

Romsey Golf Club—Women's Report

Wednesday 8th March

Cool and cloudy conditions- perfect day for a game of *Doris Chambers foursomes* with a partner to get wayward shots back into play. The winners were Beryl and Leila, with Elaine and Denise only one shot behind. The winners will go on to play in the finals later in the year.

Wednesday 25th March

Monthly Medal, second round of the *Silver Spoon* and *Mona McLeod Cup*. Another very pleasant day for golf. We welcomed a new member, Lyn who came in 2nd place 104/31/73 on a count-back to Lorraine 102/29/73.

Monday 23rd March

Player of the year at Woodend 4BBB. A warm day but with nuisance showers. Wendy and Lorraine were happy with their score of 37 points. Both players played off their lowest handicaps ever, 32 and 25! Wendy parred the last hole (the par 3, 4th) Congratulations to Maureen Warrener from Woodend, the 2014 WGDD Player of the year

26th March

Lancefield Cup. Denise Lorraine and Wendy attended on this windy, cool day. The course was in reasonable condition considering our lengthy dry spell. The extra run helped Wendy to runner-up in C grade.

1st April

Mulligans 9 Holes. A warm windy day, slight tinge of green on some fairways, but still a lot of run. It was a fun day and Neryl-lea came in 1st place.

2nd April

Romsey Challenge Bowl. We were pleased to host 46 players, representing 13 clubs, with 16 teams taking the field. Despite bleak cold and windy conditions, the players returned excellent scores. The winners of the Bowl were Lancefield 2 with a combined score of 116 points. We really appreciate the support from local sponsors *MTM Gold Clubs* and *Romsey Amcal Pharmacy*. Thanks to Beau Warrener from MTM for presenting trophies to the bowl winners.



Captain Lorraine and the Winners of the Romsey Challenge Bowl- Carole Mee, Leanne Jeffery and Di Rohde

PlayGolf Clinics

Women Beginner Golf Clinics

Romsey Golf Club
Park Lane, Romsey

Women's Clinic (Level 1)*
Fridays 24th April, 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd May 2015
Time: 9:30am - 10:30am
Morning Tea provided

Cost:
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**Level 1: For complete novice or people wishing to return to the game.*

Equipment provided - Dress comfortably (flat shoes) - Giveaways

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(Click tab - PlayGolf, Clinics)

For enquiries, please contact:
Elaine Scanlon 0400 768 040 or
Lorraine Robb 0407 349 144

April 18th

PAR. Everyone's favourite game (!) plus it was cold and cloudy. Only Elaine handled the wind and ended up square.

15th April

Canadian. A perfect warm day. Fairways were softer and had a tinge of green from the recycled water and rain. 1st went to Wendy and Lyn 102/33.5/68.5. We all rushed away after golf to enjoy lunch together at Soltan Pepper.

16th April

Marysville Bowl. Kath, Beryl and Wendy made the trip to beautiful Marysville for a very pleasant day. All enjoyed the views and the autumn colours and hope to play better next time.

Recipe for the Month:

DATE SLICE

1 cup dates	1/2 cup brown sugar
125 g butter	Juice of half an orange
1 egg	Salt
250g Marie biscuits	Coconut for topping

Combine dates, sugar, butter, salt and orange juice in a saucepan. Cook until the dates are soft. Cool. Add beaten egg and crushed biscuits. Press into a tray and top with coconut.

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ROMSEY EARLY EDUCATION CENTRE

Invitation for Mother's Day Activity Night

Thursday 7 May 2015 5PM - 6PM

Location: Kinder (Butterfly) Room, Romsey Early Education Centre

Dear Parents and Grandparents,

On Thursday 7 May 2015, we would like to invite all families enrolled in our **3 year old Kindergarten Program and 4 year old Kindergarten Program** to join us for a Mother's Day Activity Night.

This evening is designed to strengthen the connection between children's home and education environments and for us, as educators, to get to know the people who are so important in their lives a little better.

Families come in lots of different shapes and sizes and while we have some special surprises in store for our Mums, Grandmas and Aunties, we also welcome Dads, Grandpas and Uncles who would like to be involved.

Activity Night will take place between 5:00PM and 6:00PM. There will be snacks, activities and displays for you to enjoy with your children and they will be looking forward to sharing with you some of their experiences in the Room.

Please contact our Kindergarten Teacher Elizabeth if you are interested in attending, and formal invitations will follow. Please feel free to see or contact Elizabeth if you have any questions.

ROMSEY EARLY EDUCATION CENTRE

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Romsey Golf Club – Men's Report

<http://romseygolfclub.net>

Round 2 - 2015 Pennant Season - Romsey Vs Broadford at Trentham Another top day for golf, the course was in top nick but always ready to catch a player who failed to "keep it straight". A much better performance this week but still not a win. Woodend and Kilmore appear to be the teams to beat in this group. The boys went down 4/3. Results were; Dave Muller Won 5/3, Neil Jarman won 2/1, Ron Walker won 9/7, Pat Chisholm lost 5/4, Rob Rea lost 2/1, Jim Patton lost 4/3, Tony Freeman lost 6/4

Saturday April 11th - Final Algie Mitchell Shield & Par

Over 30 mm of rain early in the week and cooler weather assisted the greens and fairways to cope reasonably well with the unfortunate lack of re-cycled water. The tinge of green was slowly moving across the fairways but the actual new grass was very young and the rain had flattened the older, dry grass leaving some areas quite bare so relief, on the fairway played, was given. The day was beautiful, reasonably still with the temperature in the low 20s so those whose golf fell below par at least enjoyed a relaxing walk in the park. Other players enjoyed both the walk in the park and the results of their golfing endeavours. The final of the Algie Mitchell Shield looked like an early blow-out but John Laing fought back to have it all square by the 11th. The final few holes at Romsey are always challenging and Rob Rea was able to pick up the next four to come home very strongly. On a lovely autumn afternoon the results were; **Winner;** Michael McCarten (21) +5 from Mick Nicholls (Snr) (18) +1, Bob Dwyer (30) +1, and Neil Jarman (13), Peter Scanlon (29) Andrew Laing (19) all square. **NTPs** went to; 15th - Mick Nicholls and 16th - Rob Rea Algie Mitchell Final result; - Rob Rea (0) D John Laing (9) -4/3

Saturday April 4th - Stroke & Semi Final - Algie Mitchell Shield

Another warm still day on a hard, dry course; a day where good scoring was expected. The remaining semi-final of the Algie Mitchell Shield was also being played. It was a family affair with dad, John Laing taking on son, Andrew Laing. The Laings were out early and both saw most parts of the course, even a trip into the semi dry dam in front of the 6th tee! The greens were generally good, however, the autumn scarifying has begun so there were three greens where almost anything could happen. The fairway irrigation was slowly producing results but the ongoing hot dry weather and steady winds were quickly sucking most of the moisture away. Scoring was compared as groups passed each other and it quickly became obvious that the course had been tamed by a number of players. On a beautiful autumn day the results were; **Winner;** Sherif Abdel-Sayed 80/17/63 from Mick Nicholls (Snr) - 87/19/68, Mick Nicholls (Jnr) 104/36/68, Mick Sadler - 104/36/68, Scott Williams - 92/24/68, Dave Muller - 1/12/69, Les Gaunt - 77/7/70, Jim Patton - 89/19/70 & Pat Chisholm - 83/13/70 **NTPs;** 15th Sherif Abdel-Sayed, 16th Michael McCarten
Algie Mitchell results - John Laing (8) D Andrew Laing (0)
Next week's final will be; - Rob Rea (0) Vs John Laing (9)

Round 1 - 2015 Pennant Season - Romsey Vs Kilmore at Lancefield

Another warm, still day on a hard dry course. The greens were in great nick but generally fast. Most of our team got off to ordinary starts all having problems with the speed of the greens that said Kilmore did play well. Results were;
Neil Jarman - L 2 down, Dave Muller - L 2 down,
Rob Rea - L 1 down, Tony Freeman - L 2/1,
Mick Nicholls (Snr) - L 4/3, Scott Williams - L 6/5,
Michael McCarten - L 4/3
Woodend D Lancefield 4.5/2.5
Broadford D Trentham - 4/3

Saturday March 28th - March Monthly Medal - Stroke & Putts

The strong field who hit off in the March Medal found the day still and warm. The course was steadily greening however most of

the fairways remained dry and hard. The sections of the fairways where the sprinklers had been activated were much softer and new growth was peeking through. Some of the greens had been lightly scarified and the birds had returned for a late supper on the 7th so players had a few problems here and there and they putted. The course sorted out a few golfers and only a few had its measure. Current club champion Les Gaunt showed his metal with a reasonable front nine backed up by a one-under back nine. One of the semi-finals of the Algie Mitchell Shield was also played. This was a battle between two hardened match players and it was expected to go right down to the final few holes. On another good day on the course the results were; **Winner and March Medalist;** Scott Williams - 93/26/67 from Sherif Abdel-Sayed - 87/18/69, Les Gaunt - 77/7/70, Mick Nicholls (Snr) 90/20/70 & Heath Rea - 88/18/70 **NTPs;** 1st - Mick Nicholls (Snr), 15th - Les Gaunt
Least Putts; John Laing - 27
Algie Mitchell Shield Rob Rea (0) D Peter Scanlon (12) 19th

Saturday March 21st - Quarter Finals Algie Mitchell (H/C Matchplay) & Stableford

The field hit off on a very warm afternoon; a strong southerly wind blew early in the round but after the first few holes this died down. The just completed re-cycled water system saw irrigation on some of the fairways but the recent heat and winds had dried most of this leaving the fairways hard and dry. After a few more weeks this irrigation will begin to have an effect and the fairways will green up considerably. The quarter finals of the Algie Mitchell Singles K/O saw a few surprises. The top golf of last week was hard to replicate and a few very experienced pennant players brought all their matchplay skills to bear in their matches. The stableford players also had a hard day of it with only one player equalising his handicap, a far cry from recent weeks when many players have shot well under their handicaps. On a hot, dry day the results were;

Algie Mitchell Quarter Final results;

Rob Rea (0) D Michael McCarten (4) - 4/3
Peter Scanlon (15) D Steve Wilkins (0) - 3/2
Andrew Laing (0) D Steve Poulton (4) - 6/5
John Laing (16) D Bob McLennan (0) 19th

Algie Mitchell Semi Final will be;

Ron Rea (0) Vs Peter Scanlon (12)
Andrew Laing (0) Vs John Laing (8)

Stableford results were;

Winner; Les Gaunt (7) - 36 pts from Mick Nicholls (20) 35 pts and John Freestone (18) 35 pts
NTPs; 1st - Les Gaunt, 15th - Tony Freeman, 16th - Rob Rea..

Our re-cycled water irrigation system is now up and running. Apart from a minor supply problem over Easter all has gone well. All greens and some fairways are irrigated using battery-powered timers. Fingers crossed our application to the MRSC will be included in the coming budget and we can get on with stage two, irrigating all tees, increasing fairway irrigation and the installation of a "Rainbird" central control system. Our thanks to all the members who laboured so hard to get everything into the ground and connected, a wonderful effort that saved around \$100,000.00. Looking forward to a green golf course next summer.

The club held its Presentation Night at the clubrooms on Sat March 21st. It was a great evening, meal catered by Soltan 'n Pepper and music by Rob Smithies. Club Champions for 2014 were Les Gaunt and Beryl Cole. The President's & Captains' Award (For conspicuous Service) went to John Laing.

The 33rd Romsey Open is scheduled for Sat/Sun June 6th/7th. The Saturday events will be 4BBB pairs (\$20.00 per pair) – Men's, Women's and relative (A RGC Shield event) Sunday will see A, B, & C grade men's stroke over 24 holes (The Old Course). All golfers who hold a recognized handicap are welcome to compete.

DUST OFF THOSE COLLECTABLES - ANTIQUE APPRAISER IS COMING TO KYNETON

Local man, Chris Allan is looking forward to having two items he found in his father's shed valued by Antique Valuer, Warren Joel.

Antique Valuation Day held at St Mary's Hall, Hutton Street Kyneton on 17 May 2015, from 10 am to 4 pm



The event organisers, Zonta Club of Kyneton, have been able to secure the much sought after Antique Valuer, Warren Joel.

Warren is an antique valuation expert as featured on ABC's 'Collectors'. Over the past 35 years, he has built up a great wealth of knowledge and expertise in the valuation of fine arts. He has handled items for private collectors, leading art galleries and valued the entire collection of the Australian National Museum.

"It is a unique opportunity to determine if these things collecting dust in my father's shed are of any value. We think they are of course, because they belong to our family. And we are hoping that Mr Joel agrees with us." says Chris Allan of the copper framed portrait. (pictured)

Chris is also intrigued to see if his flying duck, (pictured) that you would often see discarded as rubbish, will be of any value.

Zonta Club of Kyneton Vice President, Kath Breen, says "So many people, particularly in the Kyneton surrounding areas, have sheds or cupboards where family heirlooms have been stored. This is a great opportunity to find out if these carry more than just sentimental value."

"There will be plenty to interest people who just want to come along and watch the valuations, even if they don't have anything to be valued. It's going to be a fun day." Mrs Breen encourages you to contact her to book in a valuation so that you don't miss this opportunity. You can also request to have your valuation done privately.

The Antique Valuation Day is a fundraiser organised by Zonta Club Kyneton, with the money raised going to support Zonta's local community projects and the assembly of birthing Kits for Birthing Kits Australia.

About Zonta: Zonta International is a global service organisation of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women through service and advocacy, at local, district and international levels.

Event Specifics: Entry: \$5 per person, **Valuations:** \$5 per item (maximum 3 items per person)

Refreshments: \$5 Devonshire Tea, **Book your valuation:** Kath Breen 0427 547 659



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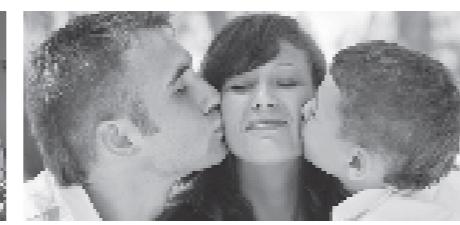
Dine amongst the vines this Mother's Day

Sunday, May 10

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DIRECTOR VISITS FILM SOCIETY

The Macedon Ranges Film Society was pleased indeed to have a film director present at its last meeting. The film, *Crushed*, was made and produced in Melbourne and director Ian Dixon visited Woodend for the screening. He explained to the group the inspiration behind the film and discussed some of the finer points of film making. *Crushed*, made in 2008, explores the notion of love when it comes up against duty and the difficult position this can create.

In May, the MRFS will pay tribute to one of the comic greats, Robin Williams, who died in August last year. The *Birdcage*, the remake of the classic French farce "La Cage aux Folles" is bound to bring tears of laughter to the audience as Val attempts to introduce his parents to his bride-to-be, a young woman who has been brought up in very protected circumstances. His gay father, Armand (played by Williams) and his flamboyant partner, Albert (played by Nathan Lane) try to make things go as smoothly as possible, but it's a comedy after all, so expect the unexpected.

The Macedon Ranges Film Society meets on the second Wednesday of every month so this film will be shown on Wednesday, 13th May at 7.15 p.m. in the Woodend Community Centre. Film notes are supplied and the film is followed by an informal supper. MRFS is a membership-based club so initial enquiries must be made by emailing mrffilmsociety@gmail.com or by phoning Christine on 5429 5452 or Lorraine on 5427 0921.



Director Ian Dixon discusses his film with MRFS President Christine Wanguarek.

May Events

First Things First

From one of Australia's most innovative performing artists comes *First Things First*: a one-man show featuring technically brilliant dance and hilarious physical theatre that explores the art of "getting used to it."

Wednesday 6 May, 7.30pm
Kyneton Town Hall, 129 Mollison St.
General admission

Full: \$25, Concession: \$20, Groups 8+: \$20, Dance Package (Luminous Flux, First Things First and Carmen Sweet): \$85
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Website: mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts/buytickets
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Cabaret seating

Full: \$45, Concession: \$40, Groups 8+: \$40

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Phone: 1300 888 802

Website: mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts/buytickets
[For more information on this show](#)

The Soldier's Gift – The Illustrations of Jane Tanner

Exhibition: 3 April–31 May
Kyneton Museum
67 Piper Street, phone: 1300 888 802
Open Friday-Sunday 11am – 4pm
[More information on this exhibition](#)

True Blue

Every year in April the Macedon Ranges Autism Network (MRAN) endeavours to increase awareness of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) through the Macedon Ranges Light it up Blue campaign. World Autism Awareness day on April 2nd launches a month full of events in our own backyard.

Each year we light a town up blue. The First year was Romsey and this year the focus was on Woodend. The Woodend Clock Tower was glowing with blue lights thanks to the RSL and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council. Businesses were invited to decorate their windows in a blue theme and received information about ASD's to display.

Events included a Professional's Breakfast at Brahms and List cafe, a Mini Expo, a Family Fun Day BBQ and seminars by Chris Varney from the *I Can network*, and Professor Tonge and Dr Brereton.

The MRAN currently supports over 200 families in the Macedon Ranges with regular coffee mornings, dinners and social media support. The MRAN is supported by Cobaw Community Health.

We currently run a Lego Brick Club for children each Wednesday afternoon of term. This group has been kindly sponsored by *The Shared Table*.

We have also developed a training package to train parents to act as mentors for new families-Parents helping Parents, thanks to a Community Funding grant from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council .

We have recently trained a number of teachers from school around the shire to run the Secret Agent Society Social skills program for young people aged 8-12. This evidence based program will be rolled out select schools and other community settings.

In Conjunction with the Shire's Youth Team, young people with an ASD can also attend the Youth Engagement Program at the Woodend Neighbourhood House. This group

of 12-16 year olds hangout playing PlayStation, football, board games and pursuing shared interests. We are looking to start *The Lab computer club* in term 3. The Lab is a technology club for 10 to 16 year-old young people diagnosed with an ASD who enjoy working with computers. It offers one-to-one tuition by technology professionals in areas such as programming, 3D, digital design and gaming. We are currently seeking sponsors for this exciting project.

For further information regarding the MRAN the Light it Up Blue campaign or any of the above programs, please contact Fiona Le Nepveu on 0414891107 or fiona@lenepveu.com.



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Position Vacant – Executive Officer

Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services Ltd, the company that operates the Lancefield & Romsey Community Banks, is seeking a motivated self-starter to support its Board in continuing to be the largest local business contributing to community projects. Having already contributed \$730,000 to community projects over the last 15 years, with a further \$170,000 allocated for future projects, this company is committed both financially and culturally to enriching our local region.

The Board is responsible for the Strategic Leadership, Corporate Compliance and continued development of the Community Company. The company has evolved over the last 15 years and now employs key personnel to support the Board to deliver for the company's key stakeholders.

The role available is the part time Executive Officer. Reporting directly to the Board this role is responsible for a range of activities including:

- Co-ordinate the administrative functions of the company
- Support in report collation & writing for company panels
- Assist in financial reporting & data collation
- Support the Marketing & Community Investment team from time to time as required
- Complete project work and co-ordinate project outcomes
- Assist the Human Resource Panel in co-ordination and collation of data
- Maintain company registers & lists and keep them up to date, including working with the external share registry service of the company to maintain the share register
- Assist the Company Secretary & Treasurer in meeting the company's compliance obligations

The successful applicant will need to have:

- A home office facility as the primary working location
- Ability to attend company meetings conducted outside of usual business hours
- Strong skills in Microsoft Word & Microsoft Excel
- An ability to work with a diverse group of stakeholders
- The ability to attend company conferences and events from time to time

The successful candidate will be paid a salary commensurate with the skills, competencies, attitude and experience brought to the role.

Hours are somewhat flexible within the limitations of already scheduled meetings, events and the like, but we would expect there to be, on average, 16 hours' work per week. Hours can be determined by mutual agreement.

Applications and enquires should be sent by email only to the Company Chairperson, Tim McCarthy, at tmac31@bigpond.net.au.

A complete copy of the Position Description is available by email request to tmac31@bigpond.net.au.

Applications close at 6.00pm on Thursday, 14th May 2015.



Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA) UPDATE

Romsey Streetscape Community Forum

The notion of streetscape obviously has resonated with the people of Romsey! Around 70 community members attended the Romsey Streetscape Community Forum on Wednesday 15th April 2015 at the Romsey Community Hub., 7pm for 7.30pm start at the Romsey Community Hub.

The evening was divided into three sections. Firstly, Mr. Shane Power (a Romsey resident and Manager Operations MRSC) gave a presentation based on Council streetscape and amenity initiatives in the Macedon Ranges. He was then part of a question and answer session also involving two other Council officers (Leanne Davey, from Economic Development and Tourism, and Matt Irving, Project Manager).

The middle portion involved the presentation of 3 community streetscape case studies relating to Jerilderie, Avoca and Terang. These demonstrated the why and how such communities went about improving the amenity of the town for both local community members and visitors.

After a brief opportunity to collect a cuppa and a scone, the audience then commenced the "feedback session". Attendees could either be a part of a formal group brainstorming session, speak one-on-one to a RRBATA committee member or Council officer, or put ideas to paper privately. The enormous amount of feedback collected prior to, during and subsequent to the forum will be collated into a Discussion Paper by mid May and distributed to all Forum attendees, those interested others who were unable to attend and relevant stakeholders such as Macedon Ranges Shire Council (MRSC). It will also be posted on Romsey Online (www.romsey.org.au).



MRSC's Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Peter Johnston, has offered to meet RRBATA once the report has been distributed.

It is anticipated that one or more subcommittees/working parties will be formed including interested community members. Without second guessing the Discussion Paper, it seems apparent that there will be issues which can be addressed relatively easily with minimal cost, there will be matters requiring careful negotiation relating to service provision and there will be big ticket high capital outlay streetscape work which will be a longer term (5 years plus)

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RRBATA wishes to extend its gratitude to the three Council officers named above as well as Cr. Henry McLaughlin and Cr. Ian Ellis for their attendance at the event. RRBATA also would like to thank the Romsey and Lancefield Districts Historical Society for provision of historic photographs used to display the Romsey streetscape of yesteryear (see below).



So, stay tuned for updates as "PROJECT ROMSEY" gets started!

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

Christmas in July - With John Marsden

Don't forget to pencil into your diaries the "Christmas In July with John Marsden" event for the evening of **Thursday 16th July 2015** at Grange Macedon Ranges (50 Melbourne-Lancefield Road, Lancefield).

Make space in your diary now to indulge in a wonderful Christmas-themed a la carte dinner event whilst listening to one of Australia's most prominent authors and educators, Mr. John Marsden.

Tickets will be available through Eventbrite online bookings at \$48 per head. Do not leave it to the last minute as spaces are limited! Further information will be available in the May edition of the Rag and Romsey Online (www.romsey.org.au).

Romsey Online

Don't forget, ANYONE CAN BE A REPORTER! Whether it is sporting results, photos, reports on events etc, the website is waiting for your "news". Please ensure a note of consent from people featured in any photographs accompanies your submissions. Remember, the website is only as good as the information fed to it at info@romsey.org.au.

Membership Enquiries:

Wendie McLaughlin (Acting Secretary)
Phone: 0408 360857
Email: wendie@mclaughlincb.com

GISBORNE SINGERS' CONCERT PERFORMANCES OF ROSSINI'S PETITE MESSE SOLENNELLE

The Gisborne Singers are proud to announce their performances of Gioachino Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle will open at Church of Christ, New Gisborne on Sunday 17th May, followed by St Ambrose Parish Hall, Woodend on Sunday 24th May. Both performances will commence at 3pm. Free afternoon tea will be served after the concerts.

The Singers will be supported by full orchestra and 4 professional soloists—Lee Abrahmsen (soprano), Kirsten Boerema (alto), Robert Barbaro (tenor) and Manfred Pohlenz (bass). The conductor is Stephen Brockman

Rossini is best known for his operas such as the famous Barber of Seville, but late in life he composed many other works including this "Little Solemn Mass." Later generations have recognised it as a fine piece, full of attractive melody. Certainly the choir members have taken to it with gusto and are enjoying it immensely.

Tickets \$35 full
\$30 concession
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Flu Vaccinations Now available at Romsey Medical and Lancefield Medical

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For your convenience throughout **April and May** we provide clinics at the Romsey Medical Centre and Lancefield Medical Centre for the administration of flu vaccination and we invite you to call now and speak to one of our friendly receptionists to book your appointment.

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May Madness

Membership specials

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Contact 5422 0333 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/leisure

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Offer expires
31 May 2015

Romsey Uniting Church 150th Anniversary

On Sunday the 16th of August the Romsey Uniting Church will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary with a Communion Service at 10.30 am in the church followed by a spit roast luncheon in the Mechanics Hall at 12.30.

The church has had an interesting history dating from the mid 1800's, when the Presbyterian and Methodist pioneering people began settling in the Lancefield-Romsey area.

To satisfy their spiritual needs, two clergymen, Rev. James Forbes, Rev. William Waterfield and later Rev. Peter Gunn, rode their horses around the bush. Services were held in homes and later, as numbers increased, in farm barns.

The earliest recorded meetings of the general committee was on 3rd March, 1862. In October 1863, a Kirk session was formed with Peter Mitchell, James Ochiltree, Joseph Andrew and James Stewart as Elders.

In 1864, a grant of land to build the church was received. The foundation stone was laid on 3rd March, 1865 by William Campbell, and the church opened in July of the same year.

Peter Mitchell was secretary of the building committee and the stone was quarried locally from his property. Mr. Mitchell was secretary, treasurer of the church for fifty years.

On Pentecost Sunday 29th May, 1977, a celebratory service was held in the already merged Presbyterian – Methodist Romsey church, to celebrate the beginning of the Romsey Uniting Church. All who wish to join with us to celebrate in this momentous time of Christian presence in the Romsey area, are most welcome to contact the

Romsey Uniting Church : PO Box 26, Romsey. 3434
or Sandra Strack : strackhesket@hotmail.com Phone: 5427 0472;
Margaret Mitchell 5429 5447

**DEEP CREEK
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A successful working bee was held at Dogget's Bridge on Tuesday 16th March 2015.

Rubbish was collected, obsolete stakes and tree guards were removed, brush cutting and weed spraying done. 7 volunteers attended.

Pat Dando is the new Myna Bird coordinator for Lancefield, anyone wanting a cage please contact Pat email: pdanko1@bigpond.com

The next working bee will be at Sheehan's Crossing Sunday 17th May 2015 at 9.00am

Landcare has committed as part of The Keep Australia Beautiful campaign to clean rubbish from both sides of the road between The Antiques Centre corner Lancefield /Melbourne Rd and Kilmore Rd to Dogget's Bridge, this will possibly be done twice a year

World Tree or National Tree Day is on Friday 24th July 2015 for schools and Sunday 26th July 2015 for the general public.

The next meeting is on Monday 11th May 2015 at 8.00pm all welcome. Annex Mechanics Hall.

Please be advised Annual Membership subscriptions almost 6 months overdue. Could all unfinancial members please contact the Treasurer or Secretary and pay your membership.

Thanks to all current members.

Secretary: Ken 0404886580

Email: ken.allender@bigpond.com

Website: www.deepcreeklandcare.org.au

Greylight “Olde Time Dance”



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

Music by the Sacred Heart College Band

For older people, their carers and support workers

Light refreshments provided.

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

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



Not too late to change smoke alarm batteries

CFA is reminding families that it's not too late change the batteries in their smoke alarms.

North West Region Community Education Coordinator Paul Tangey said with the end of Daylight Savings falling on Easter this year a lot of families might have missed their usual routine to replace batteries when they changed their clocks.

"If one piece of equipment in your home is going to save your life it is your smoke alarm," said Mr Tangey.

"That is because you can't smell smoke when you are sleeping – all your senses are reduced and without a smoke alarm there is a very good chance you will not wake up until it is too late. So if you haven't changed your batteries this year then do it now," he said.

"Last year CFA attended 1650 house fires, which resulted in 16 deaths. Firefighters see far too many preventable house fires every year and they can be heartbreaking."

"Changing the batteries in your smoke alarm only takes five minutes but could be the difference between you keeping your family safe or a devastating outcome."

Mr Tangey also said anyone who thought their smoke alarm might be more than ten years old should have it replaced.

"Past that ten-year mark the electronics in a smoke alarm can't be relied on," he said.

CFA recommends:

- Monthly: test smoke alarms by pressing the test button with a broom handle
- Annually: gently dust around the outside cover of your smoke alarm
- Annually: replace your 9-volt battery at the end of daylight saving
- Every 10 years: replace your smoke alarm units, and when you do consider installing 10-year sealed smoke alarms.

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School Principal: Mr. Anthony Falls

MASS TIMES

Saturday:
6.00 p.m. Lancefield
1st & 3rd Sunday of the month:
8.00 a.m. Lancefield and 10.00 a.m. Romsey
2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday of the month:
8.00 a.m. Romsey and 10.00 a.m. Lancefield

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 9.45am Romsey & 5.45pm Lancefield.

BAPTISMS

June, August, October, December 2015.
For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

Farmers' Markets In May

Woodend Community Farmers' Market -

Sat 2nd May
Cnr High & Forest Streets, Woodend -
0487 444 090 Sharon Kittson



Kyneton Farmers' Market -

Sat 9th May
St Pauls Park, Piper Street, Kyneton -
54 221 025 Veronica Manifold



Riddells Creek Farmers' Market -

Sat 16th May
Riddells Creek Primary School, Riddells Creek -
0419 523 324 Amanda Johnson



Lancefield & District Farmers' Market -

Sat 23rd May
Centre Plantation, High Street, Lancefield -
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Owing to lack of space, we cannot accept large furniture.

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

REGULAR EVENTS

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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2015

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

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Romsey Primary School

150th Anniversary this year!

October 24th and 25th –

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Spread the word—contact your old school friends and let them know about this wonderful chance to catch up and reminisce.

Saturday October 24th:

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

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

Performances by our current students

Dinner at 7.00pm—bookings essential and open soon.

Sunday October 25th:

School tours and displays

Family fun day and bar-b-cue

For further information please contact Romsey Primary School on 5429 5099 or email romseyeps.150celebrations@romseyeps.vic.edu.au

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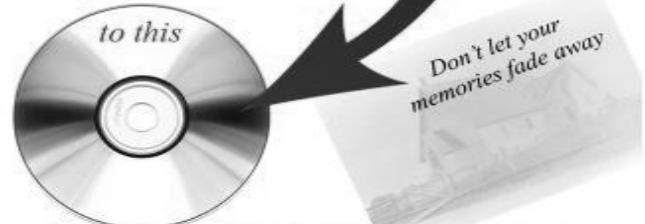
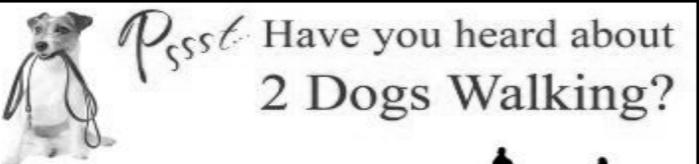


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Macedon Ranges Running Club

The Romsey-Lancefield branch of the Macedon Ranges Running Club had a great morning recently, at the club's 5km event which celebrates the completion of their Start Running Program. The event, the first of two programs in 2015, was held in Gisborne where runners enjoyed the run and completion a social BBQ breakfast.

On a cooler but sunny morning, over 100 members set out on the run from Dixons reserve, looping through Gisborne's Botanical gardens. On their return, runners enjoyed a BBQ breakfast and were presented with a certificate in acknowledgement of their efforts over the weeks for completing the program – well done to all those completing the program and keep up the great work. A special thank you goes out to all those volunteers marshalling and helping with catering. Also acknowledgement was given to the club sponsors who include, Macedon Ranges Council, Cobaw Community Health and Sports Focus media for their assistance in making the event safe and fun.

The second 'Start Running Program' begins early September, so no time to wait if you want to become involved in structured community running program which is fun, healthy and social, contact Macedon Ranges Running Club now for more information.



A Patch of Lancefield Inc.

Presents their 12th Exhibition

Stitching Up A Storm

Saturday 23rd May 10am - 5pm
& Sunday 24th May 10am - 4pm



Lancefield Mechanics Institute

High Street, Lancefield

ADMISSION \$5.00

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Piece of Cloth and Patch n Quilt

Further Details contact:

Bronwyn - 5429 2076 or Joanne - 5429 1099

Australian Red Cross – Romsey Branch

We are on the move – meetings will now be held at the Romsey CFA Headquarters, 18 Stawell Street, Romsey.

Jay is working very hard on the Romsey Quilt and it is progressing well. An unveiling will be held later in the year.

A great effort by Romsey Community a total of \$1,509.40 was raised by Red Cross Calling. A big thank you to all who contributed.

Meetings – 2015

(1pm on second Tuesday of month)

12th May
9th June
14th July
11th August AGM
8th September
13th October
10th November
8th December (Christmas lunch)

President:	Karen Hermann	5429 665
Vice President:	Ann Krstic	5427 0252
Treasurer:	Leeanne Eames	5429 5658
Secretary:	Robyn Stephens	5789 1457
Zone Rep:	Trish Dunn	5429 6761

MACEDON RANGES ART TRAIL

Calling all artists, galleries, artisans and art groups!
Registrations are being taken for the 2015-16 Macedon Ranges Art Trail.

Now in its third year, the Art Trail promotes the artistic community, provides networking opportunities, nurtures emerging talent and encourages visitors.

The Art Trail is primarily for Macedon Ranges based residents but a small number of places are available to those in towns neighbouring the shire.

For details ring Nadine Hartnett on 0439 399 838 or email:

nhartnet@bigpond.net.au.

Closing date for all registrations is Friday, May 18.

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Big names to talk justice again in Bendigo

Some of Australia's most renowned thinkers and speakers will gather together at Bendigo's Ulumbarra Theatre on 15-16 May to discuss justice issues. Professor Mick Dodson AM, Human Rights Commissioner Tim Wilson, Oxfam CEO Helen Szoke, Professor Eva Cox AO, Justice Mordecai Bromberg and Ken Marchingo are just some of the presenters of the Talking Justice program, presented by the Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre.

Former Australian of the Year Professor Mick Dodson will open the event with a discussion about welfare, entitlement and recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

Other sessions in Ulumbarra's intimate Strategem Studio space will unpack the complex issues of racism, radicalisation and free speech, Australia's tax and welfare system and our nation's lifters and leaners and whether the state should intervene in the individual's right to choose – to eat bad food, to smoke, not to vaccinate – given their impacts on the health system.

Talking Justice is an opportunity to hear a wide range of perspectives about justice issues facing our community from experts and leaders. ARC Justice Executive Director Peter Noble said "**Talking Justice seeks to highlight that at the core of many issues that appear in the media are matters of social justice. Justice isn't just about whether someone gets an appropriate sentence for the crime they commit. Justice is bigger than that. It's about whether someone has a roof over their head, enough food to eat, access to opportunity, health, education and employment.**"

Following the success of last year's inaugural Talking Justice event, this year's event coincides with Law Week 2015 and has already attracted funding from the Victoria Law Foundation and a range of local businesses and agencies including Arnold Dallas & McPherson Solicitors, City of Greater Bendigo, La Trobe University, Bendigo Community Health Services, Stuthridge Legal, O'Farrell Robertson McMahon, Clayton Utz, Community Sector Banking, Bress Winery, Ulumbarra Theatre, Robertson Hyetts, Juliana Smith and The Schaller Studio. Mr Noble said that "**the willingness of local organizations to sponsor this kind of event demonstrates a common aspiration to engage the community on the place of law and justice in a healthy society**".

Tickets for Talking Justice can be booked online via Eventbrite: <https://talkingjustice2015.eventbrite.com.au>

For full program details and information on speakers, please see <http://lcclc.org.au/2015/04/tj15/>

When: Friday 15 May, Saturday 16 May

Where: Strategem Studio, Ulumbarra Theatre, Gaol Rd, Bendigo Vic 3350.

Cost: per session, \$15 waged, \$10 concession

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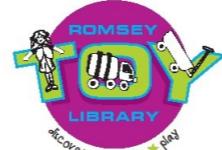
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World Play Day - Play Away The Day!

"Allow a child to play to-day. Watch a child play to-day."

Play with a child to-day"

Through **WORLD PLAY DAY** the International Toy Library Association is spreading the word about the importance of play, "one of the most neglected rights of children around the world".

Children learn naturally through play. They learn to talk, make friends, exercise and acquire basic skills of education such as concentration, perseverance, imagination, self-expression, problem solving and memory. Romsey Toy Library is doing its part in promoting play for children by spreading the word about World Play Day in our community.

So put it in your diary, Thursday 28th May – WORLD PLAY DAY!

This day should be a day of total attention to each other across all ages. A relaxed day when children and adults interact and have FUN! It doesn't mean you have to stop the world for a day; it's an **attitude** rather than a particular activity. You can play/have fun at work, school, home, on the bus, ANYWHERE! Play is important in all of our lives. Imagine the joy in the world if we all can all do this on the same day each year :)

Ahead of World Play Day the Romsey Toy Library will be setting up a **Pop Up Park** at the **Romsey Kindergarten Open Day on Sunday 17th May**. This will include free jumping castle & loads of fun activities for the kids. Come see us and join in the fun.

For more information about World Play Day you can go to http://www.ital-toylibraries.org/pages/world_play_day/ or come to one of our open sessions at the Romsey Toy Library where every day is a play day!



Interested in joining your local Toy Library?

WHERE?	WHEN?	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES
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ENQUIRIES - romseytoylibrary@gmail.com / Jodie Dobbs – 0419 588 162		



Pastor's Parables



Little children can come up with some very interesting ideas. Listen to what some children wrote to their mothers for Mother's Day.

Angie, 8 years old, wrote: "Dear Mother, I'm going to make dinner for you on Mother's Day. It's going to be a surprise. P.S. I hope you like pizza & popcorn."

Robert wrote: "I got you a turtle for Mother's Day. I hope you like the turtle better than the snake I got you last year."

Eileen wrote: "Dear Mother, I wish Mother's Day wasn't always on Sunday. It would be better if it were on Monday so we wouldn't have to go to school."

Little Diane wrote: "I hope you like the flowers I got you for Mother's Day. I picked them myself when Mr. Smith wasn't looking."

And how about this one from Carol? "Dear Mother, Here are two aspirins. Have a happy Mother's Day!"

Our Children don't always get everything right, but there is something about our very own children that causes us to love and favour them more than anyone else's children. Something about having Grandchildren too, that causes us to reach deep into our hearts and want to *bless and spoil them more than anyone else's Grandchildren*.

Q. Where does this desire to protect, love, provide for, bless and favour come from?

A. Our Creator God. He made us this way.

The bible says that we are made in HIS IMAGE. Throughout many, many accounts in the Bible we see God's desires for His Children as being like ours but based on UNCONDITIONAL LOVE i.e. not dependent upon behaviour. Not dependent upon emotional highs and lows. Not dependant on love being given back in return.

Q. Who are His children?

A. *But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.* - John 1:12 (NLT)

All those who have chosen to receive His love and the sacrifice that Jesus made for them so that they can live for ETERNITY – (Eternally after they leave this earth) in the Presence of a Father who lavishly gives peace and joy and protects and loves and ONLY gives them what is BEST for them.

Because Mother's Day often causes us to ponder on these matters, why not take the time to receive God's love JUST FOR YOU as His child and then you will never be disappointed, discouraged, disheartened, disillusioned, frustrated or feel like you have been "Let down". Because



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when you are filled there is no need to search for love anywhere else.

You will just be able to give it away to others!

"..... So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

– Gal 2:20



*** Encourage Church upcoming events:

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

Tuesday 16th June = **COMMUNITY EVENT**
7pm @ Romsey Mechanics Institute
= Watoto African Children's Choir Performance

Sunday 19th July = 10am Morning Service
= Celebrate Messiah (Passover Teaching by Ps Lawrence Hirsch)

EVERYONE WELCOME

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".

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Conference for smarter businesses

Macedon Ranges businesses can learn smarter business practices from skilled professionals at a two day conference in Kyneton next month, hosted by Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Small Business Victoria.

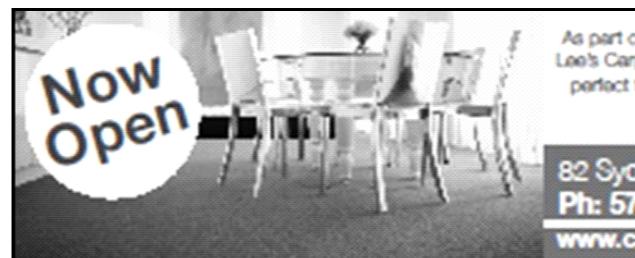
The Smart Business conference will be held from 19–20 May at the Kyneton Town Hall. Informed by feedback from the 2014 conference, this year's program offers a range of workshops to local business owners and their staff, covering marketing, online strategies, finance, better business practices as well as topics for start-up businesses.

The business development and growth needs of key industries were considered in this year's program, including tourism, agribusiness and equine. As a result, on offer are a "Pricing for Profit" workshop, ideal for retail and accommodation businesses; "Crisis Planning" which covers bushfires; and "Exiting your Business" for those thinking of retiring or moving on—also of value to farming enterprises planning for succession.

A handy workshop on business networking will be held prior to a networking luncheon on day one with an 'In it to Win it' one minute presentation on your business which is only available to a limited number—first in best dressed!

Many of the workshops come with a free follow-up mentoring session. The Small Business Victoria Mobile Business Centre will also be on site for the two days and available for one-on-one business mentoring sessions.

To secure your place, book now online at mrsc.vic.gov.au/smart-business or contact Council's Economic Development and Tourism department on 5422 0207 or via ecodevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au



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For more information please contact:

Rae Hooke 54291602

E. Parks 54291314

Come along and give us a try!

A Lancefield/Romsey Australian Labor Party sub branch is having its second meeting on Tuesday 12th of May at Maureen Thomas' home at 7:30PM, which is located at 63 Chauncey Street, Lancefield.

Anyone is welcome to join us, to find out more please contact Damien Parolin at damien.parolin@outlook.com.

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The Romsey Uniting Church Adult Fellowship

Invites you to join us for our annual Winter Luncheon

What Time: 11.15am for 11.45am lunch
When: Wednesday 10th June, 2015
Where: Romsey Uniting Church
Pohlman Street, Romsey 3434
Cost: \$12.50

“Come and enjoy food and fellowship”

Our speaker this year will be
Glenice Sigley - Christian Blind Mission

Trading Table and Door Prize.

RSVP. Hazel Allen 5429 5395

Jeni Clampit 5429 5480

Or mail to P.O. Box 264, Romsey. 3434

By 30th May, 2014

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Mr Carsisi – Kyneton
Café Colenso – Woodend
Pizza Verde – Kyneton
Small Holdings – Malmsbury
The Village Larder – Woodend

“Having great local support drives us to try new ideas and this is what is building ours and the region's reputation for innovative and interesting food options” says Catherine from Café Colenso, a sentiment shared by Tourism Macedon Ranges.

Why not do dinner and a show? Venues across the region continue to provide high quality productions from local and visiting artists throughout May.

1 May *Rod Quantock - The Last Tim Tam* at Malmsbury Town Hall
6 May *First Things First* at Kyneton Town Hall
8 May *The Paris Underground* at Kyneton Town Hall
1-9 May *Silvia* at Kyneton Mechanics
From 15 May *Monty Python's Spamalot* by the Mount Players
www.visitmacedonranges.com



Romsey Uniting Church



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

Secretary: Mrs Jenifer Clampit 5429 5480

*Lord, it's a bit insubstantial, honeysuckle against explosive.
Love against hate.
Forgiveness against violence.
And yet it's your way.*

*A way of patience, suffering, and vulnerability. It's hard.
I like the theory, but when it comes to living, then I reach for something firmer.*

I like the strength of walls, deceptive shelter, things I can hold, and count, and see.

But you, Lord, had nowhere, no home to lay your head.

No empire, No army.

Just a few men and women, simple folk, vulnerable as you.

People like Peter, whirling like a weathercock in a storm, facing all ways.

*Yet you chose him to be a rock.
And built a kingdom of hope.*

Not to be measured by this world.

Intangible as perfume.

Moving like the wind.

Blowing where it will, over the walls that divide us.

A breeze of hope, turning the flank of opposition.

Covering the stale smell of old fears and infidelities with the fragrance of forgiveness.

Teach us, Lord, that love can't be measured, Eternity can't be weighed. Just lived.

And put a little in my heart today.

Eddie Askew (dec.) Facing the Storm.

Church Services during May 2015

3rd. 9am.	Worship Service conducted by the Worship Team
10th. 9am.	Worship Service and Holy Communion
17th 9am	Worship Service conducted by theology student Beth Donnelly.
24th 9am	Worship Service conducted by theology student Beth Donnelly.

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The works to improve the drainage on the laneway were finished just in time for our Antiques Fair. We discovered a few additional problems with the sewerage system and these too were repaired, our thanks to Julie Wynd who worked so hard to get us additional funding for these vital repairs.

Antiques Fair

Stall holders began arriving on Friday as the truck was taking away the old piping and other remnants of the original pathway. By late Friday afternoon all was in place and a few locals had snuck in for an early look at the goods on display.



Our Antiques Fair was a wonderful success, over the weekend we had more than 450 people through the door and both buyers and sellers were very pleased with the results. We now have five stalls already booked for the 2016 Antiques Fair.



Our partnership with the Romsey Neighbourhood House proved very successful and we hope that our two organisations can work together to provide more options for the community. We would also like to thank the CWA and Romsey Golf Club who put on such wonderful morning and afternoon teas during the weekend.

At the moment our roof repairs are on hold while we try to get a scaffolding company to actually arrive and give us a quote for scaffold to allow us to carry out roof repairs and possibly some window and door lintel works as well as masonry repairs.

If you have a function coming up please consider the RMI. Bookings and inquiries can be made at;
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From the editors:



COMBINED PROBUS CLUB Of ROMSEY and LANCEFIELD Inc.

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Monthly Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday at 10am in St.Mary's Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey.

Next meeting Thursday 28th May, 2015 at 10am.

Guest Speaker: Annie Phelan.

Outing for Wednesday, 20th May, 2015 is lunch at the Lancefield Hotel.

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

On 15th April, nineteen members enjoyed the bus trip to Creswick Woolen Mill, then on to Ballarat where we visited the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka, the Ballarat Botanical Gardens (where there are 27 busts in Prime Minister Avenue) and on the way home we visited Musk (Istra Smallgoods). A very enjoyable and interesting day.

Are you interested in Membership??

We meet once a month and we deal with the normal matters of a club, like correspondence, treasury, and discuss the last outing we had enjoyed, and most important, where we are going to next month—a short tour, a long tour, a lunch somewhere. Our monthly meeting always finishes with morning tea, which is followed by a guest speaker with an interesting topic.



A few of our members enjoy 'Ten Pin Bowling' each fortnight at Watergardens (*definitely non-serious*) followed by lunch at a nearby hotel or club.



We also enjoy a monthly musical/film afternoon at a members home and Friday coffee mornings at a local café.

If you are retired, or close to retiring, come along and join us and learn more about what Probus can offer you to assist you in staying active.

All we want to achieve is a day of enjoyment and friendship. Please come and have a look at what we do and who we are.

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



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may become worse, Christians must heed our Saviour's words. LOVE must rule in our hearts, minds and actions.

APRIL IN RETROSPECT

April began with the celebrations of the most vital and solemn time in the Church's year - the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. A.M.S. and the GUILD met to plan further activities. **EASTER RAFFLE RESULTS** - Christ Church Lancefield Restoration Appeal - 1st Prize.. L. Jones Romsey 2nd..Marg. Love Lancefield 3rd..S. Quigg 4th Prize Graeme ? ..Port Fairy. Thank you all for your support!

MAY 2015 DIARY

Thurs.14th..8pm.AMS (Anglican Men's Society) meets at Mrs F. Carter's home, Monegeetta."NARDOO" SNOOKER NIGHT. All men welcome! Tom 5429-6060 Sat.16th..8.30am. AMS MEN'S BREAKFAST Christ Church Lancefield. GUEST SPEAKER. Enq. Max. 5429-1597 Tom 5429-6060. Sunday 17th. 7pm. HEALING SERVICE. Christ Church Lancefield. Rev. D. Farlie Thurs.21st..1.30pm..The GUILD meets Christ Church Hall Lancefield.

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Let's Get Fit and Healthy!



Gentle Exercise: (Mondays 10am-11am) \$5 per class. It's fun and tailored to meet the abilities of each participant! May assist with mobility, balance, bladder control and joint pain. Chair based exercises available. Enquiries: Jan on 5428 1223 or 0412 219 900. Join us after class for a cuppa!

Yoga: (Mondays 7pm-8:30pm) \$15 per class when paid in full at the commencement of the term. \$20 casual rate. Enquiries: Leisa Kirk on 0408 934 656.

Tai Chi: (Tuesdays 1pm-2pm) \$10 per class. Come along and enjoy the energising benefits of Tai Chi. Enquiries: Jan on 5428 1223 or 0412 219 900.

Konga: **NEW!** (Tuesdays 7pm-8pm) Thursdays (9.30am-10.30am) KONGA is a wild mash-up of Boxing, Kickboxing, Cardio, Afro, Pop, Rock, Pilates, Disco & everything in between specifically designed to shape, sculpt & redefine your physique. It's the one class that really does have it all, don't miss out! Great for whole family! \$10 class. Bookings essential: Lauren 0431 314 157

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

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

Yoga: (Thursdays 7pm-8:30pm) **Saturdays 8am-9.00am** \$15 per class when term is paid before end of week 1. \$18 casual rate. Enquiries: Lisa Moore on 0448 345 338.

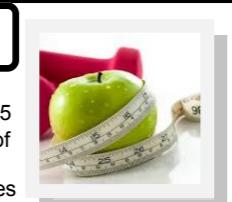
Beginners Pilates: (Fridays 10.30am-11.30am, **Wednesday 7pm-8pm**) **NEW!** \$15 per class or 10% discount if Term Fees are paid in full at the commencement of the term. Bookings: Trish (day) class on 0411 447 392, April (night) class on 0427 150 976 .

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

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

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Let's Get Creative!



Art Group:

(Mondays 7pm-9pm) \$ Gold coin. Do you love Art? Then whatever your medium is bring it along to this social group and create!.... And talk art of course. Enquiries: Dot on 0419 547 064.

Art In Company: **NEW!** (Tuesdays 11am-2pm) \$2 Gold coin. Bring your work in progress and join like minded people for 3 hours of creative stimulation. Enquiries: 5429 6724

Craft Group: (Tuesdays 12pm-3:30pm) \$ Gold Coin. Bring along your latest project and craft away in the company of others and maybe pick up a new skill or two! Contact 5429 6724

Art Classes for Children: (Tuesdays 3:45pm-4:45pm) \$80 for a ten week term. Weekly classes for children. Bring your own materials. Booking essential. Contact: the House to book in.

Crocheting for Beginners: **NEW!** (Commencing Wednesday April 22nd 10.30-12.00pm) \$20 per session. 5 sessions. All materials provided. Bookings: 5429 6724

Learn to Spin: **NEW!** (2 sessions Wednesday 22nd April, 29th April 1.00-2.00pm) \$40 2 sessions or \$35 concession. Bring your own wheel, or one provided. Bookings: 5429 6724

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

Watercolours for Beginners-Intermediates:

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

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

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

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

CHILDREN'S SPEECH THERAPIST— Tuesday fortnightly 3pm—5pm. For bookings contact Naomi McCraw on 0438 834 125.

What is Croup?

By Jane Horton, Medical Practice Assistant Candidate, Happy Bodies Health Service.

My child sounds like they are barking like a "seal" when they cough!

Croup is a problem of swelling in the airway (windpipe or trachea), almost always caused by a virus. Croup usually starts with a cold or cough and results in noisy breathing and a harsh, barking cough. Most children who have croup are under five years old. Some older children (aged between three and eight years) may develop occasional croup. It may occur in adults, but this is extremely rare. The worst time of year for children to have croup is in the winter months and often at night (although it can happen anytime). Croup is very common, but can be scary for children and parents.

The symptoms include:

- Noisy breathing (inspiratory stridor) – a high-pitched sound
- Harsh, barking cough – like a seal or dog
- Hoarse voice
- Difficulty breathing – depending on how severe the illness is.

Most children with croup can be managed at home with lots of hugs, lots of love, and if they feel awful some paracetamol. It is always a good idea to have your child checked out by your local doctor, nurse practitioner, physician associate or other health provider.

Mild croup generally settles within a couple of hours and the child goes back to sleep. If the croup doesn't settle, or if your child becomes more distressed or unwell, take them to your health provider, unless you think it is an emergency, in that case call an ambulance.

The treatment by medical health providers for croup usually include:

- **Steroids** – Steroids decrease the length of the croup episodes. They also reduce the need for admission to hospital.

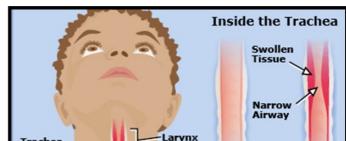
When does Croup become an emergency: if the child's symptoms don't settle quickly with comforting, if they become short of breath, unresponsive and stop crying, the child needs urgent medical care. In very rare cases, a severe croup attack can cause a child to stop breathing. The symptoms of croup are also similar to those caused by other, much more serious conditions. For example, your child could have epiglottitis (inflammation of the epiglottis).

Call an ambulance paramedic (dial 000) immediately if your child:

- Is obviously not well
- Has a high fever
- Is breathing more quickly or has difficulty breathing
- Makes a noise while breathing (particularly a snoring sound or on breathing out, even when resting)
- Has difficulty swallowing
- Suddenly starts to cough
- Conscious state changes or patient becomes lethargic or floppy
- Is restless, anxious or sweating
- Has a bluish tinge to the lips
- The tissue and skin pull inwards in the neck or chest while the child is breathing

The emergency care of croup

usually requires treatment with nebulised adrenaline. Nebulised adrenaline is administered by paramedics and your child will need to be followed up at hospital, that is why it is best to call an ambulance.



Nebulised adrenaline – in severe symptoms, adrenaline may be given (by paramedics or in hospital) to relieve the swelling in the windpipe. A device called a nebuliser is used to administer the medication in the form of a mist that is inhaled into the lungs.

Prevention: Unfortunately it is not usually possible to prevent croup. Many viruses can cause it and there is no immunisation available against most of them. However, immunisation against influenza is recommended as this may actually prevent croup caused by the influenza virus (influenza-induced croup). All children who are aged six months and older can be immunised against influenza. This is especially important for children with an underlying chronic illness such as asthma or cystic fibrosis. Antibiotics will not be of use as the viruses that cause croup will not respond to this treatment.

For more information or if you have any questions please contact your regular health care provider or visit: <http://gpafterhours.net.au> or <http://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/>

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