

Romsey Golf Club Women's Report

19th June was the Silverspoon play off which was won by me 100-21-79 and I will go on to play in the state final in October. It was a surprisingly lovely sunny day but the cold wind came up late in the round.

Elaine Scanlon is our Singles Knockout Champion this year. Congratulations to her.

20th June was the Euroa tournament which Lorraine, Elaine and I played in. The weather was perfect and Elaine 107-36-71 won the C grade nett trophy.

Monday 24th June: the Dalhousie Foursome's Championships were held at Lancefield. Was the frost severe that morning!! With the Strathbogie ladies announcing it was -4 when they arrived and no-one is allowed to complain about how cold Strathbogie is again. Once the ice thawed it was a beautiful sunny day which produced some good scores. Unfortunately Kath and Denise or Elaine and Wendy weren't in the winning pairs.

Wednesday 26th June was stroke and putting for the June monthly medal. Frost again made the first few holes very icy and interesting putting with the ball picking up ice as it rolled along. I was the winner.

Wednesday 3rd July: a fun day for our Christmas in July. Our vice captain showed her true colours and we played a par three course, with some very interesting tee placements. Even with the tee directly behind the bunker on the 15th we all managed it differently with no-one stuck in the bunker. I was the winner. Meanwhile on this day Elaine was at Trentham as a guest at their Guest Day. She and Mary combined well enough to be runners up in the guest member section.

Tuesday 9th July: Kath and Wendy played in the Kyneton Winter 4BBB. They enjoyed the mystery boxes on some tees with chocolate snacks or bickies and cheese and of course the sherry or wine to go with it. The good day was finished off with 36 pts and winning a ball in the ball comp.

Wednesday 10th July: Stableford was played on another glorious frosty winter's day. Despite the perfect conditions scores were not good and I (21) won with 28pts.

Monday 12 August: We wish Leila and Jan good hitting as they contest the district final of the RWH 4BBB at Yea. Recipe this month is a repeat of last month's as the directions were left off.

Pumpkin Tart

Jap pumpkin
Feta cheese
4 eggs
½ cup cream, ½ Cup milk
Salt & pepper

Beat eggs add milk and cream salt & pepper and pour over pumpkin and crumbled cheese in a pastry case. And bake in a moderate oven til set.

Beryl Cole 54295411

Everyone at Romsey Golf Club is well aware that Romsey Park is Crown Land, owned by the people of Victoria, and open to everyone to use for a leisurely walk, a chance to get the dogs out into the open, a run or for some more strenuous exercise. We appreciate all those who use the park and who let us know when damage has occurred to our greens/tees/flags or if they have ideas for new gardens or other works to improve the park and the golf course. Over the past four years RGC has planted almost 500 trees and bushes. Please take a walk through the Park and see how our works are going.

Romsey Golf Club – Men's Report <http://romseygolfclub.net>

Saturday July 20th - Stableford

After the rain and wind during the week and the cold, grey skies of the morning players were not sure just what to expect as they headed off to the tee. Both dams were full and there was plenty of casual water on the fairways and on many of the greens making for challenging approach shots and even more challenging putts. The drizzle and cold northerly winds kept up for the first half of the round, then for a few brief holes the sun came out and the wind dropped. The drizzle returned late in the day and again, only the final two groups were caught. On a tough day at the office, where posting a good score was more than difficult, the results were; **Winner;** Rob Rea - (17) 37 pts, **NTPs;** 15 - Anthony Lakey

Saturday July 13th - Stroke

A determined group of golfers hit off under dark skies, steady northerly winds and intermittent drizzle. The heavy frosts and some overnight rain meant that the course was quite damp and balls would pick up mud so relief was given. The cold air and the steady wind found many players well short or wide of their intended landing zone. The afternoon remained cool; fortunately the heavy rain held off until the final few holes and only the final two groups were really effected. The day's results were;

Winner; Heath Rea - 87/17/70 (A fine return after not playing golf for almost 12 months) from Les Gaunt - 78/4/74

NTPs went to; 15 - Heath Rea and 16 - Les Gaunt.

Saturday July 6th - Par

The sky was overcast, there was light drizzle and a steady breeze, with occasional gusts, from the north moving to the NW as players, with some trepidation, took to the course for the club's Par competition. However, as so often happens on golf courses, after about four holes, the skies cleared and the sun came out making for an enjoyable afternoon to be strolling around in such a wonderful environment. Nevertheless, as has been the case at RGC over the past few weeks, the wonderful conditions were not able to put a smile on the players' faces and with one exception, the scoring was again well below par!

Winner; John Freestone (20) +1 from Andrew Laing (17) -3

NTPs went to 15 - Anthony Freeman & 16 - Ron Walker.

Saturday June 29th - Monthly Medal, Stroke & putts.

Well, for the second week in a row, the conditions for golf were excellent, clear skies and virtually no wind on a surprisingly warm winter's afternoon. The fairways had reasonable cover and were well mown and the greens were both fast and true. However, for the second week, the course had laid down the challenge and no golfer was really able to rise to the occasion and post a sub-par round.

Winner, and June Monthly Medalist; Pat Chisholm - 89/17/72 c/b from Tyson Ellis - 92/20/72.

NTPs; 1 - Ron Walker, 15 - Anthony Freeman. Least putts - John Laing - 29 c/b from Les Gaunt.

The Romsey team enjoyed the afternoon at the Dalhousie Bowl at Broadford on Sunday June 30th. However this enjoyment do not flow over into the results with RGC finishing well toward the tail of the 79 player field.

Saturday June 22 - Stableford

Players teed off in wonderful conditions, virtually a perfect winter's day. For the first time in many weeks there was almost no wind, clear skies and plenty of sun. To top off the day it was wonderful to welcome ex-captain and much valued club member, Geoff Pyke, down from Brisbane and back in Romsey for a round and a reminder of what winter really is like. The morning's heavy frost had meant that the greens could not be mowed; this did add a little spice (extreme frustration?) to the round. On such a great day for golf, the scoring was well below par. The fairways, good grass cover and true bounce, continued their remarkable recovery from the extended dry so no excuses there. The day's results were;

Winner; Pat Chisholm (17) 34 pts. **NTPs;** 15 - John Boyce.

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We are also looking for people to help with the editorial and layout side of the Rag. This job requires a fairly good knowledge of Microsoft Publisher. It generally takes between 12 and 15 hours to set up the Rag ready for publication. This is done between the 15th of each month and printing day. For further information contact Robyn Moore on 5429 5099.

Finally we also would like to hear from anyone interested in learning the printing side of the Rag. We have a wonderful volunteer Colin who is responsible for this task, but it would be great if there was a backup person on the odd occasion when Colin is not available. Please contact Robyn Moore on 5429 5099 for more information. Printing takes about 6 hours on a Wednesday.

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Luncheon - September 6th

2014 Centenary of Australian Red Cross and the Romsey Red Cross Unit. We would like to honor the past committees and members. If you are a past member or relative of a past member we are looking for photos, records, minutes, anything that can help us recreate the past 100 years.

The next meeting **1pm** second Tuesday of the month at The Uniting Church Pohlman Street, Romsey. **ALL WELCOME**

Chairperson: Karen Hermann 5429 6658

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Hi everyone I am really excited as I have just hung some new Art Works at Soltan Pepper In Romsey . In the last six months my students have really improved and again I Invite you to come in and have a look at our pieces and enjoy the warm atmosphere and have a coffee and cake or a meal at our favourite Romsey restaurant. Lamb Shanks I believe are the special this month along with their warm winter soups. Our artworks are for sale and 10% of sales go to support our local fire brigades. Enjoy! Regards, Gillian.



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Bridge & roundabout upgrades in progress

Several bridge upgrades are underway in the Macedon Ranges, with some due for completion in the next few weeks. "There have been some impacts on traffic conditions due to these works, with diversions on place in some instances. We thank motorists for their patience while these works are completed," said Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Director of Assets and Operations, Dale Thornton.

Three Chain Road, Carlsruhe (photos next page)

Three Chain Road is a significant and direct link between Lancefield and Kyneton. Construction works are progressing well, and the concrete deck has now been poured. The road approaches (asphalt surface) will be constructed shortly. Traffic diversions are currently in place while works are completed and it is expected that the road will be re-opened within the next fortnight.

Central Road, Tylden

The existing deck has been removed, the abutments have been repaired and the deck supports have been constructed. The concrete deck is expected to be installed this week and the road approaches constructed within the next fortnight. Traffic diversions are currently in place while works are completed.

Moffats Lane, Romsey

The existing deck has been removed and the abutments are to be repaired shortly. The concrete deck has been cast and will be installed when the repair work is complete. Traffic diversions are currently in place while works are completed.

Aitken Street/Willowbank Road Roundabout, Gisborne

Construction works started at the beginning of the school holidays and works are progressing well, with concrete kerbing currently underway. Pavement preparation will begin over the next week with asphaltting planned in approximately three weeks. There are no traffic diversions and it is expected all works will be completed in 5-6 weeks.

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ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Footy Day – A Huge Success

At the end of term two, Parent Club organised a successful Footy Day. Students were able to wear the colours of their favourite teams and during lunch time, Tony O'Dwyer, the AusKick leader and a number of parent volunteers ran football drills and activities. An amazing 304 lunch orders were serviced, raising an approximate profit of \$750 to go towards amenities for the school.

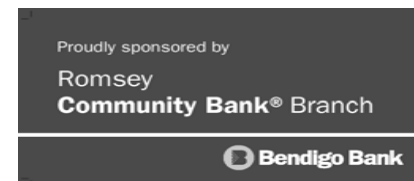
An Exciting Term Ahead

The school musical spectacular is just weeks away. All students are working very hard on perfecting their roles to ensure that audiences have a very special evening of entertainment. They are presenting The Mummy Returns Again. This is about the tomb of Pharaoh which has been uncovered by a group of explorers. Not only has the Mummy returned but he's brought rap music with him and this threatens to take over the world. Thankfully Dr Frankenstein comes to the rescue with an interesting creation of his own. We have two casts both doing two performances with the first on 13th August. Tickets can be booked at the school office. For enquiries phone 54295099.

Other major events coming up are the Prep 100 Days of Learning with an exciting range of activities planned to celebrate the preps' fantastic progress in their learning. A number of parents have prepared a special banner for this day. The year 5s are looking forward to the Urban Camp and year 3s to the school sleepover. We are also excited to have Alpha Productions back again to perform King Arthur. In previous years the school has enjoyed their highly entertaining performances with the last one in 2011 being Cinderella.

You Can Do It

The school was delighted to host a parent session on the You Can Do It program. Margaret Milne from the You Can Do It Foundation explained the five keys that unlock their children's potential for success and well-being. An interested group of parents learnt how to determine which of the five keys their children possess and which keys they need to help their children use more effectively. Parents explored different ways in which they can strengthen the five keys in their children and how to develop an action plan for helping their children apply they keys in all areas of their lives. The You Can Do It program is proudly sponsored by Romsey/Lancefield Bendigo Community Bank and we were pleased to have Rod Browning, Tim McCarthy and Emily Blades in attendance.



Sporting Success

The school was delighted to have our girls netball team compete at the district level in Bendigo after winning at the Cobaw District. The team had a great experience and showed excellent sportsmanship even though they did not win a match. Congratulations to Georgie Prespakis for reaching the state cross country level of competition. She had a challenging job at Bundoorra but did an excellent job finishing in the middle of the field.

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Cancer Council Victoria awards Lancefield/Macedon Ranges community!



The dedication and hard work of Lancefield/Macedon Ranges' Relay For Life supporters has been acknowledged with an award from Cancer Council Victoria. Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relayers were presented with a Community Fundraising award at Cancer Council Victoria's annual Relay For Life Summit on the weekend.

The Relay For Life Summit provides a forum for volunteers to receive news and information from Cancer Council Victoria staff and to build relationships and receive training from other volunteers. Each Summit aims to inspire and inform volunteers, so they can continue to grow their local Relay For Life.

Since the Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay commenced in 2003, the local community has raised over \$1 million for Cancer Council Victoria. The Community Fundraising award recognises and celebrates this significant milestone.

"Every dollar raised for Cancer Council Victoria ensures important cancer research, support and prevention programs are helping reduce the burden of cancer," Lancefield/Macedon Ranges volunteer committee member Ken Wiltshire said.

"It's important that we can continue to bring hope to those facing cancer, and the support of our community means that we can do that."

Relay For Life Program Manager Brett O'Farrell said that funds raised by the Lancefield/Macedon Ranges community are vital for the work of Cancer Council Victoria.

"These funds enable Cancer Council Victoria to continue work into valuable cancer research, prevention and support programs," he said.

Regional Summits will be held around Victoria June-August. To find out more email summit@relayforlife.org.au.

Lancefield/Macedon Ranges residents can register for the 2014 Relay For Life now. The Relay will be held on March 1 & 2.

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For RSVP & further info please contact Hayley Goodman (0409 936 814).

Bolinda & Monegeeta News 21 **Our Hall Building is 100!!**

AND THE WEATHER... From that long hot and dry summer to a good season with 248 (62) pts for June. Winter veggies are growing well, jonquils blooming and trees budding. We are well past the shortest day, so can delight in the slightly lengthening hours of daylight. This gives us more time to get onto that pruning...

HALL COMMITTEE is having a bit of a rest after the busy lead-up to and weekend of Centenary Celebrations. We were delighted to have people from near and far drop in for the afternoon chats and meets. Some folk had started Primary School in the Hall as preps, many had attended church and Sunday School in the Hall and many remembered fun days of Youth Club or school sports activities in the Hall. We had a wonderful range of speakers who had poignant or funny memories to share with us. The lavish afternoon tea received accolades as 'a right old-fashioned and delicious country spread'! It was not guaranteed calorie free...

Committee members had spent time collecting and organising (some great ladder work!) lots of charts, items and a range of memorabilia for display. Some of the original Parish Crown Allotment maps, the geology of the area, notable early settlers, and landmark places were some that created interest. The Bolinda School Book was a popular item and the complete lists of students and many school photos were drawcards for many. Pam Langdon's great artwork was a popular feature. We were able to use our new screen to show photos of some places in our area (watch out for some more really interesting days and displays utilising that screen!).

As with the original Hall opening, the weather was chilly and frosty, but the day – and night – were beautifully clear. Unfortunately, the horse and carriage ride did not eventuate, but the evening meal for approximately 100 people was a grand affair. A good meal, lots of memories from a some really interesting speakers, a fantastic address from our guest speaker, a right old-fashioned sing-along, wonderful attendees – and a great night was assured. We must mention the great address given by Pauline Brady, explaining her family's long association with the district and the on-going research. The other speakers who simply must get a mention are Nea Ferraro and Esta Christensen. Local young ladies – aged around 8 – who gave delightful addresses on why they loved living in the area. Guest speaker Keith Jenkins, for many years principal of the primary school, gave an outstanding address. With humour and great spirit, he entertained us with some wonderful anecdotes about the daily association the hall and school shared. Most notable was the foresight with which the school utilised the hall for their gourmet cooking classes and serving of meals. The school had, of course, grown its own produce – and all this well before the current initiative for school gardens and cooking classes had even been thought of in other areas. The Hall Committee members had very well swollen heads by the time he had finished his generous remarks! The first prize in the raffle, kindly donated by the Brady Family, was a meal at the Macedon Hotel – and Jenny Yewers was thrilled to win it! Hopefully the 2 runners-up enjoyed their Bolinda lamb meal.

HISTORY: FROM THE MINUTE BOOK: Well – this item is for the future Minute Book! The Hall Committee was delighted to receive a grant of \$6000 from the Macedon Shire Council. This is to be used for our kitchen upgrade, which will make the Hall a more pleasant, safe and efficient area for all the activities we have planned. We do thank the Shire for making this opportunity available to small (but worthy!) community groups such as ours. It is very easy to overlook the many such community groups the residents, through the Council, support. Thank you also to Cr McLoughlin and Joanne Duncan for their support for grants for the Hall.

HISTORY SUB-GROUP: The preparation for the Centenary celebrations have helped us focus on some of the history of the area. We have even identified a very knowledgeable local historian

(Tom Hoban) and we are keen to build up our knowledge of local historic sites and families. But we have also begun to try and gather to-day's history-in-the-making- for the Bi-Centennial of the Hall – though someone else can organise that event. We have started to profile lots of newer and younger families and are keen to collect social history...Yup! Lots on the go at Bolinda-Monegeeta

BOLINDA HALL(Melways 610 J9; cnr Mullaly's and Melb-Lancefield Road): Don't forget our community hall is available for hire at very cheap rates. We want to see it used. That's why it was built! Great for adult or children's parties with lots of safe outdoor space available. Excellent for corporate functions, with data projection available.

BOL-DARRA (Bolinda-Darraweit) GARDEN CLUB: We enjoyed a wonderful visit via ferry, to the Williamstown Botanic Gardens for our June meeting. These Gardens are one of the earliest – and smallest – but as the brochure says, an absolute gem. The wonderful Palm Avenue is the highlight but there are many interesting plants and settings. They are renown for their glorious Crinums in flowering season. Of course, some of our members were at least equally interested in the so-fresh fish 'n chipper where we had the freshest fish possible for lunch; and the unbelievable ice-cream flavors we enjoyed for an afternoon snack...

Remember, you are always welcome to join us. We meet at Bolinda Hall at 1:30 for a chat and brief discussion session...and then we move off to our garden visit about 2:00. (You might like to phone us first, if you haven't been before; we occasionally have earlier starts). Dates for this year are July 27th, August 31st, September is the Spring Fair on Sunday the 15th and a Community Dinner, Sept 20th to celebrate the week after; October 26th and November 30th.

PEOPLE OF THE MONTH: No space for our people this month – but we have plenty of profiles for future editions!

COMING EVENTS:

CFA Christmas in July on July 20th

Spring Fair and Daffodil Show September 15th

Community Celebration Dinner September 20th

Garden Club: Dates for this year are August 31st, October 26th and November 30th.

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Equine industry network established in the Macedon Ranges

A new equine industry network, named "R.E.I.N", has been established by Macedon Ranges Shire Council in partnership with members of the equine community. The network, which stands for *Ranges Equine Industry Network*, was developed as part of the Macedon Ranges Equine Industry Strategy 2011-16.

Council's Manager of Economic Development and Tourism, Kylie Lethbridge, said that it will be an action-based network that will assist Council to implement the actions outlined in the Equine Strategy.

"We are in the process of forming task groups to work with us to deliver some of the actions in the strategy such as communications, the equine centre feasibility and emergency management. We have representatives from a broad cross-section of the local equine industry on board, including large and small businesses, clubs and riders, and we would encourage anyone with an interest in horses to join the network," she said.

Network members will have a chance to provide input into the implementation of the five year equine strategy and will also receive regular updates about equine-related news and events happening throughout the shire.

To find out more about the Equine Strategy, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/business/strategies

To join the network or a task group, contact Leanne Davey on 5421 9617 or email ldavey@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Bringing up great kids program

Macedon Ranges Shire Council, in partnership with Cobaw Community Health are delivering a 6-week program which supports parents to improve communication and develop respectful interactions with their children. It also provides parents with the skills to encourage the development of their child's positive self-identity.

Commencing on Wednesday 7 August, sessions will be held from 10am-12noon at the Romsey Community Hub, 96-100 Main Street, Romsey. Morning tea will be provided and bookings are essential as places are limited.

To register your place, contact Janet Nicola on 5422 0281 by Wednesday 31 July.

The program has been developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation.



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Romsey bore to help boost drinking water supply

Water from Romsey's new bore will be used to supplement the Romsey drinking water supply, after a drop in water levels in Kerrie Reservoir.

Bore water will comprise up to 15 per cent of Romsey's drinking water over the next few months, to give the reservoir a chance to recover.

"Using local water from the Romsey bore will save us pumping water from Melbourne and help boost Kerrie Reservoir in time for summer," Western Water's Managing Director, Neil Brennan, says.

"The cost of water from Melbourne has increased, so using local water where possible is one way we are keeping price rises down for our customers," Mr Brennan says.

The \$1.9 million Romsey bore project was completed a year ago, including upgrades to the bore and water filtration plant, a new pipeline and expanded bore monitoring network.

"Residents shouldn't notice a change in their drinking water, as the concentration of bore water is quite low," Mr Brennan says.

"All drinking water for Romsey is treated at our filtration plant to meet the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines."

Western Water prices went up on July 1, with an average homeowner's annual bill going up by \$47 this year, and tenants' bills by \$15.



Council advocates for NBN in the Macedon Ranges

Macedon Ranges Shire Council welcomed the opportunity to participate in a round table meeting with the new Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, Mr Anthony Albanese, in Bendigo last week.

The meeting was facilitated by the iLoddon Mallee Working Group, of which Council is a member. It provided the opportunity for Council to continue their involvement in the advocacy campaign for high-speed broadband across the region.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council Mayor, Roger Jukes, said Council's involvement in these discussions is essential.

"We are fortunate to have the support of the iLoddon Mallee Working Group and to have the Macedon Ranges included in their advocacy campaign. "We will also continue to advocate directly with NBN Co, whenever possible, to ensure that more communities within the Macedon Ranges receive high-speed broadband," he said.

For more information, call the NBN Co Contact Centre on 1800 816 818 or visit www.nbnco.com.au

National Broadband Network Information Session

The National Broadband Network (NBN Co) will host a community information session on Tuesday 13 August in Romsey to discuss the planned NBN rollout in the Macedon Ranges.

The session is aimed at residents and businesses interested in finding out more information about the future of high-speed internet and the digital economy at a local level.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council Mayor, Cr Roger Jukes encouraged anyone interested in accessing NBN services to attend.

"This is the second community information session presented by NBN Co in the Macedon Ranges. The first was held in Kyneton and was very well attended.

"With the announcement earlier in the year that Romsey and Kyneton have been added to the three year NBN rollout plan, we felt that it was important to provide another opportunity for the community to ask questions and be given the details about the rollout," he said.

The session will be held at the Romsey Community Hub and will commence at 6.30pm on Tuesday 13 August 2013.

For further information, or to register your attendance at the workshop, contact Gaynor Atkin on 5421 9615 or email gatkin@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

For more information relating to the NBN rollout contact the NBN Contact Centre on 1800 816 818 or email info@nbnco.com.au.

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Romsey Kindergarten News

Fundraising

Orders are still open for Uniforms and drink bottles Book Club catalogue needs to be in by the end of July. Cookie Dough is available in tubs to order and there's many yummy flavours. Orders can be accepted up **until the 9th of August**. All children who order cookie dough will get a prize! All tubs are \$16 and there's so many flavours!

Committee

We are always looking for new members to assist out with various roles and fundraisers and join in with everything at kinder. Committee meetings are on the last Wednesday of every month. Contact Andrew 0419114523 (Secretary) or Beth 0413726768 (President) if you are interested.

Open Day

On the 19th of May we held a very successful Open Day with Raffle, Stalls, Showbags, Jumping Castle, Colouring in Competition, Bake Stall and BBQ.

Approximately \$400 was raised to be used on tea sets for Wattle/Jacaranda and holls house furniture for Acacia.

Congratulations go to Kay Futcher for winning our raffle hamper, Harry Wilson for winning the boys' colouring in and Maisie Wilson for winning the girls colouring in competition.

Thanks to everyone who donated goods to the bake stall, helped on the BBQ and made the day a Huge Success. Thanks to the Toy Library for their jumping castle, IGA & Butchers@Romsey for sausage sizzle, and to all the committee who pulled together for a brilliant team effort. Thanks to all the stallholders who came on the day.

Bunnings BBQ

Our Bunnings BBQ was very successful and thanks go out to all who helped out on the day. We made over \$1000 on the day. Congratulations to Emily Blades for winning the Bunnings raffle. All monies will be used to buy new blocks and kitchens for the kinder rooms!

It's nice to see all the rewards for all the hard work and remember all the fundraisers go to help achieve the best learning environment for your children.

Winter Policy

Our Kids still love outdoor play in the winter months. Please rug your kids up so they can go outside. Jumpers and jackets are important to keep the cold away. Our uniform Jumpers are available and are nice and toasty this time of year.

2014 Enrolments

Enrolments for 2014 are now open and they are required back to council by the 30th of June 2013. Enrolment forms are in the foyer on the noticeboard.

For 2014 school enrolments we have bucket hats in all local school colours so if you would like to have one to get ready for school in 2014 please place an order now. Info nights are currently running at schools at present. Any info can be found on the schools websites or in our foyer. Our 4 year old classes will do transition to school days in Terms 3 and 4.

Earn and Learn stickers

All stickers need to come back to us by the start of term three on the 17th of July. There's a box in the foyer for the sheets and stickers. Thanks to all who have collected them for us. When we know how we go we will let you know!

Kinder Class Contacts

Please call the appropriate room for kinder. The phone rings on one side or the other not both. The contacts for each room are as follows:

Book club – orders back July 30th
Uniform and Drink bottle fundraiser – orders still accepted
Cookie Dough Orders back by 9 th of August
Welcome back for Term 3

**Jacaranda Room – Kym, Kim and Catherine
(03) 54295294**

Acacia Room – Liz, Kay and Chris(03) 54296076

Grants Success!

Our Kindergarten has been lucky enough to be awarded a \$1000 Sammy's School Garden Grant by Western Water to develop sensory gardens in each of our outdoor areas. Western Water awards these grants to ten schools around the region each year as part of the organisation's Corporate Social Responsibility Program. Our aim is to build a fun garden for the children to explore which is not only beautiful but tantalises their senses and imagination. We would love parents to look in your own gardens – take a few cutting and start striking some plants. If families could donate one or two home grown plants it will follow through with the sustainability concept of the project and would be greatly appreciated. Think sensory – sight, smell, sound, taste & touch. If you're not sure and would like to talk plant ideas or would like to be more involved in this project please contact me. Hannah - 0401 085 125
Grants Officer

Here's a picture of the garden equipment we were given with our grant. Thanks to Hannah's hubby Denis and her children for going and accepting the grant on the Kinder's behalf.



Thanks to our grants officer Hannah Sutton for going out and getting this grant!

Term 3

Our term three dates are as follows:
15th of July to the 20th of September.

May everyone have a great winter holiday and see you all fresh faced for term 3!

Trivia Night


Our next big event will be the Trivia Night. So that you can organise tables and babysitters it will be held on the 19th of October 2013 from 7:30pm at the Romsey Uniting Church Hall in Pohlman Street Romsey. Tickets are \$10 each or a table of 8 is \$50. We are looking for any donations for door prizes, raffles and Silent Auction Prizes so if anyone would like to donate something or some of their time please get in Contact with Marg Ryan or Beth Heim on 0413726768 or 54293824.

Picture Plates


Picture Plates were done in the last two weeks of Term 2 and are currently being processed by Picture Products. All plates should be back mid to late August. It's a great memento and thanks for all the support. 67 plates were ordered and all look great!

From the Editors:

We apologise to the Romsey Kindergarten for the omission of their articles from the June and July editions of the Romsey Rag. It was not intentional, merely an oversight on our behalf. The Romsey Rag team wholeheartedly endorses the important role our Kinder plays in our community.



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Come along and hear Glenda on Sunday 11th August at 10am at **Encourage Church 7 Mitchell Court Romsey**.

Glenda will also be speaking on Saturday August 10th at 2pm at Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House

and 6pm at Woodend Community Centre.

Entry is free with refreshments provided and a free-will love offering will be taken up. Encourage Church aims to bring world class speakers to our local community so that we can "Encourage one another to be ALL that we can be in life and in God".

For further details please contact Encourage Church Office **5429 6327**

More Than Just Music

Local Music Education business developing young minds



Mini Maestros has been an important part of pre-school education for nearly 30 years. The program has been developed for children aged 6 months to 5 years and actively involves them in singing, movement activities, playing percussion instruments, dances and dramatic play activities. The benefits of this program extend far beyond developing an understanding and appreciation of music; it fosters development in other important areas such as language, speech and vocabulary, cognitive and motor skills, as well as listening and social skills. Children also learn about sharing and working with others, and make discoveries about themselves and their world. Making music 'lights up' the whole brain, which helps to develop the 'whole' child.

'Learning through play' is at the heart of the Mini Maestros program and ensures children have fun while they learn. It makes learning experiences meaningful to children and fosters positive attitudes towards learning. Jo Irwin, who owns and runs the Mini Maestros Macedon Ranges franchise, has observed from her classes the many things that children love about Mini Maestros, including that they "learn to love learning."

Jo was recently awarded a Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Award for her Mini Maestros franchise. The award recognizes Jo's outstanding service and professionalism. When asked about the award, Jo said, "I feel very proud to have our business recognised as a quality music education program and it was exciting to be nominated amongst other professional services in the region."

For Jo, owning and running her Mini Maestros franchise is ideal and has exceeded her expectations. "Choosing Mini Maestros has enabled me to combine my interest in business management with my love of music. The rewards I receive every day through the hugs and smiles of the families that attend our classes are greater than I ever expected."

Local Mini Maestros classes run in Gisborne, Kyneton, Macedon, Romsey, Sunbury and Woodend. For more information, visit www.minimaestros.com.au or phone Jo on 0417-703-690.

Classes operate in Romsey every Thursday morning at the Romsey Recreation Centre. Spaces are still available for term 3 programs.



Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA) UPDATE

The Great McEwen Business Breakfast is Nearly Here!

On Friday 9th August 2013, voters from across the Federal electorate of McEwen will converge on Romsey for The Great McEwen Breakfast Debate.

As previously reported, this event will be a Q and A style forum where all candidates for the electorate will answer questions from their voting public.

Ms. Tracey Curro, (journalist, producer, corporate communications expert) will be the moderator for what is sure to be a lively forum as the 2013 Federal Election approaches.

All candidates for the Federal seat of McEwen will be in attendance. Mr. Rob Mitchell (current member for McEwen) will be joined by Ms. Donna Petrovich (Liberal Party), Mr. Neil Barker (Greens Party), Mr. Trevor Dance (Palmer United Australia Party) and Mr. Bruce Stevens (Katter's Australian Party) at Cope Williams Winery for a gourmet a la carte breakfast.

This is YOUR opportunity to meet, greet and quiz the Candidates!

Attendees will be invited to submit questions ahead of the event, with an opportunity to submit questions on the day to be answered if time permits.

With interest in the Federal Election sure to build over the next few weeks, RRBATA anticipates much interest from constituents and media in this event.

Tickets to this event will **cost \$50 per person** and can be purchased through <http://election13mcewen.eventbrite.com.au>. An **Early Bird Discount** (\$40 per person) will be available for tickets purchased before 9pm Thursday 25th July 2013.

Please note: Ms. Tracey Curro appears by arrangement with Saxton Speakers Bureau.



Light Up The Sky 2014 is Coming!

Following the success of a grant application through the Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Community Funding Scheme, RRBATA is pleased to announce that Light Up The Sky will again be scheduled in April 2014. It is anticipated to be bigger and better than the inaugural event in 2012. This event aims to promote the need for local community to support local business.

Further funding will be sought through grants and local sponsorships to ensure this event will be a low cost inclusive Romsey Autumn highlight!



Romsey Online Update

With the incredible support of Romsey Online's "webmaster", Dr. Greg Powell, RRBATA is actively canvassing input for a significant revamp of Romsey Online to enhance its aesthetic appeal and "useability". It is hoped this will be completed by the end of 2013. Please do not hesitate to provide feedback on this to info@romsey.org.au.

And 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: Joanne Hagan (Secretary) Phone: 0432 320 553 Email: hages10@optusnet.com.au



Students encouraged to explore reaching out 2013 Live4Life Competition



Entries are now open for the 2013 Live4Life Competition, which gives year 8 students from Gisborne Secondary College, Macedon Grammar, Braemar College, Kyneton Secondary College, Sacred Heart College and the Sunbury and Macedon Specialist School (Bullengarook campus) the opportunity to explore mental health issues and win some great prizes. This year's theme, 'Reach Out' is connected to what students have been learning throughout the year in Live4Life education sessions, and focuses on the importance of seeking help. The competition is designed to encourage young people to research what it means to 'Reach Out' and seek help in our local community when you feel you're not coping or you see a friend is having some trouble.

Entries can be submitted in a range of formats, including written and digital or multimedia (such as a podcast or DVD). The closing date for entries is Friday 13 September 2013.

The Live4Life competition is supported by Optus Country, Bakers Delight Kyneton, Brumbies Gisborne and Romsey Fresh Wholesale. Macedon Ranges Shire Council is also seeking prize donations from local businesses to support the Live4Life competition. All local business support will be recognised as part of the competition celebrations, to be attended by 800 students and staff.

Prizes will be announced at the Live4Life Celebration day at Braemar College on Wednesday 9 October 2013.

To donate a prize or for more information about the competition, visit www.live4life.org.au or call Jacqui Carter, Live4Life Coordinator on 5422 0275.

OLD DOG – RENEWED TRICKS!

When Amanda's old dog Muffin was not only struggling to get up and about in the mornings, but was struggling to move all the time, she wondered what she could do to help her best friend.

Muffin, a 13 year old Labrador-cross who had provided her with faithful companionship since being adopted from a shelter as a young dog, had slowed considerably since Amanda's aged cat had passed away early in the autumn; and quite noticeably since the cold weather had set in.

"Was Muffin reaching the end of the line too?" Amanda sadly wondered.

Amanda decided to take Muffin to her local vet for advice. The vet carefully checked over her much-loved pet and diagnosed the onset of arthritis in the dog's joints. A course of Cartrophen injections were recommended for Muffin, a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug to help with the pain of arthritis.

They initially seemed to relieve the symptoms and at the next visit the Vet mentioned trying acupuncture as well, adding, "Acupuncture can treat a range of conditions in animals very effectively."

Amanda was naturally a little skeptical of this ancient medicine, but when Muffin's mobility again became a struggle for the old dog, Amanda decided that the acupuncture treatment was worth a try.

The Vet explained to her that acupuncture is a therapeutic method that is used to treat the animal as a whole by rebalancing the body; primarily using needles to stimulate specific points on the animal's body. Amanda had read about acupuncture being an ancient art of therapy that originated in China over 5,000 years ago. Her Vet described it as an 'alternative medicine' that was introduced to Australia in the 70's and endorsed by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

"It's used to treat not only humans, but small and large animals as well" stated the Vet. "Animals normally respond very well to acupuncture."

To Amanda's amazement, Muffin accepted the acupuncture treatment happily enough. After the treatment, Muffin and Amanda returned home where the tired old dog fell into a long, deep

sleep, hardly stirring. Amanda started to worry, frequently checking on her canine companion whom she loved so much.

Once Muffin finally awoke, yawning and stretching, she followed Amanda out into the backyard, where Amanda sat on the bench in the winter sun. A moment later Muffin returned with her ball in her mouth, wagging her old tail, ready to play 'fetch' - something Muffin hadn't done in at least 10 weeks! An emotional Amanda readily joined in the game, hardly able to believe her eyes and the agility Muffin was now displaying!

Muffin returned at weekly intervals to the vet clinic to complete all of her 4 acupuncture sessions. Amanda continued to take Muffin in to the clinic for acupuncture every 3-4 months for 1-2 sessions, resulting in Muffin happily enjoying her twilight years, along with daily games of her favourite, 'fetch'.

Acupuncture has proven effective for animals in the treatment of a range of conditions, including musculoskeletal conditions, digestive problems, behavioural problems neurological, urinary and respiratory disorders.

Western scientific studies are demonstrating the effectiveness of acupuncture in reputable medical journals the world over. Acupuncture has been used by nearly one-third of the world (countries through Asia, Europe and South America) as a primary care system; and for over 200 years, in many more countries as non-conventional therapy.



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Here we are into the second half of year 2013. Time does go fast when we are having fun!! Our ladies are participating in a Beading lesson during July to make bracelets/necklaces/earrings at a member's home. This will be an enjoyable and informative day where we will share lunch with the demonstrator.



The Kyneton Daffodil Festival CWA Fair is to be held in September, and Romsey CWA will be manning (or is womaning?) the Pre-loved stall. For a good day out, come to Kyneton and see what wonderful, inexpensive treasures we have on our stall, as well as craft, cakes, books and plants available to purchase, PLUS the wonderful lunches and morning/afternoon teas Kyneton Branch have to offer.

Ladies have been socialising at a Fashion Parade in Sunbury and a fun/international day at the CWA Mt Macedon hall where New Zealand food was served, a display of NZ artefacts, a fun quiz, followed by a concert with performers from all branches of the Central Highlands Group.

Romsey CWA is holding a Fashion Parade on August 15 at the Mechanics Institute at 1.00 pm, where fashions will be paraded and purchases available, followed by a renowned CWA afternoon tea. All of this for the princely sum of \$5. A flyer re this day is in this issue of the Romsey Rag. Please advise if you are able to attend.

For our July meeting, we met at the Senior Citizens' rooms at the Mechanics Institute. We were so comfortable in these rooms and will meet there at least until September, so if you plan to come along and join our great Branch, this is where we will be on the 1st Thursday of August and September. We would like to thank the Senior Citizens' Club for allowing us to share their comfortable, cosy and well appointed rooms.

Montessori Pre-school

Thursday afternoon tours now available.

As we enter into the last month of winter, there are lots of exciting things happening at the Montessori Pre-school. Later in the month there will be a working parent's night, where parents who are unable to visit the centre due to work commitments during the day will be able to visit and see what their child has been doing.

Physical activity is always encouraged at the Pre-school and later in the month the children will be participating in Yoga classes. This activity is always warmly received. If you would like your child to be involved in these types of activities, we are still taking enrolments for 2014. We are offering lower fees to direct entry 4 year olds. If have been hesitant about the looking into the pre-school because of the fees, please contact us to discuss options. The early years are the most important years of your child life. For more information please see www.macedonrangesmontessori.com.au or contact us on 5428 6376

We are now offering Thursday afternoon tours of the centre. See the centre in action, get a feel for the place and ask as many questions as you like. Call us on 5428 6376 to book in a tour.

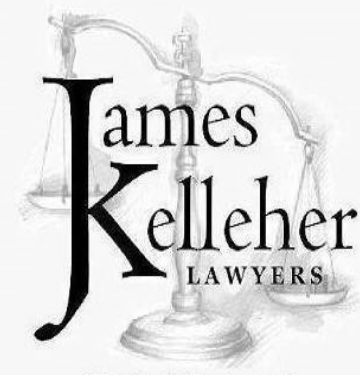
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If you are wondering what the RRWN is about, we are a group that aspires to connect local women in our rural communities in a warm and welcoming environment. It's a great way to meet new people in the local area, network in

a business/professional sense, form new friendships and have some laughs. We are a group of varying ages and interests that come together every month to celebrate the natural networks women form.

Last month we celebrated Christmas in July at the You Can Fitness Studio in the Romsey Rec Centre. Despite the un hospitable weather we had a great turnout with lots of fun & festivities. Kris Kringle gifts were exchanged which was a bit of fun and we all indulged in the yummy treats everyone brought along to share. A big thank you to Melanie & Anthony Traynor for decorating the room so beautifully and Michelle King for the incredible gingerbread house that no one wanted to destroy!

We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month to give women an opportunity to take some time out from their busy lives of an evening and stay connected. If you are looking for a social outlet please come and join us for a glass of wine and a chat, you are under no obligation to pay the membership fee the first night. This month our gathering will be on **Thursday 15th August at Romsey Hotel @ 7pm**. So take some time out for yourself and please come join us!

Lastly, follow us on Facebook - 'Romsey Region Women's Network Inc. (RRWN)' - to keep yourself updated on our upcoming events and any other useful local information that we hear on the grapevine.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Annual membership: - \$20

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Playgroup provides families and carers of young children a fun & safe environment to participate in semi-structured play outside the home. It offers age appropriate toys, craft, painting and physical activities. Outdoor activities include sandpit, pirate ship with outdoor and inside play kitchen, small bikes, balls, hula hoops and slides. We now have our shade sail up over the sand pit and it looks amazing, providing lots of shade for our lil ones to play under.

Playgroup is located at the back of the Romsey Community Hub. Car Park is located to the left of the building and side access is available for entry into the Playgroup Facility.

SESSION TIMES

Tuesday	9.30am – 11.30am
Wednesday	9.30am – 11.30am
Thursday	9.30am – 11.30am

The sessions are open aged sessions from 0-4 years old.

Remember to bring a hat and a piece of fruit to share during snack time. Sunscreen is located at the centre and also plenty of water. But bring a drink bottle so it can be refilled.

On a Friday Cobaw Community Health operates an ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) playgroup through PlayConnect. Contact Cobaw on (03) 5421 1666 for more information.

If you would like to enquire further, request a brochure or enrol for playgroup please do not hesitate to contact the following committee members or email Romsey Playgroup: Email romseyplaygroup@gmail.com OR phone

President: Leighann Moon 0405 507 805

Treasurer: Rana Scott 0439 529 533

NEW OPENING HOURS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Each Saturday of term 3, starting 13th July 2013 we will open playgroup from 9.30am – 11.30am. This session is a 'dads' playgroup which can also suit working parents or parents with weekend access to their children. This session time will coincide with toy library opening hours as well as the library hours. Normal Term Fees, Insurance and a fundraising levy apply.....

2013 Playgroup Fee Structure

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You are most welcome to come to the Romsey Uniting Church Services and share in fellowship and worship

Meditation:

He went up into the mountain to pray. He was there alone. It is evening. The Sea of Galilee lies before your eyes. In the west the splendid scarlets and golds have faded. To your left, mountains run down steeply to the sea.

Jesus is climbing up a spur of one of these mountains, seeking quiet in the hills; seeking to push back the tumultuous demands of all there is to do, to pray. But in the east clouds have gathered that mean a storm. The water of the lake turns from amber to steel. The wind strikes chill and cold, then the swish of the rain. Jesus sees in front of Him a shepherd's hut on the hillside, He makes for it to avoid getting soaked, lights the simple lamp He finds within, and kneels to pray.

Now imagine that you are on the mountain, too.

The storm is on you, you see a light shining from the window of the hut and you rush up to it, seeking shelter. Glancing through the window, you see who is there, and you turn away. Shelter or not you feel you cannot intrude on His seclusion. But He has heard you. He rises, flings open the door. For you there is his smile, His word of welcome. Then the door closes. Just you and Jesus. Jesus and you.

I will not try to imagine some of the things he would say to you. I know, I think, some of the things He would have to say to me. But if he said nothing, His presence would say everything. I think at first you would lift your eyes to His. Then somehow I think you would drop them. It is hard to look into eyes that search the uttermost depths of the heart. Yet, if it be hard to look at Him, it is harder not to look at Him.

After a while you would look again into those dark, clear, steady eyes and find them not searching, but shining with compassion and you would see the answer to all your prayers. You would know that He believed in you.

A tremendous confidence would drive away all your fears. A sense of unbreakable security would possess you because you would know yourself forgiven, understood, accepted and loved. Now the storm has passed. It is long after midnight. He sees you a little way on your path homewards. Then He turns back to pray. The thought of parting seems for a moment more than you can bear. Then you feel that you never can really be parted from Him, though He goes His way and you yours.

Something marvellous has happened. He is still with you. He is dwelling within you. There has been a new birth. Something mystical has happened for which there are no words. The wind is hushed now. A crescent moon sails quietly through the last racks of storm-cloud. You stride back to your home on

feet that scarcely touch the mountain turf; back to a life that can never be the same again.

For in your heart there is an inward strength, a sense of complete well-being, an outgoing love and an ineffable peace. They do not belong to this world, and nothing in this world can destroy them.

"Ah," you say, "but this is imagination".

The hut, the light, the mountain, yes!

But not the Presence.

Unless the New Testament is a lie, then this experience is for you. Perhaps it will mean a discipline, but look and listen and you will see and hear.

"Our fellowship is with the Father and with His son Jesus Christ."

Jeni Clampit

Taken in part from the book 'A Private House of Prayer'
by Leslie D. Weatherhead.

Services during August 2013

- 4th 9am. Worship Service conducted by Lay Worship Team
- 11th 9am Holy Communion Service conducted by Rev. Max Woolcock
- 18th 9am Worship Service conducted by Visiting Preacher
- 25th 9 am. Worship Service conducted by Rev. Max Woolcock.

Church meetings and activities during August.

- 7th 7.30pm. Pastoral Care-Elders meeting
- 14th 10.30am UCAF meet in meeting room. After meeting we head to Lancefield for Red Cross Lunch at Anglican Church Hall.
- 7.30pm. Worship Team meet at Lancefield
- 22nd 7.30pm. Church Council meeting



Whole Town Garage Sale

Registrations now being taken

Romsey Community House's fourth
 Whole Town Garage Sale will be held on
Saturday September 14th.

Turn your unwanted goods into cash
It was big last year, be in it this time!

For more information or to register your participation please contact
 the Romsey Community House on 5429 6724
 or call into the Community House
 located at the Hub, 96 Main Street, Romsey
 (next to the library and the council office).

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Works on the roof to install anchor points, steps and a running line to provide a safe work place have been completed. This project will allow the other roof program, repairs to the spouting, flashing and roofing iron, to go ahead in the very near future. These roof works will stop leaks and damage caused by dampness.

As previously mentioned the CoM has applied for a number of grants to maintain and improve the Institute. In early July we were informed that one of these grants had been successful; we will receive some of the funds we requested. This was a Macedon Ranges Shire Council grant and we thank the council for their efforts to assist us.

These funds will be allocated to the kitchen and we are now out hunting for the best deals to make this grant go as far as possible. It is hoped that it can be stretched to provide a new stove, fridge and pie warmer.

Our congratulations to Stacey, Kate and Jaime from "Cowboys and Angles", one of our regular users. After their recent win in the Australian Dance Championships at Tamworth they are off to Blackpool in the UK to represent Australia in the World Dance Masters. This event will be held in August.

In August the Institute will again be hosting a wedding. We wish the bride and groom and all their families the very best.

The CoM is currently preparing material for a Romsey Mechanics Institute web site. We hope to have this site up and running over the next few months.

The CoM strongly believes that we are here to serve the needs of the Romsey and district community, so if you have a function coming up please consider the RMI. Bookings and inquiries can be made at: **0458 726 106.**

MACEDON RANGES FARMERS' MARKETS IN AUGUST

WOODEND: 3rd August
 KYNETON: 10th August
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News from Deep Creek Landcare Group

Covering Lancefield and Romsey Districts

In the late May there was a working bee at Sheehan's Crossing, 100 plants were added to previous plantings in the area. The funding for this has been provided by Melbourne Water and Parks Victoria.

On Sunday 7th July 75 trees and 25 dianella were planted on council land at the corner of Three Chain Road and Baynton Road. The trees, tree guards and stakes were provided by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council. Trees have been donated to Junior Landcare at Romsey Primary School. 25 Dianella tarda- a vulnerable late flowering flax lilies were donated to Romsey Kindergarten for their garden.

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Message from the Mayor

I take this opportunity to highlight a few of the most recent happenings around the shire to keep our community informed.

Community Satisfaction Survey

The independent Community Satisfaction Survey results for 2013 were recently released. The results reflect higher levels of community satisfaction with Council's overall performance and direction than previous years.

While we will maintain a focus on continuous improvement and take on board the community's feedback, it is very pleasing that in all five core performance areas (and in comparison to similar councils) the community has noted good overall performance in our collective works and services, and in our partnership with the community.

2013/14 Budget

At the Council meeting on 12 June Council adopted its 2013/14 budget with amendment that will reduce the rate revenue by \$723,000 and lower the average rate increase from the proposed 6.9% to an actual 4.9%. This is the sixth year in a row that the average rate increase has remained below 5%.

The \$723,000 saving was achieved by removing the purchase of new land for a proposed early years hub in Gisborne from the budget. Council will instead explore the option of building the hub on a small portion (10%) of the Council owned original proposed site of Daly Reserve.

Council also upheld its proposal to sell four pieces of vacant land in Gisborne to fund the construction of a \$1.5 million netball complex, to which Council has allocated \$800,000. An adjustment to the draft budget was also made to provide \$90,000 for refurbishments to the Bluestone Theatre in Kyneton, which will require the support of a \$290,000 state government grant.

Council took on board community feedback and adjusted the budget to better meet community expectations. As these are economically challenging times, we have sought to keep rates as low as possible while maintaining all our services and allowing for some much needed capital works due to a growing population.

Gisborne Early Years Hub

Together with considering the Gisborne Pine Plantation site for an Early Years Hub in Gisborne, Council has also recently added the Council owned UL Daly Reserve to the shortlist of preferred sites.

At this stage, both Daly Reserve and the pine plantation meet

Council's requirements for a hub location. Council will therefore continue to advocate for a portion of the state government owned pine plantation site (located between the cemetery and the secondary school), however this is dependent on securing an appropriate lease arrangement with the Victorian government.

At the Council Meeting on 12 June Council resolved to allocate \$25,000 from the Public Open Space—South Financial Reserve to complete a master plan for UL Daly Reserve in accordance with the reserve management planning process. This process will include a footprint for an Early Years Hub and recognition of the environmental significance of Daly Reserve. The footprint will equate to approximately 10% of the reserve.

Once planning for this master plan project starts (expected to be in August), Council will provide updates and regularly communicate with the community. Council looks forward to working with stakeholders and residents to achieve a good outcome for the community.

Walking and Cycling Strategy

Council is currently developing a comprehensive Walking and Cycling Strategy for the shire.

During the budget process, Council received some submissions in relation to cycle safety. Although some of these requests were well beyond the capacity of Council to provide an immediate solution, they will be considered as part of the development of the new Walking and Cycling Strategy. Many of the roads in recent requests/submissions are the responsibility of VicRoads.

Council is committed to walking and cycling safety in the shire and for the benefit and enjoyment of our community, and I look forward to the outcomes of the strategy.

Community Funding Scheme

Council's annual Community Funding Scheme has this year awarded \$164,000 to 52 local community groups for projects with a total combined value of \$375,000.

I praise the standard and range of applications we received. Of the 70 applications received this year, 74 per cent were recommended for funding. Many applicants are contributing to their projects in other ways such as fundraising, sponsorship and in kind support, bringing the total value of projects happening on the ground to over \$375,000.

A high percentage of applications were for community projects, followed by sporting activities, arts and tourism events, and initiatives relating to family and children's services in the shire.

Mayor, Cr Roger Jukes
Macedon Ranges Shire Council

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Lost Found HOPE
HOPE is one of the great gifts of the Holy Spirit, coupled with Love and Peace. From lostness and being found by Jesus Christ, HOPE is born and a new beginning beckons. When life is dark and despairing, HOPE gleams like a bright light at the end of a dark tunnel. King David many times despaired, crying out, "My eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and my body with grief," but was strengthened, declaring, "Be strong and take heart all you who HOPE in the Lord. Psalm 31. For many of us, life today has become too hard and are oppressed by the "black dog" of depression with no light at the end of the tunnel. Jesus Himself knew what it was like to be in such a place when the black load of Mankind's sin was laid on Him on the Cross and He was cut off from His Father's Presence, crying out in anguish, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?" But God was there with Him through it all as He is with us! He has promised "I will never leave you or forsake you." Hebrews 13:5c. GOD is our HOPE and strength!

JULY IN RETROSPECT.....Our Pie Drive was a great success and we hope you have all been enjoying your pies on these wintry days. A big thank you to Lisa and Lachlan Fleming for their support in this enterprise. The Anglican Men's Society (AMS) had an interesting and entertaining evening when Glenn Gash shared his life's journey. The high light of the month was joining in Christian worship in the Ecumenical Service at the Romsey Uniting Church. Our Lancefield Church is out of action due to the aged electrical system giving up the ghost.

Services are being held in the church hall! A costly repair confronts us. Grace and Chris. Adams, Bible teachers and translators, have arrived in Dili, Timor Leste and have been warmly welcomed into the fellowship of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church also by the mosquitoes.

DIARY ----- AUGUST 2013

SERVICE TIMES -- at CHRIST CHURCH ..LANCEFIELD --Chauncey Street and ST.PAUL'S ..ROMSEY .. Main Street. 9.45AM ..Prayers.. 10AM..HOLY COMMUNION / MORNING PRAYER..Alternate Sundays.

18th AUG. 7pm. HEALING SERVICE -- Christ Church ..Lancefield.

8th August 8pm. Men's Group (AMS) meets Christ Church Hall Lancefield. Max and Betty Dansey telling of their U.K. visit. Family graves, Holy Trinity Brompton & scenes of artist, John Constable's paintings and sailing on the Norfolk Broads. A warm welcome to all and sundry.

15th Aug. 1.30pm...Guild meets. Doreen 5429-6060.

May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good HOPE, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good word and deed.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17.

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Whole of Town Garage Sale
It's on again!
Saturday 14 September



Bands to battle it out for a place at regional finals

On Saturday 3 August, a number of local bands will perform at the Macedon Ranges Battle of the Bands Heat at the Kyneton Town Hall, hosted by Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Music in the Sticks group. *Red Attraction, Plural, Zenith Skies, Einstein, Room 237, I'll be an Indian, Wonderbeast, Tim Allan, Flaxxon and Automatic, Everywhere* will compete for a chance to go on and perform at the Regional Push Finals to be held later this year. *Eater of the Sky*, winners of the 2012 regional finals will be headlining the event, along with 2012 finalist's *Modern Savage*.

Battle of the Bands events provide bands with a platform to have their music heard by a large audience. Winners of the regional finals get the opportunity to perform at the annual Push Over Festival, along with recording time at one of Melbourne's top studios and the chance to create a video clip of one of their recorded songs. Many of Australia's great artists have had connections to the Push and FReeZA mentoring programs. In 2008 local band *Stonefield* won several Battle of the Bands competitions and went on to win the Triple J Unearthed competition in 2010.

Presale tickets to the heat on Saturday 3 August at the Town Hall can be purchased for \$7 from any of the bands, or at Council Offices in Gisborne, Kyneton and Woodend. The heat commences at 6pm and tickets will be available to purchase on the night for \$10, unless sold out. Strictly no pass outs. The all ages, drug, alcohol and smoke-free event is proudly supported by Macedon Ranges Shire Council, FReeZA and Push Start. Push Start is a not for profit organisation that has been running for well over 20 years, supporting FReeZA groups to educate, entertain, inspire and empower young people in their local area.

For more information call the Youth Development Unit on (03) 5422 0333.

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Retired or close to retiring?

The Romsey/Lancefield Probud Club was formed on 24th May, 2000. Seventeen people were present at the Formation Meeting.

We celebrated our 10th Birthday in May 2010.

The Romsey/Lancefield Probud club invites you to come and see what our club is about. We are not a big club, we are a friendly club. We are non-denominational, non-political. We are just friends.

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 or a lunch somewhere. Our monthly meeting always finishes with morning coffee, which is usually followed by a guest speaker with an interesting topic.

Some 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 afternoon at a members home and Friday coffee mornings at a local café. These alternate with the Ten Pin Bowling.

Some places we have visited are:-

- Coldstream Valley View Centre
- Toolangi State Forest
- Tesselars Tulip Farm
- Nagambie

- The Tyabb Packing Shed;
 - Hubert Opperman Museum at Rochester and Cactus Farm;
 - Point Cook Air-force Museum,
 - Werribee Wetlands, Werribee Zoo,
 - Telstra Dome and the Police Museum
 - Trip on the Murray River at Echuca
 - Old Melbourne Cemetery
 - Growling Frog Restaurant, Yan Yean
 - Forest Glade Gardens–Stokes Museum, Mt.Macedon
 - Ricketts Sanctuary
- And many more enjoyable places.

Extended trips –

- Tocumwal
- Kangaroo Island
- Balina
- Merimbula
- Norfolk Island

Some speakers we have had –

- Ambulance Service
- Melbourne Zoo
- Puffing Billy Train
- Peter Mitchell – local history
- Envisage Tours
- Lort Smith Animal Hospital
- Local Councillor
- Anne Phelan – local identity
- Laurie Thomson – local identity
- Probud members – films of holidays

These are just some of the interesting things that happen at our meetings. **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.**

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

Members will be going to the Riddells Creek Hotel for lunch on Wednesday 21st August..

Our August meeting will be on
Thursday 22nd August, 2013

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

Help at the House!

Are you new to Romsey?

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We are a tenant at the Community Hub in the beautiful "Old Post Office" building and are staffed mostly by Volunteers.

Contact us at the House Monday, Wednesday or Friday on 5429 6724, 10am till 1pm