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Welcome to the March Edition

Well there goes another summer! Certainly not the best we have ever had with all those horrific fires. Our thoughts and best wishes go out to anyone affected and all of those in our communities that have helped in anyway.

Just in case you are needing a holiday, Monday 9th March is Labour Day. So get ready for the long weekend, whether that means a BBQ with family or friends, a knee's-up, working in the garden or just a well-earned rest - enjoy!

Just a reminder to ensure you are using the new email address for all correspondence:

email@theromseyrag.com.au

Please note articles should be restricted to 300-350 words plus or minus a picture. Articles will be edited as required. The editorial committee reserve the right not to print inflammatory or unsuitable materials.

Also check out the new website, where you can download this and previous editions:

<http://www.theromseyrag.com.au/>

WHAT'S ON in & around Romsey

1st Mar - Relay For Life, Lancefield Park.

3rd Mar - Romsey Rag AGM, 7pm RMI Supper Room.

4th Mar - Senior Citizens outing to Point Cook RAAF Museum.

9th Mar - Labour Day Public Holiday.

14th Mar - Antiques Fair, RMI 9:30am - 4pm, entry \$5.

14th Mar - Picnic in the Park & Movie Under the Stars from 6pm.

28th Mar - Woodend Community Day.

31st Mar - Feed it Forward, Romsey Hub.

Community Fundraiser for the Bushfire Appeal

Our committee member Roy Godall had a fantastic idea to raise money for the Bushfire Appeal. He, along with a number of other committee members, spent Saturday and Sunday outside IGA which gave the local community the opportunity to donate, while picking up their copy of February edition of the Romsey Rag. Roy came along with a fantastic sign which his grandchildren kindly made. Donations came in thick and fast, despite the stormy weather on the Saturday, from



children to adults all wanting to show their support. In total, you the community raised \$1035.00 which has since been deposited in Bendigo Bank for distribution to the various organisations.

Roy sitting outside IGA on Day 1 ready for the donations to come in.



Sam, Evan and Maddy working together to make a most colourful sign.



Evan, Maddy, Edward and Alex pictured with their completed work!

Romsey Mechanics Institute



The 2020 Antiques and Collectables Fair will be held at the RMI on Sat March 14th. There will be a \$5.00 entry charge and doors open at 9.30am. This will be our 5th Antiques Fair and each year it has

grown attracting new stall holders and many out of town visitors. The CWA will again be providing their wonderful morning and afternoon teas so why not drop in and peruse the items on sale, you never know what you might find, and then head down to the supper room for a relaxing cuppa.

The Upstairs South Room is well on its way to completion, painting and floor renovation works are completed, plumbing and electrical works are almost done, just waiting on the installation of the small kitchenette. Both the Romsey Rag CoM and the RMI CoM have already used the room for meetings and the filing cabinets we were gifted by CEDA

will soon hold material from both committees. No doubt cleaning up a few private lounge rooms and studies. We would like to thank local Clive Mensforth for his beautiful work with the new naming plate for this room.



Room almost completed

We would like to welcome new user **Fieldtrip**. This group was founded in 2015 and aims to assist young people to reach their potential and to take leadership roles within their communities. More information on this group can be found at their website; thefieldtrip.co

www.romseymechanicsinstitute.com

COMMUNITY DRIVEN

The community transport project volunteers have now provided over 220 trips to medical appointments for people who would otherwise not be able to get there. The project is expanding to look at ways to provide transport for people needing a lift for social, recreational or other reasons.

This next stage will involve developing a community 'uber/taxi' model and setting up support around using more public transport.

We need people to help us trial the new aspects of the project - both passengers and drivers and people experienced with catching public transport who would be willing to show

someone the ropes.

You could also help by completing our survey to find out what your transport needs may be.

The survey can be completed on-line at www.surveymonkey.com/r/lrtransport or fill in a form which can be found at the Neighbourhood Houses, the Townhouse or the library or phone the Houses for us to email or send you a copy.

If you would like to be involved you can contact Fiona by ringing either Lancefield or Romsey Neighbourhood Houses, 5429 1214 or 5429 6724 or email lrcommunitytransport@gmail.com



Council Makes Changes to Meetings

Council will bring forward the start time of its meetings this year, and will introduce a new submitters committee.

The start time of Council meetings will move forward from 7pm to 6pm in 2020.

The next Ordinary meeting of Council will be on 25 March at 6pm. Unless otherwise specified, Council meetings will be at the Gisborne Administration Centre. For dates and times of all Council meetings, see mrsc.vic.gov.au/meetings

Council also decided in November last year to establish a new Submitters Committee beginning in 2020.

The committee will provide people with the chance

to speak further on submissions relating to planning applications, as well as submissions made in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989.

These meetings are scheduled to be held at 6pm every second Wednesday of the month when required e.g. when there are agenda items.

For further information about the committee, or to find out how to make a submission, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/submitters-committee Ordinary Council Meetings, Special Council Meetings and Submitters Committee meetings are all livestreamed.

To view livestreamed meetings or archived meetings, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/livestream

Celebrate Harmony Day in the Macedon Ranges

Come and join the celebrations for Harmony Day in March in the Macedon Ranges as part of National Harmony Week.

National Harmony Week is a celebration of inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians.

On Saturday 21 March, from 2pm to 5.30pm, a colourful and lively performance of music and dance will be held at Woodend Children's Park, 12 Nicholson St, in Woodend.

Musicians Joseph Samarani and Saba El-Chiekh, who

are experts on the tabla—a wooden hand drum—will demonstrate their percussive talents.

There will also be dance workshops in belly dancing, hip-hop, Afrofusion and break dancing.

Experience the power of word, song and dance to unite, as these talented performers get together to highlight the richness of our collective cultural heritage.

Tickets are free. For bookings and further information, visit mrscvic.gov.au/arts-events or contact the box office on 1300 888 802, 8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.



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2020 Funding Program to Open Soon

Not-for-profit community groups, clubs and organisations are invited to apply for financial assistance through Council's Community Funding Scheme, which opens on Monday 2 March.

The Community Funding Scheme is for all not-for-profit organisations within the Shire that are looking to complete a project or idea that benefits the community.

This year there are five main funding streams and groups can apply for up to \$12,000 depending on the stream.

Stream	Max Funding/Project
Community and cultural development projects	Up to \$10,000
Enhancing the effectiveness of local community groups	Up to \$6,000
Supporting local environmental priorities	Up to \$10,000
Enhancing community places and infrastructure	Up to \$12,000
Commonwealth Home Support Program*	Up to \$10,000

Your project or idea should aim to achieve one (or more) of the below:

- Meet local needs.
- Strengthen community relationships.
- Aligns with the scheme priorities of: - Accessibility, diversity and fairness - Economic benefit to local towns - Environmental sustainability and conservation - Health and wellbeing.
- Complement strategic Council directions and plans.

Applications must relate to projects/activities starting from 1 July 2020 and ending by 30 June 2021.

The scheme is open to all incorporated and community-based, not-for-profit groups operating or being established in the Macedon Ranges.

For more information, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/community-funding-scheme or call 5422 0206.

Workshops Offer Grazing Advice for Farmers

Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Healthy Landscapes for Healthy Livestock project invites rural landholders to three informative events during March.

On Monday 16 March, from 10am to noon, there will be a moveable/strip fencing demonstration focusing on the practical use of the fencing and showing how moveable electric fencing—called strip fencing or temporary fencing—can be used.

The fences can be used effectively for a range of livestock, including pigs, sheep, cattle and horses. For better grazing results, stock need ready access to water.

The delivery of stock water to where it is most needed and then using the water efficiently and effectively is the focus of the workshop – Managing your Stock Water – at Tylden

Hall on Monday 23 March, from 9.30am to 2.30pm.

The final presentation for March will be with expert grazer Colin Seis on Monday 30 March, from 7.30pm to 9pm, at the Newham Mechanics Institute.

Colin's presentation will be on, 'Managing pastures in a changing climate' and how he has been able to adapt his own farm in a changing climate.

He will also speak about how plant diversity, grazing and soil health are all interlinked and how he has been able to re-establish native grasses into his sheep grazing business.

To register and for more information, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events



Cool Changes Program Will Guide Local Climate Change Effort

Council's Cool Changes program will guide the development of local community climate change action plans in several locations throughout the shire during the next few years.

In 2020, the Cool Changes program will focus on postcode 3442, which incorporates the wider district of Woodend, including Ashbourne, Newham, Carlsruhe, Kerrie and

Hesket.

Consultants will hold a series of community information workshops from March through to June to help 3442 postcode residents identify and action projects that can address climate change at a local level.

For more information, and to find out about upcoming workshops, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/cool-changes

Kindergarten Programs Offer Educational Fun

Are you a new family in the shire and searching for a kindergarten to enrol your child?

Council's kindergartens at Woodend, Lancefield and Gisborne still have some vacancies in their three and four year old programs.

The three and four-year-old programs at Woodend Kindergarten and Swinburne Avenue Children's Centre have vacancies and the Lancefield Kindergarten has some places in its three-year-old program.

The services offer play-based educational programs run by qualified teachers.

Four year old, kindergarten fees are \$36.60 a week during school terms and the three year old program fees are

\$23.40 a week, during school terms. Fee subsidies may apply.

Kindergarten registrations are now easier with council's new online system. Families can visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/children to complete a registration and upload copies of relevant supporting documents.

The Swinburne Avenue Children's Centre in Gisborne is a two-room kindergarten and recently secured \$500,000 in State Government funding through the Children's Facilities Capital Program to upgrade and extend the centre.

Plans include delivering a shared office space, updated child amenities, additional storage and a meeting room for parents, staff and other health professionals.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council will contribute \$235,000 from its 2019/20 Council budget and work is expected to start later in 2020.

New Dog on Leash Requirements Begin

Did you know that new requirements for dog owners and dog walkers in the Macedon Ranges Shire came in to effect this year?

All dogs in public places must now be on a leash except in designated off leash areas. Dogs also must be under effective control at all times and dogs cannot be left unattended.

Designated off leash areas for Romsey are:

- Lomandra Reserve
- Metcalfe Drive Reserve
- Bowkett Close Reserve
- Five Mile Creek Reserve Walk (west side – between Pohlman Street and Couzens Lane)*

* Some off leash areas are subject to certain restrictions and conditions. Please refer to brochures, maps available on line, or on site signage for further details.

Some environmentally sensitive areas are now prohibited for dogs. Prohibited areas in Romsey are:

- Five Mile Creek, Romsey (prohibited within the waterway and within 5m from the embankment).

Signs will be installed at relevant sites to help dog owners identify where they can exercise dogs off leash and to outline any restrictions.

Signs will also be installed at sites where dogs are now prohibited. In the absence of signage, dog owners should consider the area on leash.

Romsey and other town specific brochures with detailed maps are available at Council service centres, local veterinarians and pet supply stores.

For more details on dog on and off leash areas, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/dogs or call (03) 5422 0333.

Focus on Local Primary School Children's Mental Health

Council's new mental health promotion initiative for upper primary school aged children will consult with parents in March.

The new initiative is part of Macedon Ranges Shire Council's commitment to developing the optimal health and wellbeing of children and young people throughout the shire.

Mayor Janet Pearce says Council is aiming for a model built from the ground up.

"We've been told upper primary aged school kids are a priority and we're building a model that works for students, parents and teachers based directly on the views and experiences they present to us. We will also

look at evidence from the health sector and consult with school leaders."

"We need parents of Grade 5 and Grade 6 students to come forward with their views. You know your kids better than us, so it is really important you help shape components of the model we are developing," Cr Pearce said.

There are four community-based workshops planned for Gisborne, Woodend, Romsey and Kyneton during March and for those who cannot attend a workshop, there will be an online survey open from Monday 2 March to Friday 27 March. To access this survey, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay

"Students will also be approached in workshops facilitated by primary schools identified through a separate EOI process. Four schools will host Grade 5 and 6 workshops to understand what students most want and need from this

initiative," said Cr Pearce.

Please direct any RSVPs or questions to Annie Rowland, Live4Life Development Officer on email arowland@mrsc.vic.gov.au or call 5422 0209.

Upper primary school kids aged kids were identified as a priority in both Council's 2018-2028 Youth Strategy, 'Elevate' and the When Life Sucks Youth Mental Health Consultation Report, an initiative of the Loddon Campaspe Regional Partnership.

Funding has been secured due to Council's successful decade of delivering the award-winning Live4Life Program targeted at high school kids.

Evidence shows optimal mental health and wellbeing at an early age paves the way for even more effective mental health education in their secondary years.

New Kerbside Collection System is Underway

Thank you to our customers who have been sorting their waste effectively and making best use of our new kerbside collection system.

The new system, of up to four bins, started in early February and includes a new glass-only bin for each customer and an additional food organics garden organics (FOGO) service for many households.

More than 14,000 customers are part of the first stage of the FOGO service. These residents received a kitchen caddy, compostable caddy liners and a guide for how to use the service.

Garden bins (lime green lid), now known as FOGO bins, were supplied to customers who did not already have one.

The FOGO service will be rolled out to all of Council's 20,000 kerbside collection customers during the next five years.

FOGO allows residents to place all food waste, including meat and bones, into garden bins.

FOGO bins will be collected weekly, and collection of rubbish/general waste bins will move to fortnightly for households that have the FOGO service. An estimated third of the contents of the average household rubbish bin in the Macedon Ranges Shire is food waste.

A FOGO collection, coupled with a recycling service has been proven to reduce the amount of waste going into landfill, where it produces harmful greenhouse gas emissions.

The four bins in the new kerbside collection service are: • glass only (purple lid) • recycling (yellow lid) • FOGO (lime green lid) • rubbish/general waste (red or dark green lid).

For further information on the new services, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/bins, call 5422 0333 or email mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Approved Planning Control Will Help Preserve Lancefield

Lancefield's township character will be preserved and maintained following the Victorian Government's recent approval of new planning controls.

Amendment C117 – the Lancefield Development Plan Overlay (DPO) now forms part of the Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme.

The DPO, which was approved and gazetted by the Minister for Planning on 16 January 2020, will guide any future subdivision and development of residentially zoned land in Lancefield and corrects a mapping error made to the township boundary.

The approval of the DPO follows three years of development and consultation with the community, as well as an independent planning panel review.

The panel made three major changes to the approved Development Plan Overlay Schedule 24, including:

- Deleting a permit condition requirement relating to the provision of infrastructure
- Providing for no more than two development plans each in Areas 1 (adopted schedule allows for up to three development plans)
- A new requirement in DP024 that development in all areas must have more than a BAL-12.5 rating under A53959-2009 Construction of Buildings in Bushfire-prone Areas (Standards Australia, 2009).

Director Planning and Environment, Angela Hughes said the DPO responded to how the community wished to see the town develop in to the future.

"This decision means we can retain Lancefield's established urban form and heritage character including the street design and grid layout," Ms Hughes said.

For more information, see mrsc.vic.gov.au/C117



You are invited to the celebration! Picnic In The Park followed by Movie Under The Stars

It is an exciting time at Romsey Ecotherapy Park! With the recent completion of the amazingly challenging Climbing Forest to compliment the Active Nature

Space, it is time to celebrate both what has been done and what is to come this year (the Sensory Therapeutic Space).

SO - SAVE THE DATE! The **Picnic In The Park followed by Movie Under The Stars** will be a free family friendly event for all ages to be held on **Saturday 14th March 2020 from 6pm**. Bring a picnic, order a hamper from Soltan Pepper or Verdure, indulge in a free sausage sizzle or grab a snack from the food trucks to indulge on your picnic rug or chair. Enjoy music, roving entertainers, face painting and displays before the Movie Under The Stars experience begins at dusk. Parking on site is limited so walking or cycling to the Park is encouraged. Please note: This is aiming to be a waste free event.

Further information: www.romseyecotherapypark.com.au

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Romsey Region Business & Tourism Association (RRBATA)

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RRBATA Update

Romsey Region Business Marketing Campaign Update support of this potentially valuable initiative.

The Romsey Business Marketing Campaign **Christmas In Romsey Working Group** - development is continuing. Towards **Members and Volunteers Needed** the end of February, a photo shoot to The Arts Culture and Events (ACE) working showcase businesses and the local area was group has vacancies which desperately conducted. These images will be involved in need to be filled to facilitate organization the production of a colour, double-sided A3 of Christmas In Romsey 2020. Please map highlighting RRBATA members and key contact Jenny Stillman (Ph. 0411 700464 attractions in the region. These maps will be jennystillman@optusnet.com.au) for further available around town, so keep a watch out information or if you are able to assist with even a small short term task.

To support the launch of the map, a 5-week **New Visitor Information Signage** print and social media campaign will run The final component of the Streetscape toward the end of the March 2020 which will Enhancement Project is the installation of include all RRBATA members over the period 2 new visitor information boards – one at of the campaign. the Romsey Community Hub and one at the Lions' Park and directional finger blade to

RRBATA's membership has swelled as local assist visitors to find a number of Romsey businesses realise the membership benefit attractions. RRBATA has been advised of being included in this initiative. by Council that these installations will be underway by April.

Once again, RRBATA is grateful for Council's

Garage Sale

Saturday, 14 March 2020; 8.00am - 1.00pm (no early birds) at 19 Metcalfe Drive, Romsey.

Items from 4 households include aviation items, tools, plants, books, shoes, clothing and accessories, crockery, toys, baby items and much more.



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Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services Limited is the management company of the Community Bank branches at Lancefield & Romsey. Following the retirement of long standing Board members, the Company is seeking interested residents to apply to join like-minded volunteers in this highly active community organisation.

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These roles may be of interest to persons who are either working or retired. Experience in corporate/financial affairs or business management is an advantage but not essential. The ability to invest your time and energy is a key attribute that we're looking for. Various training options are available for successful candidates.

The positions are voluntary and therefore a strong commitment to community affairs is essential. There is a minimum commitment of at least 10 hours per month, including a monthly Board meeting and participation in regular Board committees.

Expressions of interest, with a brief resume, should be addressed to the Company Secretary at PO Box 30, Lancefield, 3435 or emailed to info@lrcfsl.com.au.

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THEME :	Grow, Connect, Improve.
Product/Resource :	Australian Indigenous Foods
Country of Study :	Botswana
Thanksgiving Fund :	Endometriosis Research through the Jean Hailes Medical Centre for Women
State Project :	CWA of Vic. Inc. IT and Systems Upgrade and Maintenance
Social Issues Focus :	Building communication skills in times of stress

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

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

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

CWA will be catering for the Romsey Antique & Collectables Fair on Saturday 14th March at Romsey Mechanics' Institute, Main Road Romsey.

The Central Highlands Creative Arts Exhibition will be held at Riddell Creek Community Centre in Main Road, Riddell Creek on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd March, Morning tea, Lunch and Afternoon tea will be available on both days. Come and see the wonderful crafts that will inspire you. Our next craft day will be on Thursday 19th March at 10.00am in the supper-room at the Mechanics' Institute.

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



Romsey - Lancefield Probus Welcome to Friendship

Our club provides an opportunity for retirees or semi retired people to relax and enjoy the welcoming company of those at the same stage of life.

Our monthly meeting (4th Thursday of the month) is a chance to catch-up with new and old friends, share a pleasant morning tea, and hear interesting speakers on a wide variety of topics.

Meetings are held at St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey.
The March meeting will be on Thursday 26th March, at 10am
This is the Annual General Meeting, there is no Guest Speaker.

After the meeting, people so inclined, have lunch at a nearby restaurant.
There are many activities members can be part of (including Trips and Outings); some being regular, and others planned from time to time.

Join us for coffee at one of the venues in Romsey or Lancefield every second Friday;
or join the ten-pin bowling group for a bit of fun on the alternate Friday.
Or form a group with others of similar interests at a time that suits.

*We are a friendly welcoming group from diverse backgrounds and with a variety of interests,
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Contact: President: Tony 0408536290; Vice President: Allan 0408098428 or Secretary: Jeni 5429 5480

Library News

DIARY DATES

March is **Cultural Diversity** month. We will have a range of resources on display, for all ages, available for borrowing. Also, we are hosting a **drop-in flag-making activity** during the week of 16-21 March.

Did you know reading for pleasure plays a significant role in a person's happiness and success, and is good for your health? We want you to binge on books this autumn and see how great you feel! Join the state-wide Autumn Book Binge for a fun way to read more and read more widely. There are nine possible challenges with linked reading lists and book vouchers to win. Collect your book challenge brochure from any of our locations and get reading. Autumn Book Binge is a joint initiative from State Library Victoria and Public libraries Victoria. Runs March – May.

Make a Sustainable Leaf Pot (School Holiday activity, week one)

Wed 1 April, 11am

Join Leeola to create a sustainable pot planter holder using leaves and twigs from your garden. Bookings required.

Build with Magna Tiles and Lego (school Holiday activity, week two)

Free play with our Magna tiles and Lego during Library opening hours.

Drop-in Easter Egg Decorating

Tues 7 April– Thurs 9 April, available between 10am – 4pm

Hop into Romsey Library and decorate your own Easter egg

All ages welcome

SAVE THE DATE! We are hosting our annual trivia night on Friday 29 May from 7pm. Watch this space for further details in the coming issues!



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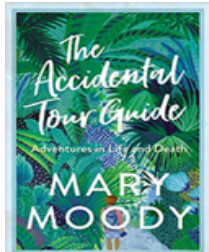
The Weekend by Charlotte Wood



Now you may need to wait to receive this book as I did but it was well worth the wait. Charlotte Wood was awarded the 2016 Stella Prize and Prime Minister's Literary Award for fiction for her novel *The Natural Way of Things*; *The Weekend* is her most recent novel.

This novel is an excellent character study of the relationship between three 70-year-old women who have been friends for over four decades. When their friend Sylvie, the linchpin of the group, passes away, the group gather over Christmas to pack up Sylvie's beach house. It is there that the group are faced with their own insecurities with themselves and each other. This novel is a terrific examination of what it is that holds lasting friendships together.

The Accidental Tour Guide by Mary Moody



This is the third book in Mary Moody's extraordinary life. In her previous two memoirs, *Au Revoir* and *Last Tango in Toulouse*, the fifty-year-old Mary travels to France to live independently and rediscover herself. Leaving her children, grandchildren and husband at home, she purchases a cottage in rural France and spends her days cooking, gardening and partying with new friends. It really is a life most women would dream of but not do. In this memoir, she has returned to her rural farm in Bathurst to care for her dying husband. The relationship Mary has with her beautiful husband and family is inspiring. This book is a candid and honest mirror into Mary's world. It is very funny in parts but be ready with the tissues!

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Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens Bendigo Bank Monthly Bus Trips

Point Cook RAAF Museum

Come and join us on our monthly bus trips on the first Wednesday of the month. Our trips are to a variety of places and include morning tea and lunch and only cost \$40 (entry fees included).

Our trip to Boort was very successful, we had a full bus and even had to turn some people away. If you are interested in joining us please give Helen or Rae a ring to make sure you get a spot on the bus. Our next trip will be on **Wednesday 4th of March** with a visit to the RAAF Museum in Point Cook. This is the official museum of the RAAF, which is the second oldest air force in the world, displaying a variety of planes

from over the years. We will have lunch at Sanctuary Lakes Hotel. (Apologies, our planned trip on the Tramboat has been cancelled.)

Depart: Lancefield Post Office – **8.45am**
Romsey Mechanics Institute – **9am**

Future trips will be:

- 1st April Ballarat Zoo
- 6th May Melbourne Aquarium
- 3rd June Skyways Westfield
- 1st July Christmas in July
- 5th August Sorrento/Queenscliff
- 2nd Sept Mystery Tour
- 7th Oct Healesville Sanctuary
- 4th Nov Bendigo Op Shop Tour
- 2nd Dec Christmas Lunch

For further information please contact

Helen on 0409 064 303 or Rae on 0408 338 759.

Hope to see you soon.



Remember we meet every Monday at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute for lunch, some card games and a chat – everyone welcome. The **second Monday of the month** we have professional cooks prepare a 2 **course lunch** for just **\$10**.

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Wildlife Victoria Fundraiser at The Mount Theatre



The Mount Players are donating all proceeds from Thurs 5th March performance of 'Switzerland' to Wildlife Victoria.



Our state has been ravaged by devastating fires this summer and our precious wildlife has been decimated. The Players would love to see a packed house on 5 March to enable a large donation be sent to help care for and rehabilitate

surviving animals.

Switzerland by Melbourne playwright Joanna Murray-Smith is a superb 2 hander thriller and runs from 28th Feb – 15th March. If you can't make the fundraising performance make sure you book a ticket to another. There will an opportunity to donate to Wildlife Victoria at every performance.

To book tickets go to our website www.themountplayers.com or call 5426 1892 for enquiries.

By Karen Hunt



Apology - Postponed - John Mellor Ministries

It is with regret that we were required to postpone the John Mellor event, scheduled for Thursday 13 February. The following statement has been provided by John Mellor Ministries:

We apologise that we have had to postpone this meeting at short notice due to a health issue that has been discovered in the last few days in a routine health check that John had. He will require a procedure within the next week and we expect a full recovery within a month. We will reschedule these dates later in the year. We thank you for understanding and we sincerely apologise to anyone who has made travel bookings.

If you wish to receive details of when this event is rescheduled, please email: office@encouragechurch.com.au

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.



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New Season for Local Choir

The end of the summer holidays has brought the welcome return of the sound of singing to the Kyneton Mechanics Institute. The Cobaw With One Voice Central Victoria choir, conducted by internationally acclaimed singer and musician Gabriel Macura, was established a year ago with funding from Creativity Australia, the not for profit organisation behind the network of 25 With One Voice choirs across Victoria, and other states.

The choir, which meets every Wednesday at 7pm, welcomes anyone who wants to sing regardless of their experience and there are no auditions and no requirement to be able to read music. The aim is to promote social connectedness and inclusion and improve the health and wellbeing of participants through the benefits of singing.

The Central Victorian choir, set up by Cobaw Community Health, has performed at a number of events over the last few months and they are already have two bookings lined up for 2020.

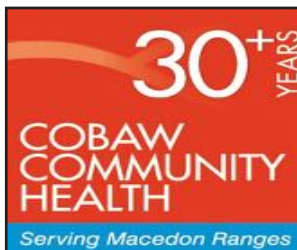
"It has been so rewarding watching the choir develop over the last year," said Carly Visscher, Cobaw's Community Connections Manager. "We have grown steadily in numbers and in a short space of time established ourselves as a respected group of performers."

Singing is said to make people happier, healthier, smarter and more creative and a recent Swinburne University study showed that 98% of With One Voice choir participants experienced less stress and 66% felt less depressed.

"Using singing as the vehicle for community inclusion is the centrepiece of why the choir works," says Creativity Australia founder Tania de Jong. "Music is a powerful social magnet that acts as a social glue that binds people together."

"What I love about our choir is its diversity," said Carly. "We have people from across Central Victoria and the Macedon Ranges from all backgrounds, all abilities and of all ages."

If you are interested in giving the choir a go, come along to the Kyneton Mechanics Institute any Wednesday night at 7pm or come and see the choir perform at the Tylden Hall on Sunday 22 March at from 2pm onwards.



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Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke A Few Thoughts for Side Dishes Fun



If one is cooking a butterfly of pork or a lamb chop it is often more pleasant to serve a side dish of a vegetable or salad rather than confuse or over-burden the plate with a profusion of tastes and textures which rival the Botanic gardens. For instance, it is elegant to serve say a minute steak on a plate with a garlic sauce which you think is appropriate. In a plate, or plates, beside the main dish a selection of the sweet potato chips, in another broccoli and walnuts or a salad. Anyway, apart from the washing up involved, it's easy and good fun. Also, it allows the eater to pick and choose flavour and quantity.

Sesame Sweet Potato

Brush sweet potato slices with sesame oil.
Sprinkle with sea salt and bake in the oven at 200oC until golden brown.

Roast Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Cut a garlic head in half, sprinkle it with olive oil and bake in the oven until it's soft and golden (about half an hour). Squeeze the roasted cloves to rid them of their skins.

Peel and boil potatoes till soft then mash them with some butter, sea salt, cream and three quarters of the roasted garlic. Serve topped with a little more sea salt, melted butter and the rest of the roast garlic.

Warm Walnut Dressing

Put a good splash of olive oil into a saucepan with a handful of walnuts and some sprigs of rosemary and heat slowly so that the flavours infuse the oil. Pour, warm, over cooked Brussels sprouts or broccoli, and over the top squeeze some lemon juice. Sprinkle with black olives and freshly ground black pepper and serve.

Pine Nut Butter

Cook a couple of tablespoons of chopped pine nuts in some butter (about 80 g) over a low heat until they're golden brown then stir in about 3 tablespoons of lemon juice. Pour over spinach, blanched broccoli or other vegetable and top with freshly ground black pepper.





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*“Return our
Ancestors. Bring
them back home.
Their spirits cannot
rest in the
Dreamtime.”*

**Dave Arden
Kokatha/Gunditjmara**



On 28th March, local young people aged 9-25 from Romsey and surrounds will sing on stage at Federation Square along with young Aboriginal people and Aboriginal elder and singing sensation: Dave Arden. The purpose is for Aboriginal people and non-Aboriginal people to unite, to sing together, to promote the concept of returning Ancestral Remains to Country. The event at Federation Square will launch a new and startling documentary called Returning our Ancestors.

You can see the trailer here: aboriginalheritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/returning-our-ancestors

The issue of returning remains to Traditional Owners and to Country, to their rightful resting place, is universally embraced. Museums with bones and bodies of Aboriginal people are finally returning these remains to Australian and to Country. There is still much work to do.

Join us at the event at Federation Square on Saturday 28th March 6pm (find us on Facebook by searching for “Returning our Ancestors” and if your child wants to sing with us, please contact The Field Trip at info@thefieldtrip.co



Macedon Ranges Sustainable Living Festival

The 2020 Macedon Ranges Sustainable Living Festival will be held on Saturday, October 3rd, in conjunction with the Woodend Community Farmers’ Market.

The Macedon Ranges Sustainable Living Festival (MRSLF) has been a part of the local, sustainable living movement for the past decade. The event provides a vibrant platform to showcase the environmental work of a large number of fantastic Macedon Ranges businesses, schools and community groups.

The date for the festival has been moved to later in the year to enable broader community participation. “After much consideration, the committee decided that October would be an ideal time to host the event,” says Dr David Gormley O’Brien, President of the MRSFG. “The springtime date has lots of appeal—the weather is favourable—and we hope to work in with the local school curriculums.”

The MRSLF is in good company, with plenty of other post-winter celebrations happening across the Macedon Ranges in the spring—and already, an exciting 2020 festival program is coming to life. The volunteer team are promising an outstanding line-up of family-friendly activities, delicious food and refreshments along with a wide range of sustainable living talks and presentations.

As usual, entry to the event will remain free—so get out your diaries and save the new date:

Saturday, October 3rd, 2020. More details and session times to come!

If you are interested in being involved in the 2020 Macedon Ranges Sustainable Living Festival, either as an exhibitor or volunteer, please register your interest at www.mrsg.org.au/sustainable-living-festival or phone David for more information on 0408 578 032.



Protecting the Natural Beauty of the Macedon Ranges

The Andrews Labor Government is delivering a crucial next step in the permanent protection of the iconic Macedon Ranges.

Minister for Planning Richard Wynne was at Blackhill Reserve, near the beautiful town of Kyneton today to announce the final Statement of Planning Policy – a 50-year vision and strategy which provides unprecedented protection against inappropriate development in the Macedon Ranges.

The Macedon Ranges Shire has already been declared as Distinctive Areas and Landscapes under the Planning and Environment Act 1987 to protect the region from over development and urban sprawl.

The final Statement of Planning Policy specifies protected settlement boundaries for the townships of Kyneton, Lancefield, Riddell's Creek and Woodend that require parliamentary approval to change.

There is more work required to finalise the settlement boundaries for the townships of Gisborne and Romsey.

This important next step has been made in partnership with Macedon Ranges Shire Council and the Traditional Owner



It also follows extensive consultation with the local community and delivers on the Labor Government's election commitment to protect the Macedon Ranges region for current and future generations.

The Government will now work closely with Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Traditional Owners and responsible public entities to implement the 50-year vision and strategy to protect and conserve the iconic and historic Macedon Ranges.

To read the final Statement, visit: planning.vic.gov.au/policy-and-strategy/distinctive-areas-and-landscapes.

For more information on the Macedon Ranges Distinctive Area and Landscape declaration visit: engage.vic.gov.au/macedon-ranges-localised-planning-statement.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Planning Richard Wynne

"The Macedon Ranges is beautiful and unique – and now has some of the strongest planning protections in place to make sure it stays that way."

"We're protecting the Macedon Ranges' treasured natural landscapes while encouraging development in the appropriate areas to ensure townships grow sustainably."

Quote attributable to Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas

"I'm delighted our beautiful and environmentally sensitive region is getting the protections it deserves and that we have delivered on our commitment to the people of the Macedon Ranges."

Free Smile Squad School Dental Checks Coming to the Macedon Ranges in 2020

Victorian school students in the Macedon Ranges will enjoy healthier and brighter smiles this year as the next phase of the Andrews Labor Government's landmark Smile Squad free dental program gets underway.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas, today announced every public school in the Macedon Ranges Shire Council region and Toolern Vale Primary in the City of Melton is being invited to join the program in 2020.

This means families in the Macedon electorate are next on the list to receive free dental care and save hundreds of dollars every year.

The Smile Squad vans provide free check-ups and treatment to Victorian public school students, including teeth cleaning, fluoride application, fissure sealants, fillings, root canals and any other noncosmetic treatments - to ensure our kids have healthy teeth.

The program, which started in August last year, is being expanded to include schools in Campaspe, East Gippsland, Macedon Ranges, Maribyrnong, Melton, Wangaratta and parts of Casey and Hume.

That means this year we're inviting more than 300 schools to participate and offer free dental treatment to more than

100,000 additional Victorian students.

Poor dental care can lead to more serious health problems. Across Australia, a quarter of all children have untreated tooth decay and in Victoria, dental conditions are the highest single cause of preventable hospitalisations for kids under 10.

The Labor Government's landmark \$321.9 million free dental care program started six months ahead of schedule in August last year - driving down big dental costs for families.

Once fully rolled out in 2022, the program will provide examinations and dental treatment for more than 650,000 public school kids every year.

More information about the program can be found at smilesquad.vic.gov.au

Quotes attributable to Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas

"I encourage all local schools to take up the invitation to have Smile Squad vans visit them this year so all children can have the opportunity for free dental check-ups."

"When it comes to oral health care, early prevention is the key and the Smile Squad program is designed to set our kids up with healthy habits for the rest of their lives."

Romsey Golf Club, Men's & Women's Reports

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Over the last two years the club has spent a deal of time and money improving our greens. The greens' program has been led by Hugh Drummond and the results of his work are plain to see. The greens have a dense cover of bent grass with only the odd invader here and there. The surrounds are also excellent. RGC volunteers often stop to speak with community members who walk in the Romsey Park or green fees golfers and we are very chuffed to receive very positive comments on our efforts across the whole of the Park.

February sees RGC hosting the **Relay For Life Charity Golf Day**. Over the twelve we have held the Charity Golf day RGC has raised over \$24,000 for cancer research. This event is sponsored by Romsey Thrifty Link Hardware.



2019 RFL
Charity Golf
Day Champs
"Flatstickers"
with Nick from
"Thrifty Link"

Also, during February we play **The Summer Cup**. A four-round competition however, players are able to have two tries for each round, Wed and Sat. Only a player's best three round scores count. Both these events attract players to both the course and to the town

Off Leash Dog Areas – towards the end of 2019 RGC contacted MRSC asking about Off Leash Dog Areas. Romsey Park has been used by community members for well over 100 years to exercise their dogs. RGC has good relations with many of these dog owners and we were quite happy for Romsey Park to remain an Off-Leash Area. Our only concern was the lack of fencing along much of Barry Road. We were told that Romsey Park would not be one of the "Off Leash" areas within Romsey.

RGC turns 100 in 2021, we are currently working towards the centenary celebrations. If anyone has documents, photographs or other memorabilia the club would be very pleased to have a lend for our research. All items will be well cared for and returned immediately after they have been scanned, photographed etc.

RGC Weekly Competition Results:

Feb 15 Stroke	Darlene Baker 2 under C/B Dave Kenney, Anthony Lakey & Pat Chisholm even
Feb 12 Stroke	Darlene Baker – even from John Freestone – 2 over & Beryl Cole – 5 over C/B Jenny Hartley
Feb 8 Par	Mick Squire (4) +4 from Rob Rea (19) & Sherif Abdel-Sayers (27) +3, Mitch Atlas (11), Dave Kenney (29), Hugh Drummond (21) & Mal Mottram (9) all +1
Feb 5 -Par	Dean Jones (6) 1 from John Freestone (21) -2 & Lis Manktelow (24) -2
Feb 1 Stroke	Mitch Atlas – 78/11/66 from Andrew Evans – 80/12/68, Dean vanDenHeuval – 81/13/68 & Chris Lingard – 73/1/72.
Jan 28 Medal	Jenny Hartley – 94/22/72 from Darlene Baker – 94/20/74 & Pam Drummond – 106/32/74
Jan 27 Aust. Day Stableford	Mick Squire (4) 42 pts (70 Off the stick) from Jim Patton (18) -36 pts and Mal Mottram (9) – 36 pts
Jan 25 Medal	Ron Walker – 92/26/66 from Chris Manktelow – 104/36/68, Andrew Clement – 78/10/68, Bob Dwyer – 108/36/72 & Les Gaunt – 78/6/72

For more detailed reports please go to; <http://www.romseygolfclub.net/results/2020/>



Western Water Portal Gives Customers More Control



Customers have more control with new portal, says Western Water

Western Water customers can now easily access their account information, update their details and see their water usage data, all online, with the newly launched customer portal.

The new portal, known as MyWesternWater is a customer self-service platform designed to give customers more independence and control over their account management.

Paul Clark, Western Water's Acting Chief Operating Officer said the new portal offers customers many different functions which previously were only available through visiting or phoning the organisation.

"Our customers today are increasingly more internet savvy," he said, "when they want information, they don't want to spend time making calls. They want to be in control and be able to do things quickly, at any time that suits them."

"That's why we've developed the customer portal," he said.

The customer portal has been released along with a new SMS service which allows customers to text the customer team with their enquiry. This service responds to customers' expectations to be able to engage with Western Water in a way that suits their busy lifestyle.

"It's all about offering many options," Mr Clark said.

"We are continuing to offer the same, friendly customer service we always have but in different ways to suit our customers' needs."

To celebrate the release of the newly launched MyWesternWater, the organisation is running a competition, offering customers who sign up in the next four months the chance to get \$500 off their water bill.

To find out more, visit WesternWater.com.au

Romsey Tennis Club News

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AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2020

To those of you who had a chance to watch or attend the recent Australian Open, we hope you enjoyed it and are looking forward to next year. Congratulations to the winners, Novak Djokovic & Sofia Kenin, it was a fabulous fortnight of tennis. If it has left you wanting to have a hit please consider joining our club for either some social or competition tennis.

COMPETITION

Competition has just begun for our ladies on Tuesday Morning and mixed team on Thursday Night. We also have a Junior Team which has resumed their season after the Christmas Break. With only 2 weeks left in the season they look to be finals bound and we wish them all the very best.

SPARK TENNIS

We have also welcomed Spark Tennis to our club in recent weeks, conducting coaching lessons for all ages and abilities. For enquiries please contact Mario Matejcek on 0466 227 958 or email info@sparktennis.com.au

SOCIAL TENNIS

We are planning on opening the club up for social tennis on Wednesday nights. Follow Romsey Tennis Club on Facebook and Instagram to keep updated – all players of any age or ability are welcome. Just come down and have a bash with us.

CONTACTS

For all enquiries please contact Brett Rees on 0402 865 443 or Deb Rees on 0408 329 603.

WOODEND COMMUNITY DAY

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MICK & PETE

Mick and Pete play a wide range of styles, from 50's to current era, electric and acoustic. Both vocalists and playing guitar they also feature Harmonica, Mandolin, Accordion and Ukulele. With over 300 songs prepared, as band backings, they're able to provide variety and a great listening or dancing environment. Pete is one of Melbourne's premier harmonica artists, his versatility enables him to lead and complement the wide range of material Mick & Pete cover. Mick is a versatile, melodic guitarist. You will usually find Mick & Pete playing in Hotels, Restaurants, Wineries, Clubs, Parties and Weddings.

WOODEND WARBLERS

The Woodend Warblers are a community group that gets together once a week to sing. Do you like to sing in the shower, in the car, along to your favourite song as it blasts from the stereo? Can't read music, have never sung in a group before, but want to give it a try? Group singing brings amazing benefits to those who participate - why not give it a try?

Woodend warblers meet on Wednesdays at Norma Richardson Hall, 15 Buckland St Woodend, from 7:30 - 9:00. Cost is \$10 per session. For further info contact Andrew Price on 0419 604 444

JADE PISANI

Recently returned from South America with new songs new lyrics and great enthusiasm for your entertainment with her own style of music.



Contact Chinka Steel
on 0427 272826

Footy and Netball are Back!

The Romsey Junior Football Netball Club provides opportunities for children to participate in Football and Netball locally and enhance their social skills, sporting capability and physical health.

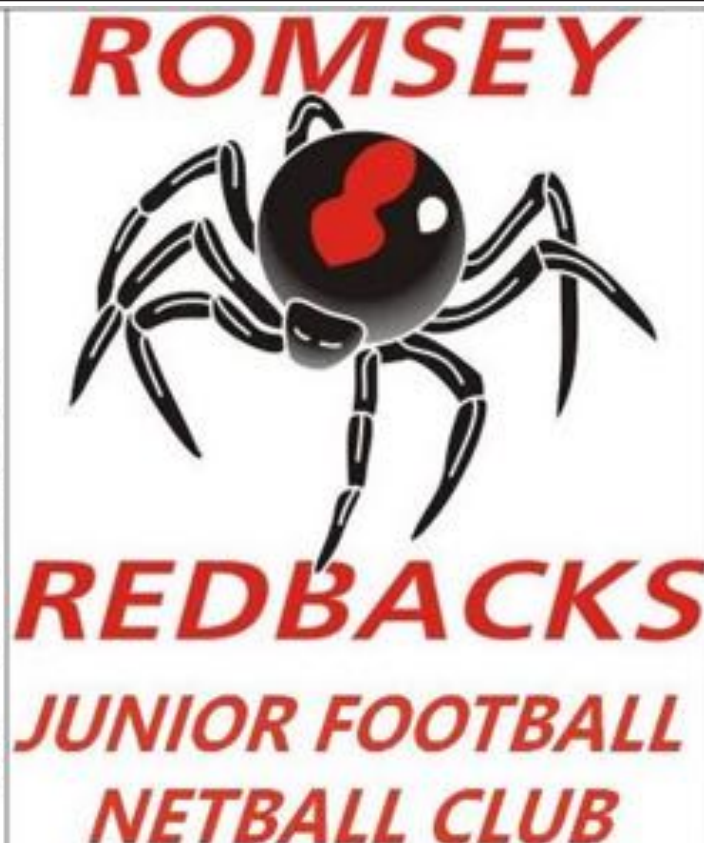
Kids can get involved at all ages and abilities from Auskick and Net Set Go programs through to U17 (boys footy and girls netball) or U18 level (girls footy).

U15 and U17 boys football teams are training on Monday and Wednesday nights at 5pm on Oval No 2. U15 and U17 netball training has commenced on Tuesdays at 4.30, with U13 netball training on Thursdays at 4.30. Other age groups will be back training soon. Practice matches are scheduled for March with the season launch night on March 27 and matches starting in mid-April.

Auskick and Net Set Go will commence in term 2.

We're keen to see more players in all age groups. Come along and have some fun with your friends.

Like and follow our Facebook page for all of the news and information on key dates or contact our Secretary, Justine O'Loughlin on 0407 158 620.





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PASTOR'S PARABLES

Same Snake - Different Skin



Snakes have the curious habit of shedding their old skin in favour of a new one. Yet no matter how many times they shed their skin they are still the same old snake.

If we think we get into Heaven by changing our ways (shedding our skin by morally reforming) we have failed to understand the message of the Gospel – the Good News.

When Adam lost the rulership of the world to Satan (a spiritual snake) all mankind suffered the repercussions and became citizens in the devil's kingdom. Through Adam's original sin we inherit a corrupt (sin) nature which God cannot allow into His heavenly kingdom. (See Romans 5:12)

No matter how blameless we think we are or how many good deeds we have accumulated, we will always fall short of God's perfect and absolute standard that He demands (see Romans 3:23). We may impress other people with our reformed ways but to God we are

still the same old snake. The only way we can possibly get to Heaven is by turning into a new creature.

To become a new creature we have to be spiritually 'born-again'. This spiritual rebirth occurs at the moment we accept Jesus Christ as Saviour. We can do nothing to earn or deserve salvation – we are totally dependent on what God has done on our behalf. God made salvation easy for us because Jesus Christ did all the work on the cross by paying our entire penalty for sin.

When we believe in Christ, we accept God's sacrifice on our behalf and we are credited with Christ's perfect blamelessness. At that moment we are spiritually reborn (in Christ - a Christian) into the family of God for eternity. The Bible states in Ephesians 2: 8-9: **'For by grace you have been saved through faith (belief), and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works (good deeds), lest anyone should boast'**.

If we were able to save ourselves, there would have been no need for God to come to earth as a Man in order to pay the price for our liberation of sin. The good news of the Bible is we become new people by simply accepting the gift of salvation by believing the Lord Jesus Christ died as our substitute on the cross.

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3).

THE INCURABLE VIRUS - UNLESS!

The Coronavirus is gripping the world at the present time and many have died from it. There is a more deadly virus that we are born with - SIN.

GOD HAD TOLD ADAM, "You may eat of all the trees in the garden but you must not eat of the Tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil for when you eat of it, you will die." (Genesis 2:16-17.) Adam disobeyed God and so SIN ENTERED the human RACE. Sin separates us from God and it is not only the physical death we suffer here but eternal death. God is Holy and is of purer eyes to look on evil so the Prophet Habakkuk wrote.1.13. So it is impossible for us to stand in His Presence.

We are not fully aware of our sinful state and its seriousness although we would admit we are not perfect. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to give us that awareness when we seek it or it may come unexpectedly.

God made us and loves us and does not want us to die for eternity, so has provided the cure in the Person of His Son, Jesus Christ. (John 3:16).

"So. Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people." (Hebrews 9:28a). He went from manger to manhood, then the Mission - to die that we might live.

At thirty years of age, Jesus began His mission for the salvation of mankind, beginning with His forty days spent fasting in the wild and lonely desert.

He was led there by The Holy Spirit and was tempted by Satan to deviate from God's plan of salvation and follow him - the Evil One. The first man was tempted in the garden - and failed. This second man was tempted in the wilderness - and over-came.

Christians have now entered the 40 days of Lent where they are able to fast, pray, Bible study, meditate and quietly reflect on the One Who loves us and gave Himself for us that we might live in heaven with Him for Eternity.

Our Part? Is to acknowledge our sinful, fallen state and accept Jesus as our Saviour and Lord - and follow Him.

"What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus,
What can make me whole again? nothing but the blood of Jesus,
O, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow,
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus."
Anon

GOOD FRIDAY 10th April
EASTER DAY 12th April

Services -
Holy Communion:
9:00am - St. Paul's Romsey.
10:30am - Christ Church Lancefield



The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Lancefield and St. Paul's Romsey

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MARCH 2020 DIARY

Tues 3rd 10am Lenten Studies. The Psalms continue led by Rev. J. Pollard Christ Church Lancefield Hall. All Welcome!
Fri 6th 11am The World Day of Prayer. Romsey Uniting Church The Service is drawn up by the Women of Zimbabwe.
Sun 8th HARVEST THANKSGIVING. Fresh foods welcome for Anglicare.
Sun 22nd Mothering Sunday with Simnel Cake - Keeping up an old custom.

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Macedon Ranges Partnership

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*Let the peace of Christ rule in
 your hearts and homes.
 Let the word of Christ dwell in
 you richly.
 God comes to us, each and
 every one.
 God bless you every day.*

The 2020 World Day of Prayer Friday 6th March 11am at the Romsey Uniting Church.

The service has been prepared by the people of Zimbabwe, Theme "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk" John 5: 2-9

Zimbabwe means 'House of Stones' and is located in Southern Africa. It is a landlocked country that lies between the Limpopo River in the south and the mighty Zambezi in the north. Harare is the capital city. The country has an estimated population of about 16 million people and 16 official languages, English, Shona and Ndebele are the most widely used. The Victoria Falls are a major tourist attraction.

Religion: The Zimbabwean Constitution allows for freedom of worship. Christianity is the major religion, observed by more than 80 percent of the population.

Health: Zimbabwe has one of the lowest life expectancies in the world. More than 1.4 million people in the country are living with AIDS, HIV and cancer of the cervix and breast have affected most women's lives. Women look after children with special needs and disabilities often with little or no support from husbands or relatives who often consider disability to be shameful.

Education: Zimbabwe has one of the highest rates of literacy in Africa - about 91%. There are many schools and colleges. However many cannot afford the fees, and schools are hard to access especially in the country areas, so many children do not progress to higher levels.

Please bring a plate of food to share for a light lunch after the service.

Romsey Church Services & Activities during March 2020

Monday 2, 16, 23, 30, 2pm. 'Cuppa at the Church'

Sunday 1st 9am. Worship Service

Wednesday 4th 6pm. Church Council meeting at David Strack's

Friday 6th 11am. World Day of Prayer Service.

Sunday 8th 10.45am. Worship & Holy Communion at Lancefield

Wednesday 11th 1.30pm. UCAF meeting.

Sunday 15th 9am. Worship Service

Sunday 22nd 9am. Worship & Holy Communion at Romsey

Sunday 29th 10am. Partnership Service at Treetops Camp, Riddells Creek

MASS TIMES

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month:

8:00am Lancefield and 10:00 am Romsey

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

8:00am Romsey and 10:00am Lancefield

1st Saturday of the month:

10:00am Romsey - Healing Mass

By arrangement.

BAPTISMS

2020 - Romsey Church - June 21st, August 2nd, October 4th & December 6th.

2020 - Lancefield Church - May 10th, July 12th, September 13th & November 8th.

Reconciliation available from 9:30am

For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

COMMUNION SERVICES

Tuesday 9:00am Romsey Church

Saturday 10:00am Romsey Church

SACRAMENTS

Registrations are now open for all Sacraments to be received in 2020. Please send your details to the secretary at lancefield@cam.org.au to register your child. Reconciliation Yr 3, Eucharist Yr 4 & Confirmation Yr 6.

ROSARY

Saturdays 9:45am Romsey

RECONCILIATION

ST. MARY'S PARISH - EASTER SERVICES

Lenten Reconciliation: - Fr. Martin

Wednesday 1st April 7:30pm - Romsey Church

OR

Thursday 2nd April 7:30pm - Woodend Church

Holy Thursday: - Fr. Daryl

Thursday 9th April 7:00pm - Lancefield Church

Good Friday: - Fr. Daryl

Friday 10th April 2:00pm - Lancefield Church

- Stations of the Cross

3:00pm - Lancefield Church
 - Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday: - Fr. Daryl

Saturday 11th April 7:00pm - Romsey Church

- Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: - Fr. Daryl

Sunday 12th April 8:00am - Romsey Church

10:00am - Lancefield Church



St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey

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

lancefield@cam.org.au

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School Secretary	Ms. Julie McDougall 5429 1359
School Website	www.smlancefield.catholic.edu.au

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Monday 9th March Labour Day

Friday 10th April Good Friday

Saturday 11th April Saturday before Easter Sunday

Sunday 12th April Easter Sunday

Monday 13th April Easter Monday

Saturday 25th April ANZAC Day

Monday 8th June Queen's Birthday

Friday 25th September Friday before the AFL Grand Final

Tuesday 3rd November Melbourne Cup

Friday 25th December Christmas Day

Saturday 26th December Boxing Day

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We will still be offering one off advertising and articles/reports

Full Year Not For Profit Community Group Memberships

Not For Profit 1 - \$50.00 pa.

- up to five (5) monthly 300 – 400 word ½ page reports (reports may be edited to fit the ½ page space).
- One 1/4 page Ad/flyer (black & white) per year and
- inclusion of activities in the monthly "Romsey, What's On" column.

Not For Profit 2 - \$100.00 pa.

- up to eleven (11) monthly 300 - 400 word ½ page reports, (reports may be edited to fit the ½ page space).
- One ½ page or two 1/4 page Ad/event flyers (black & white) per year and
- inclusion of activities in the monthly "Romsey, What's On" column.

If a Not For Profit Community group would like submit a one-off ½ page report or flyer the charge will be \$25.00

Anyone who has any questions re these rates please contact; payablesromseyrag@gmail.com

2020 Advertising Rates	One Off Ad	For Profit Memberships		
		3 months	6 months	11 months
Public Notice	\$15.00			
Business card	\$35.00	\$94.50	\$178.50	\$308.00
Quarter page	\$65.00	\$175.50	\$331.50	\$572.00
Half Page	\$120.00	\$324.00	\$612.00	\$1,056.00
Full page	\$200.00	\$540.00	\$1,020.00	\$1,760.00
		Saving 10%	Saving 15%	Saving 20%
Classifieds	\$15.00 -	Item description (15 words), cost, location & contact info		
Front page sponsorship - colour	\$240.00	One-off Ads - Colour		
Back page- colour	\$240.00	½ page - \$140.00	¼ page - \$80.00	
Inside front or back cover -colour	\$200.00	½ page - \$140.00	¼ page - \$80.00	

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14th March 2020

Saturday 9.30am till 4pm

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Entry \$5

This is a partnership event run by Romsey Mechanics Institute and Romsey Neighbourhood House as a Fundraising Event



Romsey Mechanics' Institute and Romsey Neighbourhood House are holding their annual **Antiques, Vintage & Collectibles Fair** on **Saturday 14th of March**.

There will be plenty of items to catch you're eye, including furniture, vintage swap cards, ephemera, china, jewellery, glassware, silverware, books, antique prints and engravings, antique dollhouses and furniture, plus much more.

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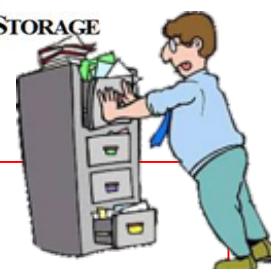
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-  **2** Put soap on your hands.
-  **3** Rub the soap over all parts of your hands for at least 20 seconds.
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