

### Romsey Golf Club Ladies Report

Over the late winter, early spring days when the weather was unkind to golfers we seem to have become dry weather golfers. Although we still went to golf every Wednesday so lots of tea has been drunk while watching the beautiful rain and staying warm and dry. The days when we did venture out the scores were not good as we were struggling with the wet conditions and the spring growth.

Meanwhile Lorraine and I went to Kingston Heath to play in the state final of the RWH 4BBB. We may as well have taken a bucket and spade and went to the beach as we had a day of playing in the bunkers which seemed to jump out from everywhere and gobble up our balls. Needless to say we didn't win and I'm not really sure why but our score was near the bottom of the field. We had good company and enjoyed the experience of a top Melbourne golf course. Thankfully the day was warm and sunny. We also played in the final of the Doris Chambers this year held at Rosanna golf course. With not as many bunkers to contend with and playing Foursomes we fared a little better, about middle of the field, again another warm and sunny day. Thanks to Bruce who drove us down and caddied. We found we had to be alert as the signage on their course was not good.

Lorraine is playing in the Silver Spoon final at Riversdale Golf Course so we wish her good hitting and not too many bunkers.

**Garage Sale.** We have registered to have a sale on the town garage sale day so look forward to your support. If you wish to donate goods for us to sell please give a golfer a ring to arrange drop off. Some of the money raised will go to our Relay for Life team.

November 10<sup>th</sup> we are holding a **Phoenix card party** in the clubrooms between 2 and 4pm. Please come along for a look at the cards and wrapping paper and miscellaneous goods. More information next issue of the Rag.

Next month I will give a report in our weekend away to Numurkah. Hopefully their golf course will be in good condition with some summer run.

Now that the weather has turned to spring and our course is looking pretty with the gardens flowering and plenty of grass on the fairways we welcome you to come along on a Wednesday morning to join us for a hit and cuppa and a laugh.

#### Recipe for this month

**Ginger Slice** (no bake)

½ cup preserved chopped ginger  
1 pkt Marie Biscuits (crushed), 125 gm butter  
¾ cup brown sugar, ½ tin condensed milk  
1 teaspoon ginger

Melt butter, sugar, and condensed milk together and pour over other ingredients and mix well. Press into slice tray and ice with lemon icing.

Beryl Cole  
54295411

### Romsey Golf Club Report September - October

**Golf – great fun, good exercise, a wonderful challenge.** Romsey Golf Club is always looking for new members. If you are a golfer who has just moved into the area

or if you are looking to learn a new sport please come down to the club on a Saturday morning (12.00 pm for a 12.30 pm hit-off) and introduce yourself. We are a very friendly, welcoming club who enjoy our time together on, and off, the course. **Juniors are most welcome.** For more information please take a few moments to look through our club website; <http://romseygolfclub.net>

**Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup>:** Despite almost 50 mm of rain during the week and an indifferent weather forecast a good group of players hit off in Romsey's Stroke event on Saturday. During the round players had to contend with rain, gusting winds, hail and some bright sunshine. There was a deal of casual water on the fairways but in general the course had held up well. It was very pleasing to see the new growth on the greens and they should be much improved come Club Championships in November.

The winner on the day, after a count-back from Andrew Clement and Bob McLennan, was Kev Milner, 88,13,75. NTPs went to Daniel Wright.

**Saturday October 9<sup>th</sup>:** On a beautiful spring day golfers hit off in the club's par competition. The fairways, which had been cut twice during the week proved ideal for clean hitting and many golfers commented that they were in the best condition since late 1996. The greens, however, were a different story. They still showed the signs of the recent coring, sanding and seeding works and again proved tricky to putt on. Never-the-less, the much improved condition of the course and the beautiful spring weather were more than enough to bring everyone back next week.

Winner on the day was Graeme Clement with +1. NTPs went to 1 – Daniel Wright and 15 – Rob Rea.

**Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup>** A small, but vocal, group of players hit off at 8.30 am in Romsey's Stableford competition. The lush fairways, in the best condition since 1996, meant that players could not land short and bounce on however the recent coring and sanding of the greens meant that many good shots landed on the greens only to bounce off.

Putting was difficult; each green had a different speed and players aiming above the hole often found their ball went straight rather than the graceful curve into the hole they had planned for.

On a difficult day Gary Watts (13) played excellent golf to win with 34 pts.

The postponed 2010 Club Championships will now be held on Nov 6th, 13th and 20th. The 2010 presentation night will be at the course after the November Monthly Medal on Nov 27th.

The club is extremely proud of junior, Daniel Wright's performance at the 2010 Country Week Golf Championships. Daniel played two fine rounds at Croydon and Amstel Golf Courses to win the Junior's Champion title.

**Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup>** With coring, sanding, sowing and fertilising of all greens on Fri 24th and because of the AFL Grand Final there was no golf at Romsey on Sat 25th. The committee took this opportunity to get a number of tasks around the course completed. There was a strong turnout for the "Spring-Clean Working Bee". Many club members had been able to get a full or half day off work to help out. During the day the greens were attended to, many dead or dangerous trees and branches were cleared, club machinery was serviced and washed down, two new tees were constructed and damage caused by last month's heavy rains was repaired. At the end of the day's work everyone enjoyed a relaxed BBQ.

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#### **Romsey Rag contributors please note:**

**From February 2011 the closing date for copy will be the 15th of the month** for each edition. This is in line with other community newsletters in our area, and it allows our volunteers more time to format and fine-tune the Rag. We would appreciate it if you could adhere to this deadline—the pleas we often receive for last minute inclusions can create many extra hours of work reformatting the Rag.

Also please note, there is no edition of the Romsey Rag in January, so the deadline for copy for the first edition (February) will be January 15th.

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### A wonderful time of the year!

It's springtime, the time of year when we emerge from the cold and thankfully this year, rain, into a season of renewal.

The football has finished and the sound of leather on willow is resonating around our now impossibly green cricket grounds and we are spending more time outdoors. As Robin Williams said "Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!"

We look at our gardens and marvel at the trees and plants that have survived twelve years of drought and our lawns that are growing rapidly, prompting us to get out the mower out from the far corner of the garage.

Spring is also a good time to start preparing our properties for the summer ahead.

The welcome rain has meant our dams are filling, but the grass and undergrowth is growing, ready to dry off as the temperature heats up, providing fire fuel.

Now is the time to take a look around our properties to prepare for the bushfire season. It is important to reduce the fuel around your home and property, make sure trees are trimmed, long grass is slashed, woodpiles are moved away from the house and gutters are cleared.

It's also a good time to check with your local CFA to make a note of your local fire guard meetings, fire restrictions and the new total fire ban and fire danger ratings, or go to [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) or call my office on 54 282138 and I can send some information out to you.

Enjoy the season.

Warm regards

**Joanne Duncan MP**

**Member for Macedon**

### New CEO at Macedon Ranges Health Services

The new Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Wesley Carter, commenced at Macedon Ranges Health Services this month. Wesley has been CEO at Tallangatta Health Services for the past seven and a half years and Chair of the Upper Hume Primary Care Partnership. He has extensive experience in the development of community health services. The Board and Staff of MRHS are looking forward to this new and exciting era for the health service.



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### Kyneton Hospital: A caring maternity service.

A well supported Maternity Services Information Evening was held at Kyneton Hospital on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of October. This is a bimonthly event aimed at educating and familiarizing couples and families to their local maternity service.

Kyneton District Health Service (KDHS) is located within Kyneton and boasts a midwifery led maternity services model of care. Such a service allows low risk birthing women to be cared for throughout pregnancy by a team of midwives whose aim is to provide specialised continuity to women and families.

Welcomed to the evening was past birthing mother Leighann Moon who brought along 10 week old baby Ruby. Leighann was delighted to accept the 'baby of the month' award speaking of her experience at KDHS.

According to Leighann '... the antenatal classes were fantastic... We discussed all there is to know about childbirth, breastfeeding and caring for bubs at home... I felt very at ease knowing I had all these professionals surrounding me who were thoroughly knowledgeable.' Leighann elaborated on her birthing experience noting her trust in the midwifery team stating '...it was truly wonderful, just how I wanted it to be... I felt very calm and at peace with what had occurred and this gave me the confidence to bond lovingly with my new baby.'

The next Maternity Services Information Evening will be held into February 2011. To make enquiries or hospital maternity bookings please ring the Primary Care Clinic on 5421 2840.



**The Romsey Youth Space** is run on Tuesdays from 4.30 – 6.30pm at the Romsey Community Hub. There is food and activities for high school students. Up coming events include:

**November**

2<sup>nd</sup> – No Youth Space (Melbourne Cup)

12<sup>th</sup> – Scary Movie Night (Movie needs to be decided)

16<sup>th</sup> – Trivia Night – win great prizes!!!

23<sup>rd</sup> – BBQ @ Romsey Park and fun outdoor games

30<sup>th</sup> – Scrapbooking Christmas Workshop - \$5.00 – make that unique Christmas card/gift

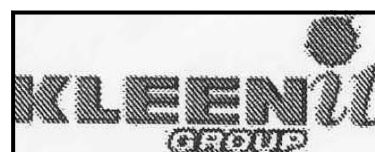
**December**

7<sup>th</sup> – Scavenger Hunt around Romsey

14<sup>th</sup> – Soltan Pepper Dinner

All events are fully supervised and a gold coin donation is appreciated. For more information on activities or to become involved please call Amanda Summers on 0457 795 891.

Don't forget to check out the Romsey Youth Space web page on the Macedon Ranges Youth Web Site at <http://mrys.info/>



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**At Lancefield Kindergarten, 16 Dunsford Street, Lancefield**

**All positions on the Committee will be vacant at the AGM. Any queries please contact the Secretary Emma Stevens on 5429 2566**  
**New members most welcome**

Places for 3 & 4 year old sessions during 2011 are still available at Lancefield Kindergarten. Enrolment forms available from the Romsey Hub or contact the Enrolment Officer on 5422 0239

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Sun-Fri

**Romsey**  
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**Notice of Romsey Kindergarten Annual General Meeting**  
**16 November, 2010 at 7.30pm**  
**At the Kindergarten.**  
Purpose is to elect a new Committee of Management for 2011 and reflect on 2010.  
Enquiries: Sue Hayes, 0416 066 347

## Lancefield & Romsey Community Bank

### MANY HAPPY RETURNS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Local clubs and groups have been a major beneficiary of the Romsey Community Bank over the past five years, Community Bank chair Doug Newnham said last week. Celebrating the fifth anniversary of the branch on Saturday, October 9, Mr Newnham said the Bank was continuing to honor its commitment to the community.

Mr Newnham cut a special birthday cake to honor the milestone along with Cr Joe Morabito and senior manager Rod Browning. And with an emphasis on involving customers of the future, the anniversary had a focus on children – with a jumping castle, face painting, laughing clowns, temporary tattoos, an abundance of fairy floss, a coloring competition and an appearance from the Bendigo Bank mascot Piggy.

“Our Romsey and Lancefield Community Banks have returned more than \$80,000 to local schools, community and sporting groups and agencies in direct grants over the past two years,” Mr Newnham said. “When you add in sponsorships to Romsey and Lancefield clubs and groups, we have directly injected well over \$100,000 into the community over that time. This is in line with our commitment to run our banks for the benefit of our community. The more that local businesses and residents do their banking with our branches, the more we can put back into our community.”

Cr Morabito said the opening of the Romsey branch five years ago ensured that local residents still had a choice in terms of the convenience of doing banking in the town. “Regardless of banking choice, it is wonderful to see that the Romsey Community Bank has become such an integral part of the wider community in five short years in terms of support, encouragement and involvement,” he said.

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**Gisborne All Seasons Market.**  
 The market is held on the first Sunday of the month outside the IGA Supermarket. It is run by Macedon Ranges Health Services volunteers. Volunteer, Helen Kulajdzic, manages the market and we owe much to her efforts and those of the other volunteers. Up to \$20,000 is collected each year which provides much needed funds towards maintaining the programs Macedon Ranges Health Services provides and supporting The Elms and The Oaks aged care facility. Originally the market was run by Friends of the Oaks to support the nursing home.  
 If you are interested in volunteering to help Helen, perhaps for a few hours from 11.00 to 3.00 on any Sunday market day once a month then please ring our Volunteer Coordinator on 54280346. MRHS is a not-for-profit organisation that relies heavily on donations from the community. The market is a very successful and reliable way for the service to obtain funds. It is also a great example of how much the few can do for the many.

**Christ Church, Lancefield**  
 The Anglican Parish of Lancefield / Romsey is holding a  
**Street Stall**  
 On Saturday December 4th at 9.00am –12.30pm  
 Outside I.G.A. Romsey  
 B.B.Q Sausages in bread with onions and sauce  
 Cakes Jams Plants  
 Christmas Gifts.

## The Mount Players

This month sees the opening of our last production for the year, *Waking Eve* by Robert Hewett. Directed by Sonja Prater and produced by Robyn Parish, this is an extraordinary Australian comedy like no other, featuring Justine Press as Evelyn Hooper.

Evelyn is struggling to come to terms with the fact that her husband, Ben (Craig Lenaine-Smith), has left her and their young son Toby for a younger woman. Ben's newfound romance is short lived due to a massive heart attack. Evelyn's friends, Beth (Michelle Di Camillo), Ivan (Tony Old), Ric (David Runnalls) and Teresa (Cate Johns) believe the best thing for Eve is a new man and they are going through their address books from A-Z, determined to play match-maker. Unfortunately Evelyn doesn't actually see these men as they really are, in fact, everyone of them looks exactly like her dead ex-husband. Come and enjoy this hilarious romp as Evelyn battles for her sanity and wards off the avalanche of suitors whilst selling the increasingly popular Gumnut Products range, just to keep food on the table. Opening Fri 12 November. Season runs until 4 December. Why not book a group and let *Waking Eve* get you into the spirit of the silly season. Bookings 1300 463 224 or 5428 1557 10am-6pm Tues – Sat.

**Seniors Rights**  
 Come along to a free  
 information session and discussion workshop

We all want to be treated well and treated with respect, no matter where we are in life. This may sometimes get forgotten with the day-to-day pressures faced by both individuals and families.

- Learn the signs of mistreatment of older people
- Understand what leads to this situation and how you can help
- Find out how to get support for older people and their carers and families

Mistreatment of older people is a complex and sensitive issue.

It can take the form of financial, physical, emotional, social or psychological mistreatment, and can include restricting contact with friends, ignoring health needs and neglect.

### What will be covered?

- The signs to look for that indicate mistreatment or stress in older people and their families
- What you can do to reduce and prevent it
- Where you can go for advice, support and assistance
- Further information on what the Victorian Government is doing to address this issue and support older people in our community

### Who should attend?

- Seniors
- Carers of older people
- Families with older relatives
- Health care professionals
- Concerned and caring community members

Open to all regardless of age or gender

**When:** Thursday 2nd December, 1-3.30pm. Afternoon tea provided  
**Where:** Cobaw Community Health's Community Activity Centre, 8 Mollison Pl, Kyneton  
**Cost:** This information session is FREE to all who attend  
**RSVP:** by Mon 29th November, contact Teneille Summers on (03) 5443 0233 or email teneille.summers@whlm.org.au

**women's health** **Seniors Rights Victoria**  
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## Romsey Primary School News

### Annual Art Show

The Sixth Annual Art Show was a huge success displaying a very high standard of interesting and colourful work. A highlight was the Surrealism Room prepared by year 6 students which displayed collages, ceramics and surreal films. All students contributed to the show with an amazing array of media and subject matter. Student work reflected the diverse Visual Arts program being offered at out school, and the opportunities students are given to explore and develop their artistic skills.



### School Uniform Policy

School Council recently undertook a comprehensive review of the Student Dress Code. This involved extensive consultation with students, parents and staff. As a result School Council passed new Uniform Policy for students. This policy reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instills recognition of themselves as an integral part of

the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. The key points of this new policy are that the wearing of the school colours (red and black) by students will be compulsory from the beginning of 2011 and will be a collective responsibility of parents, students and staff. It is strongly recommended that clothing featuring the RPS school logo is worn and some additional items, including a logoed polar fleece vest embroidered with the school logo and winter tunic will be added to the range of items available.

### Victorian Aeroskool National Champs

Again we are proud of the achievements of our aerobics teams. Three of our four teams won their level at the Victorian competition and went on to compete in the National Championship. All the girls performed brilliantly with the competition being very close. The sub junior team of Brandi, Mackenzie, Elizabeth and Jemma, who are all new to this sport, won the gold medal in their division. Our other teams, the sub junior pairs of Karlie and Annalea and the junior trio of Emily, C Emily S and Samantha both were placed second bringing home silver medals. Their commitment to excellence and the skilled coaching our teacher Karren Baker provides are greatly appreciated by our school.



### Schools' Garden Helicopter Visit

Our school was excited to be awarded the regional Schools' Garden Award last term. Presently our year 5 gardening team and Y4/5 class are busily preparing for the arrival of the helicopter for the state judging. Throughout the year these classes have focused on the theme "From the Seed to the Table". We look forward to showing off our beautiful grounds to the judges, Paul Crowe and possibly Jane Edmonson. Today students have been preparing garden beds for the tomatoes growing in the hot house, planting strawberries in an old bath, planting a gourmet lettuce garden and putting the finishing touches to the 'hungry caterpillar' art work which is displayed on the shed.



### Healthy Lunch

To support the incursion "Go for your Life" our Health program leader Kim Elliot, organised a whole school healthy lunch. Buddy classes joined together to plan and prepare their lunch with a focus on healthy food choices. The students thoroughly enjoyed their lunch and sampled different salad ingredients. Some classes used multigrain bread and others had wraps or pits bread. With the sunny weather students were able to have a picnic lunch and healthy food was reinforced. Fresh fruit platters were shared to finish the session. We are grateful to our wonderful parent helpers who peeled, chopped and assisted on the day.



### Prep Enrolments for 2011

Prep enrolments for 2011 need to be finalised as soon as possible. Enrolment packages can be picked up from Romsey Kindergarten, Lula Mays or the school. Parents who intend to have their child attending Romsey Primary School need to bring their enrolment forms to the office along with your child's birth certificate and immunization record. If you know of a family whose first child is beginning school next year it would be helpful to inform them of this information. If you would like a tour of the school please phone the office for an appointment

Joan Gibbs  
Principal



## Romsey Uniting Church

Pohlman Street, Romsey. 3434

Minister Rev. Dr. Avril Hannah-Jones: 5429 5351

Mobile: 0408 380 962

Church Council Chairperson: Noel Shaw - 5429 5509

Secretary: Jeni Clampit - 5429 5480

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

### Murray River Matins

Communing Spirit,

you share with me the profound loveliness of this soft, grey morning in the stillness of the bush beside this wide water which reflects like glazed ceramic the sentinel river gums.

Early you watched with the approach of the faithful old sun, which from below the wide horizon threw shafts of salmon light upon the low cloud banks, and deftly tinted the sleepy face of the creek.

Beside me, yet through me, you, most intimate Spirit, have pleased intensely in the serried flights of pelicans, returning from a night's fishing, gliding authoritatively between an avenue of gum trees to take their morning rest among the feathered tribe which dozes noiselessly by a sheltered billabong.

Through my ears you have listened to the egret's squawk as it tries out roosting places on half-submerged bare tree limbs. You hear the mournful cry of the ubiquitous black crow, the chatter of lorikeets, and, in between these, the rare sound of silence.

You, Agape Spirit, have communed with me on this gentle morning, infilling my life with something of your elemental serenity, awakening an awe which leavens the supreme contentment of wholeness, yet leaves me raw and more exposed to threats of existence.

Creator spirit, like your Jesus help me increasingly to trust your serene communion and like Jesus, when it is needed, to accept the holy way of the cross which weighs so painfully on souls made sensitive to beauty.

This reflection comes from the book 'Australian Prayers' by Bruce Prewer.

### Church Services during November, 2010

7 <sup>th</sup>	9am.	Worship Service. Conducted by David Noble
14 <sup>th</sup>	9am.	Worship Service and Eucharist conducted by Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones
21 <sup>st</sup>	9am	Worship Service conducted by The Worship Team
28 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Worship Service Led by Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones

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## ROMSEY MECHANICS INSTITUTE (RMI)

As most of you are aware there is a new Committee of Management working as **volunteers** at the Romsey Mechanics Institute. We are here to help maintain and improve the Romsey Mechanics Institute as a facility for our community – Greater Romsey. We encourage you to use and help us maintain our century old hall. We are working on grants to renovate the facility but while we are trying to obtain these we are still offering the facility to the community to utilise. If you would like to see any special project go ahead at the hall or have any ideas about what you would like to see at the hall we welcome your ideas and thoughts. Please send to [presidentrmi@gmail.com](mailto:presidentrmi@gmail.com)

Our rates are listed below and have increased slightly as the rates have not been increased in over 5 years and unfortunately the bills have!

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Date: Saturday 4th December 2010

Gates open at 2.30pm, presentation starting at 3.30pm followed by a Christmas Party

Presentation of Show, Breeding & Sale Stock  
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### Family Fun Day—16 October

The wild weather and severe storms forecast a couple of Fridays ago, actually happened, so there was a few phone calls around town as to whether our Family Fun Day would go ahead on the Saturday. The Jumping Castle man was okay to go ahead and a decision was made early in the morning. Luckily, the weather stayed fine and the crowd had a great day. Our families donated cakes and slices which all sold quickly. The 2010 Kinder Cookbooks were available for sale and we had to go shopping for more sausages and bread. The funding raised will go towards the purchase of shade sails over the swings.

We would like to thank the following businesses for their generous support for this event:

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Of course, I'd also like to thank our fantastic events sub committee and the other committee members for organising the event and participating on the day.

## KINDER CORNER - ROMSEY KINDERGARTEN NEWS

### Waste Free Day

Have you driven past the kinder and wondered why there are milk bottles hanging on the front fence? This is our "Thursday is rubbish free day" sign made by our very creative Grants Officer, Sarah.

### Grandparents / Special Persons' Day

Committee once again prepared a fresh and healthy fruit platter and punch for the Grandparents / Special Persons' Day on 20 October, who came to see the children at kinder. There was a great turn up for both 4 year old groups, who put on a concert for their special visitors. Well done to the staff and the children, who are now experts at singing their favourite concert songs.

### Preparations for the new year

With the AGM coming up on 16 November, the Committee is working through our list of jobs to be finalised, including preparing for the meeting itself and the new committee handover for 2011.

Therefore this is my last Romsey Rag as President and as part of the kinder community. I have been involved for 5 years with committee and as our kinder kid gets ready for school, I have been reflecting on those years and have some great memories and met some wonderful people. Our home office will be rejuvenated and unrecognisable as 5 years worth of paperwork is archived or shredded!!

I wish the new committee well and for the families attending our great facility next year, I wish you well also.  
Sue Hayes, President, Romsey Committee 2010.



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**President:** Mrs. Alice Long 5429 6567  
**Secretary:** Mrs. Jeni Clampit 5429 5480

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

Probus is a mixed club for men and women

There is a guest speaker at each meeting.

We have an outing on the third Wednesday of the month. (Either a trip or luncheon)

Friday Coffee Mornings and Musical Afternoons.

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

\* Our November outing will be  
*Lunch at the Kyneton Bowling Club*  
 on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2010

\* The November meeting will be  
 On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2010.



## Bushfire & Emergency Services Expo

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2010 @  
 Riddells Creek Primary School  
 10am – 4pm**

**Fire Truck Displays  
 Fire Safety Equipment  
 There will be "Fire Ready Victoria" presentations at 11am & 2pm for people wanting to find out more about Summer Fire Safety  
 Live Fire Demonstrations  
 Held in conjunction with the Lions Club Fair**

**For more info:- [www.riddellcfa.com](http://www.riddellcfa.com)**

## Gilbert & Sullivan next for Gisborne Singers

Maintaining their policy of performing a wide range of musical styles, the Gisborne Singers are now rehearsing Gilbert & Sullivan's IOLANTHE. G&S wrote "comic opera" a forerunner to musical comedy and Iolanthe is typical although Musical Director Stephen Brockman believes Iolanthe is musically the best of Sullivan's work. Although he wrote more than a hundred years ago, Gilbert's barbs are just as relevant today.

The performance will be a concert version with a bit of added nonsense in keeping with Gilbert's writing which took the mickey out of the British establishment. Iolanthe tells what happens when a group of Fairies interact with the House of Peers and Phyllis, a pretty ward. She of course is not interested in the lecherous old lords who are very interested in her; she is in love with a young and handsome half fairy. If this sounds typical G&S it is!

One performance: 2.00pm on Saturday November 20<sup>th</sup> at the Montessori School Hall, Barringo Road New Gisborne (on the corner of Hamilton Road). Booking is advisable, ring Liz 5426 2467 or email: [gisbornesingers@iprimus.com.au](mailto:gisbornesingers@iprimus.com.au). Tickets will be available at the door if not sold out earlier. Price: Adult \$25, Concession \$20.

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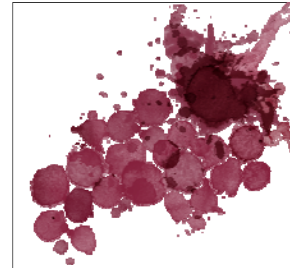
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Date: Sat 13 and Sun 13th November

Time: Each day from 10.00am to 5pm

Cost: Purchase a tasting glass for \$12.50 to experience the region's finest wines at all of the participating wineries.

Details of all participating wineries, key events, maps and directions are all available on the website [www.budburst.com](http://www.budburst.com)

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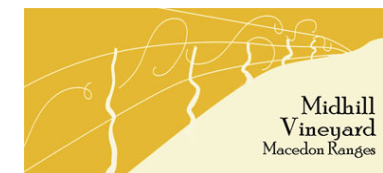
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## Seventh Day Adventist Church

On behalf of our church and the regional communities, we extend our gratitude to all the editors of regional newspapers for publishing our ads for the safe food handling course. There were 44 participants who attended and acquired the Level 1 certificate. A big "thank you" also to the presenter Mrs Sibilla Johnson, director of the Health Department of the SDA Church in Victoria.

During the month of September one of our members travelled to the Philippines to help with a medical outreach and evangelistic campaign. A team of doctors, dentists, nurses and an optometrist volunteered their time to offer free assistance to the local people. Hundreds of people were helped and lots of medicine provided. An optometrist checked eyes and fitted second-hand glasses provided by people in Australia.

Locals were very happy and grateful. On the last Sabbath morning 54 people made a decision to give their lives to Christ and be baptized. Both the medical and evangelistic efforts were partly funded by the generosity of the Macedon Ranges SDA Church.

We meet every Saturday at 9.30am for Sabbath School / Bible study and at 11.00am for church service.

Address: 18 Barringo Road  
 New Gisborne

Contact phone number: 5428 3575

**OUTDOOR LIVING TIME IS HERE!**

It's finally time to throw open the doors and move casual living and entertaining outside into the garden. Now that the warmer weather is finally upon us, the outdoors beckon. As Melbourne Cup and the BBQ season arrive, CUTTINGS in Romsey is just bursting at the seams with items to enhance everyone's outdoor living areas.

This year, we have expanded our seasonal range of lanterns, candles, cushions, and decorative items. Practical and pretty garden stakes, bird feeders, and stunning wall art are all in stock. The French Oak wine barrels are always useful as well. There is truly something to freshen up every outdoor

area. As always this time of year, our thoughts turn to the upcoming Holiday season. The annual VIP Christmas Preview Nite in early November launches the unique and creative decorations for Christmas 2010. Beautiful wreaths, special tree ornaments, table decorations, tree skirts, stockings, and much more are part of the CUTTINGS collection. Join us early to select and plan a lovely, beautiful look for your home and Christmas table; indoors and out.

Planning for Christmas gift giving is always stress free at CUTTINGS, with so many interesting, unique and practical gift items on offer. Gift Vouchers are available, along with complementary Christmas gift wrap, and local delivery.

In addition, we can take care of all your Business gift giving needs, with beautiful and practical Gourmet Hampers; professionally customised and made to order. Just give us your list and we will do it all for you! Imagine not having to fight the stressful crowds at the shopping centres this year..... **Shop locally with us first.** We think you will enjoy the relaxing experience. Christmas, after all, is all about sharing, enjoying and relaxing with family and friends, not stressing over car parks and register lines! We are open 7 days for your convenience, and serve the best GRINDERS Coffee 2 Go in the Macedon Ranges! We look forward to seeing you locally at CUTTINGS this Christmas season. ph - 5429 3636. Enjoy!



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**Greetings from the Romsey Toy Library**

The library has been going well this year, with new members coming on board regularly and enjoying all the toys and games available. Recently we have added some new musical instruments and board games to the range, which further boosts the variety of items available to our members. We also have a DS Lite console available for borrowing.

The toy library is gearing up for its AGM, to be held at the toy library on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm. Treasurer/secretary Marg Redmond and I will be stepping down after many years with the toy library and are pleased that several new people have expressed interest in taking over the running of the toy library. New ideas and personnel are vital to keeping our toy library growing and relevant.

If you have any toys or board games at home you would like to donate to the toy library, just give me a call on 5429 6583. Even if we already have that item, it's great to have an extra copy to use for spare parts if needed. Anything the toy library cannot use is donated to local charity shops.

All residents of the Romsey and also the Lancefield area, whether carers, parents or grandparents, are most welcome to join the library. Borrowing toys is a great way to have a constant new source of amusement for children.

Membership costs just \$25 for one year. Toys can be borrowed for two weeks at a time and four toys can be taken out in any one borrowing trip.

For those who are not familiar with the hub, the toy library is lo-

cated behind double doors at the back of the children's book section. The library operates on a 'self-serve' basis - if the hub is open, the toy library is accessible (for members only, of course!). There is no longer any duty roster required of members. We have a great range of toys for children from birth to 12 years, with the greatest range available for toddlers and pre-schoolers. That's not to say we don't have items for the older kids or for the whole family - we have board games, sports equipment and Nintendo DS games for borrowing.

Anyone who has any queries is welcome to contact me anytime on 5429 6583.

I look forward to seeing you at the library!  
Leanne Manton  
President, Romsey Toy Library Inc. 2010

**loddon campaspe** **Missing law sorts**  
**community legal centre** **legal limbo**

**New legislation introduced by the Victorian Government in Parliament today will resolve the legal limbo facing families and friends of missing Victorians - previously unable to effectively manage and safeguard their loved one's affairs.**

The legislation will enable a family or friend of a missing person to apply to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal to appoint them with power to deal with missing person's property and financial obligations, such as payment of bills, mortgages or to provide for the missing person's dependents.

The amendments have been influenced by a swell of community and political support for the reform following a submission made by the Bendigo based Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre to the Victorian Law Reform Commission's review of Victoria's guardianship laws. That submission was influenced by the experience of the family of **missing Bendigo man Daniel Rosewall.**

Without this legislation, Daniel's father David Rosewall has no legal means to apply to manage his missing son's estate. **Daniel Rosewall has been missing with no contact or evidence of his whereabouts since January 2010. David has been unable to protect his son's estate and pay his bills and debts. He is even prevented from redirecting Daniel's mail so he might keep track of his debts.**

**Anna Howard**, solicitor from the Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre said "the proposed legislation would give families in situations similar to the Rosewells a simple and accessible means to protect the estate of their missing loved one. It is a sensible, practical change."When the Rosewells sought our assistance to navigate Daniel's affairs we were astounded to discover that the law was hopelessly inadequate," Ms Howard said.

Commenting on the barrier's facing the families and friends of missing persons, David Rosewall said, "As Daniel's parents, we can't do much more to find Daniel. What we can do is look after his affairs, otherwise they will end up in tatters. But everywhere I turned in Victoria, I was told that I couldn't."

Ms Howard commented, "We are extremely pleased that the Attorney-General and other Members of Parliament have shown such interest in this issue and the speed and commitment with which they have responded to our recommendations. The reforms will allow the Rosewells to protect their son's affairs from ending in tatters," Ms Howard said.

The new legislation is based on similar legislation in the Australian Capital Territory.

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**Romsey Street Festival**  
**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 2010**  
**4-8pm**

The Romsey Street Festival celebrates its second year in 2010. This community event celebrates Romsey and the surrounding region. This year's focus is on the Skills, Creativity and Talent of the community. Auspice by Greater Romsey All Abilities Park (GRAAP Inc), a not for profit organisation, and supported by Macedon Ranges Shire Council and sponsored by local businesses the Romsey Street Festival is gearing up for another great afternoon. The CFA will again support the event during the Community March down Main Street at the commencement of the Festival.

Romsey Street Festival Organising Committee welcomes the whole community to join in and enjoy this event including:

Community March starts 3.45pm from Station Street  
*Supported by the CFA and the Clans O the West Pipe Band*

- Market Stalls
- Food Stalls
- Kids entertainment
- Community demonstrations
- Performers, Entertainers and Enthusiasts!

**Register by 12<sup>th</sup> November for:**

- Talent Show - Anything Goes!**
- Art Competition - Theme of Community**
- Design Competition - Theme environmental Sustainability**
- Literacy Quest - Poetry or short story on Macedon ranges**

**Where is the Festival being held?**

Melbourne- Lancefield Road  
Main Street, Romsey  
Eastern Service Lane between Stawell and Murphy St

**When**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2010**  
**4pm - 8pm**

**Registration Forms and Enquiries :**  
Email: [romsefestival@gmail.com](mailto:romsefestival@gmail.com), ph: Vanessa 0429 313 977, Louise  
0412 250 899 or Helen 0408 059 841





## Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA)

### UPDATE

#### Get on Board for the Big Birthday Party.

As previously reported, Romsey will celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being gazetted as a town on 25<sup>th</sup> February next year (2011). All community groups would have received a letter from the Lancefield and Romsey Historical Society informing them of this important date in our local history.



The RRBATA Committee of Management is currently exploring the feasibility of a number of activities to contribute to the celebrations. These include further development on the concept of an open air **community dinner** in the main street, with as many community members engaged as possible. RRBATA is currently seeking expressions of interest from local businesses to get on board as sponsors of this event in order to facilitate an affordable but very special night in town. The Historical Society has some exciting projects in mind, and it is thought that any funds raised from the big birthday bash could be donated for these projects. So – a message to all businesses – get on board to support this idea! There will be sponsorship opportunities big and small.

A message to all other community groups – consider a contribution to the weekend of celebration!

Romsey has a rich history which gives the town its appeal for locals and visitors alike. RRBATA believes the history should be celebrated and appreciated.

#### Street Beautification Project - Turning On the Romsey Lights

RRBATA has continued discussions with MRSC regarding the proposed tree lighting project. Significant progress has been made regarding feature lighting of the large eucalypt on the southern approach to town near the Lions Reserve. This would not be a "fairy lights" style but, instead, feature illumination from the ground up.

As well as being an aesthetically attractive feature, it is hoped this lighting could also facilitate security in the immediate area. In addition, discussions have continued with both MRSC and the RSL regarding improved exposure of the commemorative Lone Pine tree on the northern approach to town. RRBATA committee is considering some landscaping and possibly some lighting to enhance this important feature which is currently obscured both visually and – unfortunately – in the minds of many residents. A close dialogue with the RSL will continue as this project is further developed. It is hoped that this project could be officially "unveiled" at Romsey's 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations.

#### Business Leaders' Forum

Romsey business was well represented at the recent Business Leaders Forum held at Woodend. Jacinta Allan, who is both the State Minister for Regional and Rural Development and Minister for Industry and Trade, was the keynote speaker at an event which saw all three East Ward local councillors and our local state member, Joanne Duncan, in attendance. Ms. Allan spoke about the State Government's recently announced regional development plans, including a focus on tourism initiatives in our region. This was a great opportunity to network with other key business members from the region and underscored the importance for us to think regionally (that is, beyond Romsey's 70km/hour zone!) when in it comes to fostering business relationships and enhancing our town's profile.

#### RRBATA Annual General Meeting

Just a reminder that RRBATA's Annual general meeting is to be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at 7.30pm at the Romsey Community Hub. This is an opportunity for all members of RRBATA and interested other community members to be privy to a formal review of RRBATA's activities during the previous year. It is also the forum for the election by Association members of the new Committee of Management (COM). Without support from the membership, the COM cannot continue to function effectively. This means that it cannot continue to represent Romsey's local business and tourism interests to MRSC nor continue development of initiatives aimed to enhance Romsey's business and tourism stakes generally. As is the case in all community groups, a good strong committee is vital to the advancement and sustainability of the group and its cause. So, if you are a RRBATA member – or wish to become one before 8<sup>th</sup> November – and am interested in becoming involved at a different level, please contact Jenny Stillman (0412-349849, jennystillman@optusnet.com.au to discuss further).

#### Romsey Online Update!

Recently, the Website Subcommittee met with the designer to consider some changes aimed at even further improving Romsey Online ([www.romsey.org.au](http://www.romsey.org.au)) as both a local community and visitor resource.

There will be some *minor appearance changes* to improve the home page with new *rotating images* to give some animation visually. There will be a *rotating banner* on the right hand side to advertise the businesses with a premium listing. A *Community Announcement square* will be added to prominently feature important community announcements such as fire warnings or a significant event reminder. A link to create a *shortcut to the user's desktop computer* will be another feature to enhance ease of accessibility.

At the risk of sounding repetitive, Romsey Online is Romsey's own resource for both local residents and visitors to our region. Advertising for businesses is very affordable, and community groups can list their contact details or events and news at no cost.

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](mailto:info@romsey.org.au).

#### Thinking About Membership?

RRBATA is only as good as its membership. Consider being a beneficiary of the exciting initiatives planned ahead by becoming a RRBATA member so as you can be heard!!

#### Membership Enquiries:

Jenny Stillman (President) Phone: 0412 349849  
Email: [jennystillman@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jennystillman@optusnet.com.au)

#### Next RRBATA Meeting:

#### Annual General Meeting

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 7.30pm

Romsey Community Hub

Supper Provided.

**ALL WELCOME**



#### St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey

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Pastoral Worker: Mrs. Joanne Reuther  
School Principal: Mr. Anthony Falls

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#### MASS TIMES

#### Saturday:

7.00 p.m. (summer time) Lancefield

6.00 p.m. (winter time) Lancefield

#### 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month:

8.00 a.m. Lancefield and 10.00 a.m. Romsey

#### 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month:

8.00 a.m. Romsey and 10.00 a.m. Lancefield

#### RECONCILIATION

After weekday Mass or by arrangement.

#### BAPTISMS

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

#### 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.

**Spiritual Guidance:** Last Tuesday/Wednesday of each month at the Presbytery, 27 Chauncey Street, Lancefield. John Stuart, Counsellor and Guide. Appointment necessary. Tel: 5429 2130 for more information.

#### ADVENT REFLECTION/PRAYER DAY

Advent is a beautiful time in the church's year - a time of preparation for the Feast of Christmas.

You are invited to take some 'time out' during these busy weeks to join with us for a quiet day of prayer, reflection and sharing.

**Date: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**Time: 10.00am Mass – 10.30am to 3.00pm (approx)**

**Venue: St. Mary's Parish Lancefield/Romsey Presbytery**

**27 Chauncey St, Lancefield**

**Facilitator: John Stuart**

**Cost: \$5.00 BYO lunch to share**

**RSVP: Joanne Reuther 54292130 by Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

#### ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS & PRAYER SERVICE

The carols will this year be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm in the Romsey Mechanics Hall. This will be a combine service of our Christian church's; Uniting, Anglican & Assemblies of God. A light supper will be provided afterwards.

#### ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL Regional Athletics Championships

Congratulations to the following students who competed at the Loddon Campaspe Zone, Track and Field Championships on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October: **Isabella Simonelli, Jemma Clayton, Madeleine Manton, Lucinda White, Tara O'Sullivan, Emily Consiglio and Jack Coburn**

Good luck to Jemma (100m) and Isabella (discus) who will compete at the State Championships at Bendigo on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October.

#### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

#### Advent Reconciliation:

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm Romsey

#### Christmas Eve:

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm Lancefield  
Midnight Romsey

#### Christmas Day:

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December 9.00am Romsey  
**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph:**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December 8.00am Romsey  
10.00am Lancefield

#### Commonwealth Games-St Mary's Games

The prep – Yr 2 students have been completing activities on the Commonwealth games and have held their own games in the school hall with the students representing seven countries. A great time was had by all our remarkable 'athletes', with many medals being given out.



**Thank you to all who made our games a success**

#### Drive In/Fireworks Night

It's that time of year again and we can't wait for the Drive In Fireworks Night on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November. This is a great family night organised by the Parents and Friends committee. The movie that will be shown on the Lancefield oval this year will be:

## Despicable Me


\$40 per car pre-paid by 5<sup>th</sup> Nov  
\$50 thereafter. Phone bookings Martina Choate 5429 1011 or Fiona Dowling 0459027967 Please come along and support the school.

#### Assumption College Kilmore

Parents of students in Year Five should be aware that applications for Year Seven 2012 at Assumption College will close on Friday October 29<sup>th</sup> 2010. Application forms are available from the College and may be obtained by phoning Mr Bernard Jephson on 5782 1422 or via email [registrar@assumption.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@assumption.vic.edu.au)


## BINGO!! BINGO!! BINGO!!

Every Thursday evening  
St. Mary's Church Hall at Romsey  
**Doors Open 7.00 p.m.**  
**EYES DOWN 7.30 p.m.**  
\$3.00 per 15 game book  
No entry fee Canteen facilities  
Free tea and coffee



## Pastor's Parables . . .

Ph 5429 6327



A husband and wife didn't really love each other. The man was very demanding, so much so that he prepared a list of rules and regulations for his wife to follow. He insisted that she read them over every day and obey them to the letter. Among other things, his "do's and don'ts" indicated such details as what time she had to get up in the morning, when his breakfast should be served, and how the housework should be done. After several long years, the husband died. As time passed, the woman fell in love with another man, one who dearly loved her. Soon they were married. This husband did everything he could to make his new wife happy, continually showering her with tokens of his appreciation. One day as she was cleaning house, she found tucked away in a drawer the list of commands her first husband had drawn up for her. As she looked it over, it dawned on her that even though her present husband hadn't given her any kind of list, she was doing everything her first husband's list required anyway. She realized she was so devoted to this man that her deepest desire was to please him out of love, not obligation.

Many 'think' that people go to Church out of Obligation. But once we experience God's unconditional love for us and enter into a real live relationship with Jesus, Church becomes a place of celebration and enjoyment where we 'want to' be. . . And that's not all! We also learn to positively develop our relationship with God and with each other. As a result . . . a successful and significant life follows.

Why not come along and see for yourself. You will be made most welcome and perhaps your life and mindset of church will also be changed.

Living Word Christian Church - Regular Sunday Service Times:

10am Morning Service - 7 Mitchell Court Romsey  
6pm Evening Service - Woodend Community Centre High Street Woodend

Mid-Week Life Groups: Children's Ministry, Women's Ministry & Men's Ministry

**For more information:**

Ph: 5429 6327; Email: livingword@iprimus.com.au; Web: www.livingwordcc.com.au

*Australian Christian Churches*

**KidZone Program Before & After School Care Program**

Ph Elsie Parkinson Program Coordinator Ph 5429 6327 / 0422 860 486



**VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE.**

Dear Friends  
As I write this, we are in a rare place for our time. The dollar is near parity with the US and also, for the first time in a long time, our dams are nearly 50% full.

However, while some things change – some things are always needed and don't change. These things include the need for food, clothing and shelter.

Another thing that is needed according to the Christian is the need to be in relationship with Jesus Christ. All those who claim to be Christians are called by God to live out their relationship with him in every aspect of their life. Being Christian crosses all denominations and I personally refer to myself as a Christian who worships with the Anglican Church.

As I leave, I urge all people to start or continue their relationship with Jesus Christ so that the towns of Lancefield and Romsey can be towns where the people end up with Jesus when He returns.

May God bless the towns of Lancefield and Romsey and may all of you have a happy and holy Christmas remember-

ing Jesus is the reason for the season.

That's my final view from the vicarage.

Rev. Leroy Coote  
Vicar  
Christ Church Lancefield with St. Paul's Romsey.

**Specific Advertisements.**

Our next Sunday @ Six on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November with dinner at 5:30pm and a short service starting at 6pm **to celebrate the blessing of the Emergency Services** for the coming summer. All music will be locally provided.

**General Advertisements:**

You are cordially invited to any of our Services: 9:00am at Romsey located at 77 Main Street, Romsey and 10:30am (with children's program) at Lancefield located at 33 Chauncey St., Lancefield. All our Services are "Worshipful, Anglican and Relevant."

For further details on any of our activities, please contact 5429-1380.

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# PARTY

# PLAN

Do you run a Party Plan business?  
Support GRAAP at this year's Romsey Street Festival 20<sup>th</sup> November 2010.  
4-8pm  
Discount for Party Plan stall holders.  
10% of sales on the day supports GRAAP.  
For Bookings email [graap@exemil.com.au](mailto:graap@exemil.com.au) or phone Jo 0409 389 697



### KinderMoves for Term 4

KinderMoves is a fun themed physical activity session specifically designed for 3 - 5 year olds. Sessions last up to 45 minutes incorporating activities designed to develop children's social skills, hand eye coordination, balance, gross motor skills and confidence.



#### TUESDAY MORNINGS

Time: 9.30am - 10.15am  
When: 6 week program - running  
5<sup>th</sup> NOV to 10<sup>th</sup> DEC  
Cost: \$52.00

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOONS

Time: 1.00pm - 1.45pm  
When: 6 week program - running  
9<sup>th</sup> NOV to 14<sup>th</sup> DEC  
Cost: \$52.00



Romsey Rec Centre 5429 5637 rrc@mrrsc.vic.gov.au

**Romsey Red Cross meets at the Romsey Hub at 1.30pm on the second Tuesday of the month. Please feel free to come along and join us. Also my profuse apologies for the typing error in the previous edition of the Romsey Rag regarding the date of the Fashion Parade, the correct date was actually 29th October.**

## GRASS SLASHING

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The fourth Saturday of the month 9:00am till 1:30pm at the Lancefield Mechanics Hall, The Crescent  
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*Stallholder inquires Gerrie 5429-3652*

St Paul's Anglican Guild - Romsey is holding a Fundraiser With

Lorraine Lea Linen

Date: Thurs 18th Nov, 2010, 1.30pm  
Where: The Romsey Community Hub  
Main St, Romsey  
Donation \$5.00, Raffles, Door Prizes, Afternoon Tea.

Enquiries:

Doreen - 5429 6060  
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### You can help our older residents to feel secure!

Macedon Ranges Health Service has 75 residential aged care beds in The Oaks and The Elms and is the only government funded and accredited aged care facility in Gisborne. We currently have a Nurse Call system that cannot be upgraded or serviced and a new state of the art system is needed. This year we are focusing our annual fundraising on raising money to replace the Nurse Call System in The Elms and The Oaks.



A new Nurse Call System will ensure residents that the call bell will be heard immediately by staff which in turn gives peace of mind to residents that their needs will be attended as quickly as possible. Staff can then be sure that all calls will be transferred to the DECT system without delay. There will be many advantages of a new system, to both residents and staff. This includes the ability to attach unlimited 'Out of bed' alarm mats to the system increasing safety for residents at risk of falling when they get out of bed. In order to purchase the system, we need to raise \$120,000 in the next six months. You can help us by donating to our fundraising effort. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Donations can be made by:

- \*Posting your cheque or money order to PO Box 588, Gisborne 3437
- \*Coming to the Health Centre in 5 Neal Street, Gisborne to personally donate
- \*Contacting Reception staff on 5428 0300 who will take your credit card donation over the phone or give you our bank details to allow you to donate on line

### GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR THE RESTORATION OF COMMUNITY WAR MEMORIALS

The Victorian state government has invited ex-service organisations, councils and community groups to apply for funding to restore war memorials in their local areas. Eligible groups can apply for funding of up to \$10,000 from the Restoring Community War Memorials Grants Program to upgrade and enhance local commemorative sites, honour rolls and avenues of honour.

"Our Government is committed to honouring our veterans by preserving their heritage so their legacy is never forgotten," Premier Mr Brumby said. "The Restoring Community War Memorials Grants Program provides funding for local people to get involved in upgrading commemorative sites to ensure our memorials remain places of community respect and pride into the future. By ensuring our war memorials are repaired, restored or enhanced, the courage and sacrifices of Victoria's veterans will be honoured now and by future generations." There are more than 1100 war memorials in Victoria's suburbs and towns, marking the courage and spirit of local servicemen and women. "Victoria's war memorials are a physical expression of our enduring respect for those who served and sacrificed so much and encourage young people to learn about our war history and to continue honouring the legacy of our veterans," Mr Brumby said.

Minister Assisting the Premier for Veterans' Affairs Tony Robinson said the Victorian Government had provided more than \$1.4 million to more than 300 restoration projects across the state through the Restoring Community War Memorials Grants Program since it started in 2004. "Applications for this latest round of Restoring Community War Memorials Grants close on 31 January 2011," Mr Robinson said.

To apply for a Restoring Community War Memorials Grant, call 1300 366 356 or go to [www.grants.dpcc.vic.gov.au](http://www.grants.dpcc.vic.gov.au) for more information.



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### DOUBLE DELIGHT

Open Gardens in Newham - Proceeds to Newham Primary School

When: Sat. 13th November 10.00am - 4.00pm:  
Cost: \$10 (for the 2)

Where: 159 Dons Road & 60 Palmer Crescent, Newham. Two Newham gardens, which are very different in style and approach, will be open to the public.

The garden at 159 Dons Road is designed in a more formal way with 4 distinct areas of interest. The centrepiece is a large garden with a mixture of natives and exotics, set amongst winding paths and pergolas. It is a bold gardening statement, where colour abounds.

The garden at 60 Palmer Crescent has been allowed to evolve naturally borrowing much from the existing landscape. Wood and stone from the property have been reused in interesting ways, while in other areas, form has been highlighted with new structures.

Ph: Chris Wiggett 54235279 for details

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Newham Garden Club FAMOUS PLANT SALE  
Saturday 13th November at Newham Hall 1292 Rochford Road, Newham  
The Newham Garden Club is once again holding its 2 yearly fabulous plant & produce sale The doors will open at 9.00 and an early coffee or tea will be available at the Garden Café with delicious homemade cakes. Along with the garden club propagated plants that thrive in our local conditions (peonies, vegetables, herbs, native & exotics), we will be selling cards, preserves & fresh eggs. Local planting advice will be provided by Garden Club members on the day. A wonderful hamper of garden goodies will be raffled and all children who attend will be given a free plant. Come along and join the fun! All proceeds go to local community projects.



## Program Term 4 2010

### Romsey Community House Inc.

*A Learning and Activity Centre*

PO Box 418, Romsey, Vic 3434

Email: romseyhouse@bigpond.com

Ph/fax: 03 5429 6724

#### Health, Fitness & Wellbeing

**Yoga** - Courses are being run at Yoga Tevana studio this term in Mt Macedon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please contact Judith on 54264086. **Expressions of Interest** being taken for a daytime course in Romsey on Wednesdays. please call the Community House on 5429 6724 to register

#### **Pilates**

Monday's 2.00 - 3.00pm. For bookings and enquiries phone Trish on 0411 447 392. \$12/class for 1st class, term enrolment at end of 1st class.

**Walk Together Program:** Tuesday's 9.30am. Meet at the Lions Park, near the creek.

#### Social & Creative Activities

##### Art Classes

The Romsey Community House is proud to announce a series of *subsidised* age specific art classes. Through the support of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council,

In Term 4 we present: **Introduction to Drawing: 5 Week Course**

**Course Dates/ Times:**  
**Adults:** Thursdays 14/10 – 11/11/2010, Time: 1:30 – 3:00pm or 7:00 – 8:30pm Cost: \$40

**9 - 12yrs:** Thursdays 14/10 – 11/11/2010, Time: 5- 6.30pm Cost: \$40 for 5 week course

**6 – 8yrs:** Thursdays 14/10 – 11/11/2010, Time: 3.45-4.45pm Cost \$35 for 5 week course

For all bookings and enquiries please call the Romsey Community House on ph: 5429 6724. Class sizes are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

##### Over 50's Information and Activity Group

Last Friday of each month, informal and fun environment. Information session with guest speaker, tea/coffee and a light lunch. Talk begins at 11am followed by lunch at 12pm

**Friday November 26th** Please call 54296724

**November's Talk** is on Exercise for the Over 50's  
Cost \$6 Bookings essential.

**Writers Group** – Meets second Friday of each month 9.45-11.45am. Gold Coin contribution.

**Craft Group** - Every Thursday 10.30am – 12.30pm to practise a variety of crafts; quilting, card making, knitting, smocking, embroidery etc. Gold coin contribution on the day.

**Drop in for a Cuppa** - Any week day 9.30am - 5.00pm. Gold coin donation.

**Parent Buddies Program** - managed by Cobaw Community Health Services coordinator. Contact Sue Wilson ph:54211666 or 0448 545 974, susan.wilson@cobaw.vic.gov.au

#### Upcoming Events

**Friday October 29th 2010**

Red Cross Fashion Parade

**Saturday November 20th 2010**

Romsey Whole Town Garage Sale - Register at Romsey Community House or call 54296724

#### Education & Technology

##### Certificate Courses - Accredited Training

**RSA -Responsible Serving of Alcohol**— designed for individuals who currently work in a licensed venue or are seeking employment in the hospitality industry. **October 26th 10.00am - 2.00pm \$120.00** pls call 5429 6724 to register

**Computer Basics 1** - This 8 week daytime class will teach you the basics in Microsoft Office Word 2007, file management, terminology, word processing internet, email basics and more. **Begining** Tuesday 19th October until Tuesday 14th December (Not Incl Cup Day) 12.30 - 3pm. Cost \$185 Conc \$60. Pls call 5429 6724 to register

##### Expressions of Interest Now being taken for: 5429 6724

**13 -18yrs: Art Class** as part of the Art Grant offer please enquire for Term 1 2011 begining in Time: 4:30 – 6:00pm Cost: TBC for 10 week course

**Food Hygiene and Food Supervisors Courses** ( Run as individual courses or combined over 2 days)

**Over 50's Exercise group**

**Customer Service workshops**

**Doll/Toy making workshops**

**Construction Induction**—formerly Red Card (Held weekly in Bendigo

**Introduction to Quickbooks** ( For those wanting to go on to advanced)

**Accredited Aged Care courses**

**Level 2 First Aid** - run over two days , 9.30 - 4.00pm

**Writing Workshops with Dee White** (Including "how to create great characters" Where do I start and Finish?" Story Ideas and other necessary attributes for authors of all ages)

**Volunteer Induction courses**

##### Certificate Courses (Non-accredited training):

**Quickbooks Advanced** - Once the Introduction is complete, the detail to make it work for you is in this course. An 8 week course 7pm—9.30pm. Cost \$165 Concession \$60.

**Computer Maintenance** - Ideal for home computer. One 2hr session. Held on Wednesday Evenings from 7pm-9pm. Cost: \$20. Book Early

**Learn to Use the Internet** 2hr session \$20. Expressions of interest now being taken. Call 5429 6724

**Introduction to Microsoft Excel** A 6 week evening course, at 2hrs per week. Cost \$150. No conc.

For any of the above, please call Romsey Community House on 5429 6724 with all enquiries

Hey-dee Ho Classes for children 6mths - 4 yrs call Erin 0417 137 003

#### **House News**

The Annual General Meeting of the Romsey Community House was held on October 11th. In his address to the meeting Committee President Simon Pinnock reported on the continuing growth of activities and levels of participation at the House over the past year, and he commented on how much more effectively the House is running since the employment of the Coordinator, Caroline Buckley. The efforts of the volunteers who support the House were also acknowledged. An election of a new Committee of Management was conducted, with the following committee members elected: Simon Pinnock, Robyn Moore, Judy Nicholson, Anne Cappler, Amanda Summers, John Evans, Eileen French and Peter Moritz. Two new members—Peter and Eileen—were welcomed to the committee, and three members who did not nominate for re-election—John Russell (out going vice president and founding member of the committee), Lee Evans (out going treasurer) and Helen Clarke were thanked for their respective contributions to the House. After the Annual General Meeting a brief Committee of Management meeting was held, and the following office bearers were elected:

President—Simon Pinnock

Vice President—John Evans

Secretary—Robyn Moore

Treasurer—Peter Moritz

Public Officer—Karyn Gottschling



## Whole Town Garage Sale Saturday November 20th 2010

For more information and to register please contact the  
Romsey Community House on 5429 6724.

# Victorian landholders have a legal responsibility to treat locust hoppers on their land. Here's what to do:

If you had locust activity in your area in autumn by now you should have purchased or at least identified the appropriate chemical for your situation. If you are yet to do this, your local chemical reseller, the DPI website

and the DPI Locust Hotline (1300 135 559) can assist you with this decision. You need to be prepared to spray locust 'hoppers' around 14 days after they hatch. At this stage they will be forming bands or groups and are

easiest to treat. A 100% rebate is available on chemicals used in the treatment of locusts by eligible landholders in worst affected areas. Visit [dpi.vic.gov.au/locusts](http://dpi.vic.gov.au/locusts), or call the DPI Locust Hotline on 1300 135 559.



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