support should funds become a little tight. This was a project in

partnership between the Department of Premier and Cabinet and the RMI, CoM. Well worth a look if you are passing.

Organisation is well in hand for the 2019 Romsey Antiques Fair. The Fair will be held on Saturday March 16th. This will be our fourth fair; the organising committee has worked hard for five years now to build up quite a reputation both with our stall holders and with the community who know there will be a wide variety of quality items on sale. Again, the Romsey Antiques fair is a joint fundraiser between the RMI and the RNH.

The Bendigo Bank is calling for submissions to their 2019 Community Investment Program. This program sees around \$200,000.00 returned to the community each year. The RMI has been successful in gaining funds through this grant in the past. We hope our 2018 application will also be successful, good luck to all others who are applying.

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



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Join Probud for Fun & Fellowship

Vale: We were all saddened by the very sudden death of one of our members and friend Jean Clement. Our sympathy has been extended to the family.

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

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

All our members are active and aged between 60-90+ years. We enjoy each other's 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 Probud Club and learn more about what Probud 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

Our outing on August 15th is to Barringo Cafe/ Restaurant in New Gisborne.

**Our next meeting is on
Thursday, 23rd August 2018**

Guest Speaker: Kathryn Kirby from the "Tree House" Program at Kyneton Hospital.

Our group enjoy fortnightly coffee mornings and the alternate week 10 Pin Bowling at AMF Bowling Watergardens.

The dates for August Coffee morning - 10th & 24th, 10am at Cookies Cafe Romsey.

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



Romsey Ecotherapy Park Inc. Progress Report

The Romsey Ecotherapy Park's first stage of construction, the Active Native Space, is complete, with an official opening likely at the end of August 2018.

This first stage of Romsey Ecotherapy Park's development has been funded by **Federal Government** and Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

No State Government funding has yet been committed to the Romsey Ecotherapy Park.

The site was most recently visited by Amanda Millar, (Liberal Candidate for Macedon) and Nick Wakeling (Shadow Minister for the Environment). Both expressed sincere interest in the project.

Spaces still to be funded and constructed are:

- Sensory Therapeutic Space (including Ephemeral Billabong)
- Arts/Culture Space,
- Woodland Ramble

Funding is now being actively sought to seamlessly implement the remaining Spaces of this regionally significant health and well being resource.

A publicist has been engaged to facilitate the corporate and philanthropic fundraising efforts of Romsey Ecotherapy park Inc. A related media campaign is imminent.



Romsey Ecotherapy Park Inc Committee members (L to R) - Geoff Neil, Sue Hayes, Joanne Cooper, Jenny Stillman (Absent - Raelene Mottram)

The "hero piece" of Romsey Ecotherapy Park is the Sensory Therapeutic Space, requiring \$900,000 for implementation. This particular space will define Romsey Ecotherapy Park's unique health and wellbeing status in the Macedon Ranges and will attract those wanting respite from their daily lives or convalescing from illness. The Romsey Community Bank branch of the Bendigo Bank has facilitated a contribution of \$80,000 to this space.



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Relocations During Upgrades to Early Years Facilities

Kindergarten programs and Maternal and Child Health services in Romsey will be relocated during Term 3 while building upgrade works take place.

Kindergarten programs will relocate to Romsey Primary School from 16 July for the duration of the works. The Maternal and Child Health (MCH) service relocated to the Romsey Community Hub in Main Street on 2 July.

The Victorian Government has provided \$330,000 to refurbish the kindergarten, while Council has allocated an additional \$110,000 for renovations to the Maternal and Child Health rooms within the building. The works will result in a contemporary and inclusive early education centre, including a new building entrance in a location designed to foster connection and partnership with the nearby Romsey Primary School.

For more information about the project, call (03) 5422 0333 or email mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au

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Stage 1 Complete at Former Romsey Primary School Site

Stage one of the transformation of the former Romsey Primary School site in Main Street is now complete, with a community health centre open for business and the surrounding nature-based park available for everyone to enjoy.

Council worked with Cobaw Community Health and the Greater Romsey All-Abilities Park committee (GRAAP Inc.) on the project to transform the 150-year-old school building and create a park on the surrounding land.

The historic building has been revamped and extended for use by Cobaw as a community health centre and is surrounded by the first stage of the nature-based health and wellbeing park.

The new community health centre provides the full suite of Cobaw's health and wellbeing services in early childhood, youth, families, adults, aged and disability. The opening of the centre will benefit local residents who will no longer have to travel to Woodend and Kyneton for services such as child and adolescent support, counselling and allied health. Cobaw is also a registered NDIS provider for a range of services for children and adults.

The Romsey Ecotherapy Park is the result of a community-led initiative to build an inviting and accessible passive recreation open space for local people and visitors. The design has an emphasis on providing people of all ages and abilities a unique sensory and therapeutic experience through engagement with nature.

The active nature play space along the Main Street frontage of the site forms the first stage of the park and includes landscaped areas, seating, paths and nature-based play elements.

The various spaces within the park will be completed as funding is secured. See mrsc.vic.gov.au/oldRomsey-school to view the concept plans for the park.

The former Romsey School site works were funded by:

- ◆ The Australian Government, \$997,478
- ◆ The Victorian Government, Department of Health and Human Services, \$733,000
- ◆ Macedon Ranges Shire Council, \$215,000
- ◆ Cobaw Community Health Services Ltd, \$50,000

New Youth Space in Riddells Creek Open

Movie and game nights, cooking and sports programs and workplace training are just a few of the opportunities available for young people at Council's new youth space in Riddells Creek.

Held Thursdays from 4pm to 6pm, the new weekly youth space will offer a range of activities and events that encourage young people (12-18 years) to connect with each other, services and the community – building skills, confidence and social capacity in the process.

Located within the Riddells Creek Community Centre at 74 Main Road, Riddells Creek, the space is an addition to Council's existing Youth Engage Programs (YEP!) in Kyneton and Woodend.

YEP! runs weekly during school terms in Kyneton (Tuesdays, 4pm–6pm, Woodend (4pm–6pm – Autism Specific Disorder specialised program), and Riddells Creek (Thursdays, 4pm–6pm).

To find out more, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/YEP or call Council's Youth Engage Program Office, Charlotte Bracey on 5422 0296.

Want to win an Apple Watch?

How would you like to hear from Council and what would you like to know?

The community can help improve Council's communication and engagement activities by participating in an online communications survey. Complete the survey and go into the draw to win an Apple Watch.

The survey will provide feedback on residents preferred methods of communication for Council events, activities and initiatives, and also consultation methods, which can be used to inform the upcoming review of Council's Community Consultation Framework.

The survey is available online at mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay and will take about 10 minutes to complete. Print copies are available at Council offices in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend.



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Connect and Celebrate Women in Business

Council is encouraging local businesswomen to take a lunch break with two passionate and pioneering entrepreneurs at *The Women in Business Networking Lunch*. The lunch is being held to acknowledge the achievements of women in business within the Macedon Ranges and will feature guest speakers Diana Abruzzi and Catherine Cervasio.

Diana is a local resident and founder of the International Women's Federation of Commerce and Industry (IWFCI), with a 40 year career-spanning family businesses, to serving in government forums and on government boards. Catherine Cervasio is the founder and owner of Aromababy—an internationally recognised skincare brand, and the recipient of multiple business awards.

Don't miss this opportunity to gain insight into their success. Limited places are available, so book early. *The Women in Business Networking Lunch* is on Thursday 9 August from 12–2pm in the Macedon Valley Room, Macedon Hotel & Spa, 652 Black Forest Drive, Macedon. Cost is \$40 for Macedon Ranges businesses, and \$60 for businesses based outside the shire. This event is part of the *Small Business Festival*, a month-long program in August comprising of hundreds of business events all around Victoria.

For more information, or to book visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-events or call 5421 9616.

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Women's War Stories Brought to Life in Exhibition at Kyneton

Kyneton Museum explores the lives of women more than a hundred years ago in its latest exhibition, *Women of Empire: Homecoming*.

The sequel to last year's *Women of Empire 1914–1918*, which travelled through Australia and New Zealand and examined the role of women in WWI, follows-on from that time, revealing the challenges and opportunities facing women returning from war.

The collection of treasures includes costume pieces from Scottish racing car driver, suffragette and ambulance driver Muriel Thompson, and also the trailblazer Moina Belle Michael, who created the idea to use poppy flowers as a symbol of remembrance.

Discover the stories of women that returned from service overseas, who nursed the wounded and infirm, who mourned the loss of their love, who took up 'soldier settlement', and much more.

Whether they were mothers, sisters, wives or sweethearts; the women of the era transcended the ordinary, to assume extraordinary roles in a time of global upheaval.

Women of Empire: Homecoming is on at Kyneton Museum, 67 Piper Street until Sunday 16 September.

The museum is open Friday to Sunday, from 11am to 4pm. Museum entry fees apply.

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

What's on at Kyneton Town Hall in August

From the classical to popular, and even world-famous opera, Macedon Ranges Shire Council presents a program of live music that transcends boundaries during August.

Four Hands at the Piano

Experience an evening of musical adventure, as ARIA award-winning pianist Tamara-Anne Cislowska teams up with globally renowned composer Elena Kats-Chernin, to present much-loved works in a new light.

On Friday 3 August from 7.30pm, the duo will perform with four hands at the piano, improvising live, and offering audiences a thrilling voyage into the world of collaboration.

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.

Pavarotti

On Friday 24 August at 11.30am, the life and music of one of opera's biggest voices, Luciano Pavarotti, will be unleashed in the musical biography, *Pavarotti: King of the High C's*.

Opera star David Rogers-Smith stars as the late, great Pavarotti in the show – and weaves together stories, anecdotes, exquisite arias and popular songs into an extraordinary tribute, for an extraordinary man.

Tickets are \$25 adults, \$22.50 seniors and \$20 concession. To find out more, or to book tickets, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets or call 1300 888 802.

Lancefield Agricultural Show Sunday October 21, 2018

This year's Lancefield Agricultural show is shaping up to be one of the best ever with fantastic new rides which will be sure to thrill kids of all ages and some great new events including the Inaugural Lancefield Yard Dog Trial.

All the old favourites such as horse events, art and craft competitions, dog high jump, cattle, sheep and poultry displays, stalls and delicious food and drink makes the show a great day out for all whole family. Ride wrist bands can be pre-purchased now via www.lancefieldshow.org.au

To be part of the Show, sponsor a section or hold a stall email us on lancefieldshow@live.com.au or phone Robbie on 0408 532 603

8th Annual
ROMSEY 8th Saturday
Whole Town September

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**Maps will sell for \$3
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at Romsey Hub



**SELLERS CAN REGISTER
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ROMSEY 
Neighbourhood House



FREE Community Social Bowls Day
Romsey Bowling Club Park Lane

Sunday October 7, 2018

Commencing 11.00 a.m.

Everyone welcome

*Free BBQ lunch & drinks
Prizes, giveaways
Bowls & coaching provided
A social game to finish the day*

Confirm attendance - contact Graeme on 54295359.

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Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA)

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The benefits of the Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association. Be a part of it!

Romsey Online Remember - The website must be fed!

Don't forget, **ANYONE CAN BE A REPORTER!** Whether it is sporting results, photos, reports on events etc, the website is waiting for your "news".

Please ensure a note of consent from people featured in any photographs accompanies your submissions. Remember, the website is only as good as the information fed to it at info@romsey.org.au.

RRBATA UPDATE

Romsey Streetscape Project Update

The Main Street Garden Landscaping component of the Romsey Streetscape Enhancement Project has commenced. New garden beds will be constructed in the Main Street with focal redevelopment at the Fountain (Adjacent to the Mechanics) and adjacent to the Community Hub. The tender process for the lighting component is still underway which will result in focal illumination of the Mechanics Institute, Community Hub and Five Mile Creek precincts.

Meanwhile, MRSC has requested Challis Designs to further progress the concept design for Romsey's town connectivity installation features.

Promotional Postcards

Following a hugely positive response to the first batch of Romsey postcards, RRBATA is currently designing a second edition of cards. These will be available shortly at various venues around town for locals and visitors.

Romsey Issues and Opportunities Paper

Council is seeking input from the Romsey business community to help plan for the future of the town beyond 2021. The current strategic plan is the [Romsey Outline Development Plan](#) which was prepared in consultation with the community in 2009 and sets a vision to the year 2021.

To plan for Romsey's future beyond 2021, there must be an understanding of the issues and opportunities facing the town which is why we have now begun planning with the preparation of the [Romsey Issues and Opportunities Paper](#).

RRBATA encourages all community members to take advantage of the following opportunities to inform MRSC what you think is important for Romsey:

- ◆ Send a written submission to strategicplanning@mrsc.vic.gov.au
- ◆ If you're a Romsey resident, you can provide input via the [online resident survey](#)
- ◆ Attend one of the two 'Let's Talk Romsey' community workshops to be held at the Romsey Community Hub on the following dates:
 - o Tuesday 14th August 5pm-7pm
 - o Thursday 16th August 6pm-8pm

For more information, please contact Evan Krausgrill, Strategic Planner on (03) 5421 9704 or ekrausgrill@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Christmas In Romsey 2018

Christmas is coming! This year, there will be an official launch of the festival – "Light Night" – on Saturday 1st December featuring street performers, late night trading and fireworks. The Community Carols event will

be held on Saturday 15th December. So, SAVE THE DATES!

Volunteers are NEEDED to help make this festival bigger and better than last year! Please contact Sandra Chestnutt if you can be of assistance – 54296272, schestnutt@rocketmail.com

Plastic Bag Free

RRBATA is keen to support the move to plastic bag use reduction. The Town Pride working group will facilitate this initiative and looks forward to discussions with shop front traders and hearing from community members.

RRBATA 9th Annual Business Breakfast

SAVE THE DATE – Hot on the heels of the successful inaugural RRBATA Business Dinner comes this year's Annual Business Breakfast (RRBATA's 9th!) which will be held on Friday 17th August 2018. Watch the Rag, RRBATA Facebook and Romsey Online for updates.

Minute Secretary Wanted

RRBATA Committee of Management is looking for a volunteer to act as Minute Secretary at RRBATA Committee of Management meetings. This is not a committee position. As such, the role is ex-officio but would be of huge assistance to the committee.

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 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 29th August 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 organization and fierce advocate for our region will be very uncertain.**

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

RRBATA Membership is open to all businesses, organizations, and individuals who support Romsey business and tourism. For more details *contact:* Jenny Stillman
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NEW COMMUNITY BANK PROGRAM TO BENEFIT LOCAL EVENTS

Lancefield & Romsey
Community Bank® branches



Our Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank® branches are continuing to help our community to thrive, with today's announcement of 13 event sponsorships worth more than \$16,000.

Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank® Chair, Suzie Ewart, said more than \$1.3 million had now been given to community groups and clubs around the district over the past 17 years.

"This funding will be given back to the community via our new Event Sponsorship Program," she said.

"Each year, we benefit local groups with significant funding via our Community Investment Program. However, we acknowledge that not all funding requests will sit within our Program's timeline. In response to this, we have developed a second funding program, as a coordinated way to help support events of a more ad hoc nature."

Ms Ewart said the local events will benefit thanks to the unique profit-sharing arrangements under the Bendigo Bank Community Bank® model.

"This latest funding allocation illustrates that local residents and businesses who bank with us are helping make a direct contribution to funding worthwhile initiatives in the community," she said.

"The banking service we provide is a significant contribution to the prosperity of Lancefield, Romsey and the surrounding areas, but this is an added benefit that sets our Community

Bank® branches apart."

As part of the 2018 Event Sponsorship Program, the Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank® branches of Bendigo Bank are proud to support the following events:

- Romsey Blue Light Disco
- Book launch of *Pictorial Guide to Long Lost Lancefield and Kilmore Railway*, coordinated by the Romsey Lancefield & Districts Historical Society
- Launch of 'Feed it Forward' – a Lancefield and Romsey Community Lunch Program
- Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association's annual Business Breakfast
- Romsey Bowling Club's Annual Fours Tournament
- Community Walk at Woodend Children's Park, organised by the Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group
- Open Day for the Lancefield Romsey Little Athletics Centre
- 2018 Landcare Photoprize, coordinated by the Nulla Vale Pyalong West Landcare Group
- 2018 Macedon Ranges Wine Exhibition
- Dog high jump event at the Lancefield Show
- Romsey Kennel Club Shows
- Extinct! Lancefield Megafauna Festival
- Romsey Primary School Comedy Night

Introducing BTD Home Services

BTD Home Services is a **new**, fully registered, privately owned NDIS provider.

Susanne and Richard have included people with disabilities for over 30 years in their lives. Both are fully qualified disability support workers who have been in the public service for many years. Susanne completed a Grad Diploma in Education and Disability Studies, has been a special education teacher as well as a disability liaison officer at a major university. Both have welcomed the introduction of the NDIS and its promise of giving people more choice and control over their lives.

At BTD Home Services we are committed to providing services that are individual and personalised, enabling people to achieve their dreams and aspirations. We do not believe in labelling, but want to help people reach their goals and also to have

fun along the way. Hence we want to give young adults, who may feel disconnected after leaving school, the opportunity to connect with others by organising day trips and outings on a regular basis.

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Please call Susanne on 0436 400 419 to register (places are limited) or send your inquiries to susanne@btdhomeservices.com

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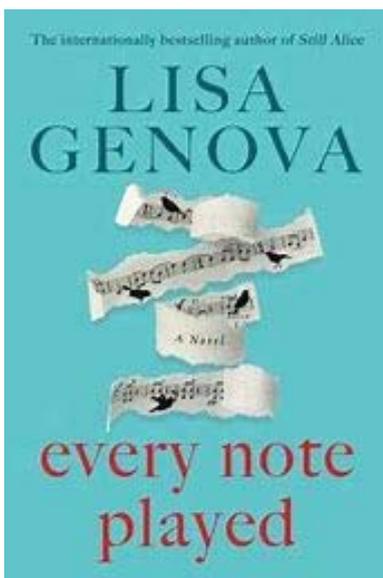
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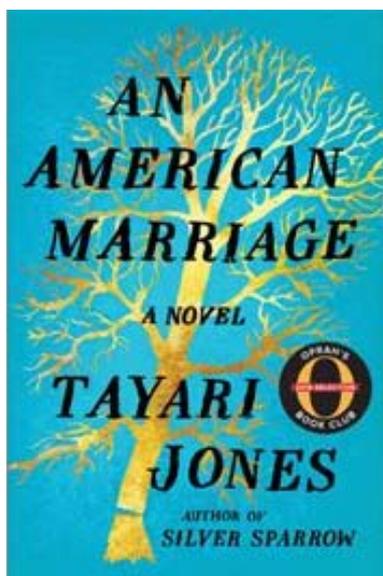
by Marni Hickman



Every Note Played by Lisa Genova

This author has also written Still Alice which was recently made into a movie and is also available on DVD through the Goldfields Library. As a neuroscientist, Lisa Genova is very interested in conditions which affect the brain. In this novel Richard is suffering from a condition called ALS or commonly known as Motor Neurone Disease or also known as the Lou Gehrig's disease. Richard and his ex-wife Karina are divorced and living separate lives. They are both accomplished musicians, Richard a world-renowned concert pianist and Karina a promising jazz musician, who is now teaching piano to young students.

Richard begins to experience ALS symptoms which gradually become crippling. As Richard becomes increasingly disabled with this debilitating disease, Karina decides to become his reluctant caregiver. Karina and Richard come to terms with their past and discover peace and understanding. This is a deeply moving and sad story told in a compassionate voice. I highly recommend this powerful novel of love and forgiveness.



An American Marriage by Tayari Jones

Newlyweds Celestial and Roy living the American dream in the Deep South. Celestial is a budding artist and Roy a young executive on the cusp of an exciting career. Their lives are thrown upside down when Roy is suddenly arrested and sentenced for a crime Celestial knows he did not commit. Celestial finds comfort in her childhood friend and best man at their wedding. As Roy's conviction is overturned, he returns to resume his marriage to Celestial and it goes without saying, complications ensue. What will Celestial do and who will she choose to continue her life with?

This novel tackles race-based injustices in the court system in the U.S., along with racial profiling of young black men. A portrait of a marriage that captures the love and anguish of two people facing insurmountable challenges. Jones is able to capture the dilemmas and feelings faced by her characters. Highly recommended! *****

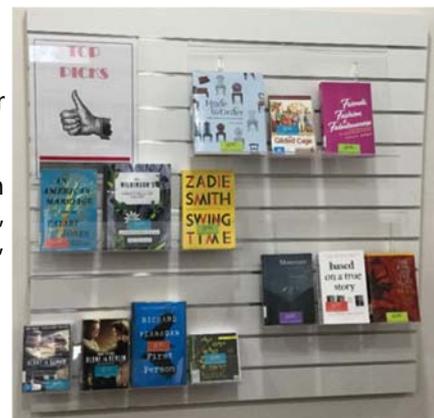
Top Picks

We have a new section in the library called Top Picks where we display books and other items that our staff or borrowers highly recommend.

We have some warm, cosy spaces to sit and relax, where you can enjoy the sun through the window without the biting wind. We love to see people making use of our space, whether it is using our computers, accessing the free WiFi or catching up on newspapers, books or DVDs; we have something for everyone!

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We hope to see you soon!



THE MISSING BULLET

By Peter Mitchell

Fred and May White ran a grocery and clothing business in the building now known as "Verdure". May was travelling in a buggy along Hutchinson's Lane when she was shot in the left cheek by a stray bullet. She went to the doctor who could not find a bullet, and as there was only the one hole in the cheek, the bullet must have travelled out through the mouth. Some weeks later while travelling in the buggy they came to a rough corrugated patch in the grave road. The bouncing of the buggy caused the bullet to dislodge from the back of her nasal passages into her mouth. Police charged a teenage boy who was shooting sparrows in a hedge!

What is 'Sustainable' Housing?

By Sue Kirkegard

An architect working in this area, described "sustainable" to me by ideas such as:

- ◆ not using up resources i.e. saving and reusing water, design that makes best use of airflow for heating and cooling, generating power e.g. solar, well insulated.
- ◆ surfaces of organic material that don't have harmful effects on the environment
- ◆ design that causes a small footprint on the earth i.e. using spaces well (*not a full list*)

Cr Natasha Gayfer and MRSC have been asked about a possible discussion in Romsey. Six people are interested so far. For more info regarding this, please phone or text 0419 876 696.

Anne Phelan (well-known actor and long-time Romsey resident) is living now in one of a group of small houses. She really likes the ease of heating, which is due to the design and smaller space. The house has one well designed living space, which works well for Anne – and she also likes that every room has windows that look out on to garden! Anne had been used to terrace houses from her childhood. She believes these 'smaller footprint' houses should be more easily available in the house plan designs offered by developers "Most people can't afford an architect, they have to choose from what is there".

(*Error: In July Romsey Rag, the words about smaller houses in Europe, should have said "They were private (neighbours couldn't see when your guests arrive)" (writer's error)*)

A LETTER TO YEAR 12 STUDENTS

"Hello. Last year at this time I was doing Year 12. It didn't seem long before the exams and there was so much still to do and so much already to remember. Time seemed to be running out and I was dithering a bit. My parents were keen for me to do well so there was pressure not to disappoint them, or my teachers - and I wanted to score well enough to get into a business management degree course. I needed someone to talk to about how to cope, and my friend suggested Dr Jeffrey".

"I met with him at my home and we talked about my study routine. With his calm help and his many years of experience, we worked out together a revision timetable that still allowed me time to play netball with my team on Saturday afternoons and not feel guilty. Almost immediately I felt some of the pressures evaporate".

"We met several time over the next weeks. I learned how to revise and remember more efficiently, how to use my study time at home and at school better, and most importantly, how to manage the stresses that come with Year 12, and are perfectly normal for any student. I didn't win any prizes at the end of year examinations, (perhaps my expectations at the start of Year 12 were not realistic) but I did well enough to please my parents and to get into the business management course I'd chosen".

"So my advice is to call Dr Jeffrey. Have a chat with him and for the remaining weeks of this school year you'll feel much more positive and confident. Good luck".

Grateful Student

Call Dr Jeffrey Robinson (Counsellor) on 0410 481 221. He can come to you or you can meet at Neighbourhood House.

ROMSEY Men's Shed

This long awaited organisation is finally happening.

We may still be in the early stages of formation but now is the time to register your interest.

The Shed already has a management committee and several names on the list. We don't want your money yet and we won't drag you onto a committee. What we want is your name on our list so that you will be among the first to know when things really start to happen.

We are still looking for an actual SHED!

There are already a couple of locations under consideration as well as interested corporate sponsors keen to be a part of this great opportunity. We hope to cater to a wide range of interests over time but first things first. Please let us know that you will be a part of it.

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Friday	9am to 3pm
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Community Poem

I WAS ONLY NINETEEN

by John Schumann

Mum and Dad and Denny saw the passing out parade at Puckapunyal,
It was a long march from cadets
The 6th Battalion was next to tour and it was me who drew the card,
We did Kanungra and Shoalwater before we left.

And Townsville lined the footpaths as we marched down to the quay.
There's a clipping from the paper – shows us young and strong and clean.
And there's me in my slouch hat with my SLR and greens,
God help me – I was only nineteen.

From Vung Tau riding Chinooks to the dust of Nui Dat,
I'd been in and out of choppers now for months,
But we made our tents a home, VB and pin-ups on the lockers,
And an Asian orange sunset through the scrub.

And can you tell me doctor why I still can't get to sleep?
And night time's just a jungle dark and a barking M16?
And what's this rash that comes and goes?
Can you tell me what it means?
God help me – I was only nineteen.

A full week operation when each step can mean your last one
On two legs – it was a war within yourself.
But you wouldn't let your mates down till they had you dusted off,

So you closed your eyes and thought of something else.

Then someone yelled out 'Contact!' and the bloke behind me swore.
We looked in there for hours, then a God Almighty roar!
Frankie kicked a mine the day that mankind kicked the moon.
God help me – he was going home in June.

I can still see Frankie drinking tinnies in the Grand Hotel,
On a 36-hour rec leave in Vung Tao.
And I can still hear Frankie lying screaming in the jungle,
Till the morphine came and killed the bloody row.

And the Anzac legends didn't mention mud and blood and tears,
And the stories that my father told me never seemed quite real,
I caught some pieces in my back that I didn't even feel.
God help me – I was only nineteen.

And can you tell me doctor why I still can't go to sleep?
And why the channel Seven chopper chills me to my feet?
And what's this rash that comes and goes?
Can you tell me what it means?
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REMEMBER VIETNAM

Vietnam Veteran's Day

50th Anniversary commemorating the 26-day Battle of Coral-Balmoral (12 May - 6 June 1968)

The Romsey-Lancefield RSL will conduct a ceremony at the Romsey cenotaph on:

SATURDAY, 18 AUGUST, 2018 AT 10AM

All Vietnam veterans, other ex-Service men and women, RSL sub-branch members and members of the community are most welcome.

A small wreath laying service will occur at the Lancefield cenotaph at 10.00am

Following the service, light refreshment will be served at *Soltan Pepper*, 118 Main Street, Romsey.

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PASTORS'S PARABLES

Oxygen Mask



With air travel, it is standard practice for flight attendants to demonstrate safety procedures in case of an emergency. Should the cabin air pressure drop, an oxygen mask must be worn by everyone. Parents are told to fix their own mask before placing one on their child. At first, this may seem selfish and a little callous – surely, a loving parent should look after the child's needs before their own? We can answer that question with another one. What good would the parent be if he or she blacked out from lack of oxygen while trying to save the child?

God tells us to love Him above all else. This is not a selfish command from a jealous God, but wise counsel from a loving God. If our first love is God and Christ, we actually increase our ability to love our family and friends. Furthermore, if we are occupied with Christ, we will not faint in times of adversity.

When we focus on God, we have the strength necessary to help those desperate

for the oxygen of grace. However, it is important to first fix the mask-of-grace on ourselves by making sure we have the right relationship with God before we try helping others with their spiritual life. In having God in our lives, we can claim His promises, push our problems on Him and relax.

When we put other people's spiritual needs before getting right with God ourselves, we may soon feel the effects of a lack of grace in our own spiritual life. Then, if we 'spiritually black out' by getting discouraged, depressed and despondent, what use are we to those loved ones around us? (Matthew 10:37)

Pastor Marilyn Hunter

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Minister: Rev. Judi Pollard
Church Office: 5429 1380

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (2)...

To Convict The Believer of RIGHTEOUSNESS

In John's Gospel 16:5-15, we read the outline of the work of the Holy Spirit in the world and in the hearts of believers in Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord. His work 'in the world' is to convict or make aware the world of humanity's sinful state and their need of the Saviour. When we grasp this great truth, we are "born again/aneu" and our new life begins. This is the only reference to the Holy Spirit's 'work in the world', then He begins His work of Sanctification/Righteousness in the lives of believers.

He now convicts of RIGHTEOUSNESS and our need to grow into the likeness of Jesus, Who is the RIGHTEOUS ONE. Not only does He show us the standard. He also imparts God's gift of righteousness to us; enabling us to 'put on' the righteousness of Christ that comes from God through our faith in Him. Righteousness is absolute integrity, purity of heart and sincerity, not being a self-satisfied somebody, well-pleased with oneself.

In these dark times in which we are living, there is a longing in many hearts for a better world. Why do we not turn to God asking Him to pour His Holy Spirit into our minds, hearts and wills so transforming us into the likeness of Jesus, Who came that we might have Life and that to the full?

"My hope is built on nothing less, Than Jesus' blood and righteousness,

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' Name.

On Christ, the solid Rock I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

E. MOTE.

The month of July has passed quietly except for the going and coming of our clergy. We farewell Rev. Heather Vander Reest whose friendly ministry we have all appreciated and on the 22nd, welcomed the Rev. Judi Pollard to be our permanent Intentional Minister. She will be living in the Christ Church Vicarage, so it will be full of light and warmth again. A more formal welcome will be held later on when Bishop Philip Huggins will attend.

AUGUST 2018

Our Bible studies continue at 10am each Tuesday at Christ Church Lancefield. We have now completed Paul's 2nd letter to the Corinthians and the studies are now centred on the 8th Century B.C. Prophets, Nahum, Habakkuk and Zephaniah. Come along and join us and find out what these long-ago men of God have to say to us today.

Our leader is the Rev. Jeannie Woollard.

SEPTEMBER TRIP to CRESWICK WOOLLEN MILLS OUTLET SHOP in DAYLESFORD.

Wednesday, 26th September 2018, 1pm-4pm. Car Pool leaves 11.30am from Christ Church Lancefield.

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Vale: We were all saddened by the very sudden death of our dear friend Jean Clement. Condolences have been extended to the Clement and Newell families.

Winter Prayer of Rest by John Birch

There is a winter in all of our lives, a chill and darkness that makes us yearn for days that have gone or put our hope in days yet to be.
Father God, you created seasons for a purpose.

SPRING is full of expectation, buds breaking, frosts abating and an awakening of creation before the first days of

SUMMER. Now the sun gives warmth and comfort to our lives reviving aching joints bringing colour, new life and crops to fruiting.

AUTUMN gives nature space to lean back, relax and enjoy the fruits of its labour, mellow colours in sky and landscape as the earth prepares to rest.

Then **WINTER** cold and bare as nature takes stock, rests, unwinds, sleeps until the time is right.

An endless cycle and yet a perfect model.

We need a winter in our lives, a time of rest, a time to stand still, a time to acquaint ourselves with the faith in which we live.

It is only then that we can draw strength from the one in whom we are rooted; take time to grow and rise through the darkness into the warm glow of your **SPRINGTIME** to blossom and flourish, bring colour and vitality into this world your garden.

Thank you Father for the seasons of our lives. Amen.

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Romsey Church Services & Activities during August 2018

Monday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th. at 2pm 'Cuppa at Cookies'

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| 1st | 6pm. | Church Council at Stracks |
| 5th | 9am. | Worship Service |
| 8th | 1.30pm. | UCAF - sorting stamps for Sammy Stamp. |
| 12th | 9am. | Worship Service & Holy Communion - Annette Buckley |
| 19th | 9am. | Worship Service. |

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While renovation works are being carried out to the Golf & Bowls Clubrooms the Golf Club has relocated to the Romsey Tennis Club rooms. We would like to thank the tennis club for their support and also Elaine Scanlon (RGC Sec) and Kaitlyn Stevens (MRSC) for their efforts to organise this temporary accommodation. Our AGM was held in the Romsey Mechanics Institute Supper Room. What a great room for the community.

July has been a cold month with some good rain and the bottom dam is well over half full. The top dam has a long way to go. There has been some growth, but we still have many bare areas that have not recovered from the extended dry of Feb – June. Some good news, it looks as if our ongoing battle with paspalum may be coming to a close. Ongoing efforts by many RGC members seem to have finally killed this weed, at least on the fairways. We will hold off on celebrations until spring.

In 2017 RGC received a small grant from the MRSC to plant indigenous, flowering plants along the eastern border of Romsey Park. These plants were to provide food and habitat for the numerous small birds and insects that are returning to the Park. The bushes would also stabilise one side of the new drain that runs along 60% of that boundary. It is very pleasing to see that we have an over 85% strike rate with these plants. As they grow and flower they will provide colour across all 12 months of the year.

The course remains very wet with occasional "casual water". The bare patches on many fairways have made it almost impossible to cut the fairways, mud caking on rollers and blunting the blades, so "relief to a club length" has been in play for most of winter.

RGC Weekly Competition Results;

Sat June 16th – Stableford – Wet, freezing conditions – Chris vanDerVliet (23) 33 pts C/B from Anthony Lakey (22)

Wed June 20th – Stableford – Dry but very cold – Darlene Baker

Sat June 23rd – 4BBB Stroke – Dry, overcast and very cold – Kev Dunn/Hugh Drummond -88/22/62, from Rob Rea/Mal Mottram – 81/14.5/66.5, John Laing/Andrew Laing – 91/21.5/69.5 & Ron Walker/John Freestone – 91/21/70. NTPs; 1st – Andrew Laing, 15th – Mal Mottram

Wed June 27th – June Medal – Jenny Hartley – 98/24/74

Sat June 30th – June Medal – cold with odd spots of sunshine - John Freestone – 93/20/73. from Mal Mottram – 86/10/76. NTPs; 15th – Kev Dunn, 16th – Andrew Clement. Least Putts – Scott Williams - 24

Wed July 4th – Pinehurst – Cold and very windy – Darlene Baker/Jenny Hartley – 95/20.5/74.5

Sat July 7th – W. E. Tom Final – Freezing, drizzle and S/SE winds, Anthony Lakey (4)/John Freestone (2) **D** John Laing (5)/Andrew Laing (0) – 2/1

Wed July 11th – Silver Spoon Play-off - Freezing morning, ice on some greens – Elaine Scanlon

Sat July 14th – Stroke – Very cold, sunny, winter's day. Rob Rea – 91/18/73 from Bruce Robb – 106/30/76. NTPs – To quote Monty Python – "Not a sausage!"

For more detailed reports please go to: <http://www.romseygolfclub.net/results/2018>

Avoid a frozen water meter this winter

If a frost is predicted, you can protect your meter by covering it with a container or blanket to keep warm air in and cold air out.

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ROMSEY RED CROSS

Romsey Red Cross will be participating in **Romsey Whole Town Garage Sale on Saturday 8th September** at 20 Old Farm Way, Romsey.

Come along for a great bargain Household goods, electrical goods, children and adults clothes and lots of treasures.

All money raised will go directly to The Red Cross Overseas Support Program. This year we will be supporting Myanmar to help build resilient communities providing Bed Nets (to prevent mosquito bites), Gumboots (to prevent snake bites), plus clean water and disaster preparedness.

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Local Interest

Mount William Stone Axe Quarry

Mount William Stone Axe Quarry is an Aboriginal archaeological site located 10km northeast of Romsey.

For thousands of years stone hatchets or tomahawks were an essential part of the Aboriginal toolkit in southeast Victoria. They were used for food gathering, construction, canoe building and the manufacture of shields, clubs and spears. Stone hatchets were necessary for survival with each Indigenous camp having at least one. Each Indigenous community would develop their own preferences for hatchets varying in style and particular stones. Mount William or *Wil-im-ee Moor-ring*, meaning 'axe-place' in the Woiwurrung language, was a location Aboriginal people would travel great distances for the greenstone hatchet heads. They would often bring possums kin, cloaks and wooden spears to trade for the hatchets. This resulted in Mount William becoming one of the largest and most intensively-worked quarry sites in southeast Australia.

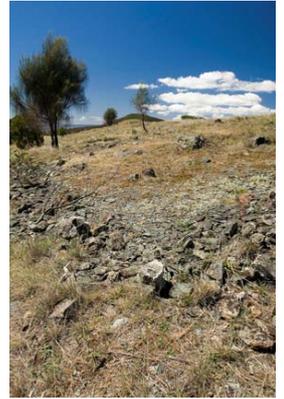


The scars of the quarrying can be seen at Mount William. There are hundreds of mining pits and mounds of waste rock surrounding the work station evident where the Traditional owners, the Wurundjeri, worked for a millennia.

The manufacturing process was complicated and hard work, requiring deep pits to be dug to reach unweathered stone or

the surface of outcrops of boulders were heated to break away pieces of rock. The Wurundjeri people would then shape the stone into a hatchet head using a large boulders as an anvil. The trades hatchet heads were then polished by their new owners to meet their personal requirements.

In the 1880s William Barak, the prominent Wurundjeri leader, spokesman and artist, described the traditional ownership and access conventions to ethnographer Alfred Howitt.



"There were places in which the whole tribe had a specialist interest. Such a place as the "stone quarry" at Mount William... When neighbouring tribes wanted stone for tomahawks they usually sent a messenger for Billibellary [the main custodian]. When they arrived they camped around about the place. Billibellary's father when he was alive, split up the stones and gave it away for presents such as rugs, weapons, ornaments, belts, necklaces."

This account clearly shows the importance of Mount William to Aboriginal people.

National Heritage listing of the Mount William Stone Quarry ensures this significant and important location is protected for all future generations.

Lomandra Estate Residents

The Romsey Rag, August and September editions, will be delivered to all residents in the estate.

The Romsey Rag is a local publication compiled by volunteer members for the Romsey community.

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Every year more and more people are choosing to keep chickens.. Chicken's make fantastic pets and at this time of year it is important to take extra care.

Romsey can get particularly cold during the winter months with temperatures plummeting to just a few degrees. While we stay warm inside our homes, it is important to remember your chickens can and do feel the cold. There are a few warming foods you can give the girls to ensure they can weather the elements with ease.

As always fresh water is important and during winter chickens often do not get enough water because their water supply freezes without their owners knowing! Therefore checking the water supply daily to check it is not frozen and is clean and fresh is essential.

As the temperatures drop, chickens will tend to eat more feed, just like us as we consume more hearty meals to keep warm! It is important to keep this in mind as you may need to dish out a little more at dinner time. A few winter warmers that you can provide include:

- ◆ Warm porridge
- ◆ Cracked corn
- ◆ Warm Water
- ◆ Extra feed

It is also important to make sure your chicken coop provides protection from the weather by:

- ◆ Making sure drafts have been minimised.
- ◆ Providing plenty of clean, dry bedding to allow your girls

to snuggle into, to keep warm

- ◆ Making sure your chickens can roost as they naturally roost together, fluffing up their feathers to keep themselves snug.
- ◆ Protecting against frostbite by applying petroleum jelly to breeds with larger combs or wattles which are more susceptible during cold snaps.

Following these steps should help to ensure your chickens remain happy and healthy through this time of year.

Please note, if you are thinking of keeping chickens, it is important to first check your land title for any covenants that apply to keeping animals on your land as well as council regulations before you set up a coop and purchase you flock. If you are unsure you can contact Macedon Ranges Shire Council on 5422 0333 or check their website for further details www.mrsc.vic.gov.au



Farm Colouring Picture

Children's Corner





LENTIL PATTIES

These Lentil Patties are full of vitamins A, C and B as well as iron and potassium and more. I'd serve them with a dollop of yoghurt and chopped tomato with a herb mixed in, or something like that!

- 2 cups chicken stock;
- 1 cup red lentils;
- 2 bay leaves;
- 6 medium carrots;
- 1 tablespoon chopped chives;
- 2 tablespoons chopped almonds;
- 1 egg;
- 2 slices of wholemeal bread made into breadcrumbs.

Put the chicken stock, lentils and bay leaves into a saucepan, bring to the boil, pop on a lid, lower the heat to a

simmer and cook for 20 minutes. Take out and discard the bay leaves. Meanwhile grate the carrots and mix them with the chives, almonds, egg and breadcrumbs.

When the lentils are cooked, add them to the carrot mixture, mix well then form into 6 patties. Cook in a non-stick frying pan, or a pan just wet with a little olive oil, for 4 minutes each side.

Serve hot.



Beryl's Recipe Corner

Vanilla Slices

- 1pkt Sao Biscuits
- 600ml Cream
- 1 pkt Foster Clarke Instant Custard Mix.

Line slice tin with baking paper then line with Sao biscuits. (you may have to cut 2 biscuits in half).

Beat cream with custard mix quickly (Sets fast).

Spread over biscuits, smooth with knife.

Top with more Sao biscuits.

Ice with vanilla icing (icing sugar and hot water)

Cut in half to serve.



Seasonal Foods

The following foods are currently in season and available from your local markets, try adding them into a favourite recipe.

Vegetables

- Broad Beans
- Beetroot
- Broccoli
- Brussel Sprouts
- Cabbage
- Carrots
- Cauliflower
- Celery
- Leeks
- Onions
- Parsnips
- Snow Peas

Fruits

- Apples
- Bananas
- Grapefruit
- Kiwifruit
- Pears
- Mandarins



Foods to Boost Your Memory and Brain

The following foods can help to boost your brain:

Fatty Fish—Rich source of omega-3s and plays a role in sharpening memory, improving and protecting your brain against decline.

Blueberries—Packed with antioxidants which may delay brain aging and improve memory.

Turmeric—Contains curcumin which has anti-inflammatory and antioxidant benefits. Also reduces symptoms of depression and Alzheimer's disease.

Broccoli— Has powerful antioxidants and anti-inflammatory effects and includes vitamin K.

Pumpkin Seed— Rich in micronutrients important for brain function including copper, iron, magnesium and zinc.

Oranges—High in vitamin C that can help defend your brain against damage from free radicals.

Eggs—Source of several B vitamins and choline, which are important for proper brain function and development, as well as regulating mood.



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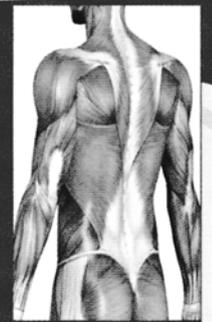
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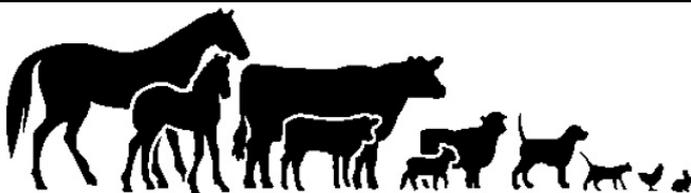
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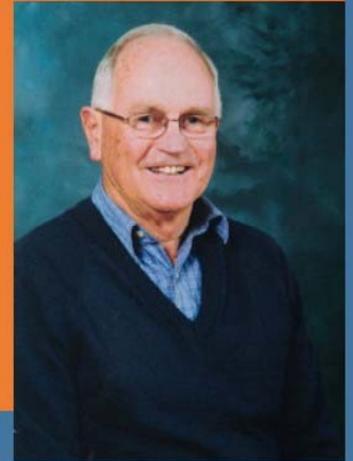
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