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Bendigo Bank
CHRISTMAS IN ROMSEY
2020

NOVEMBER 20TH
 Lights and Decorations Competition
 ENTRIES CLOSE

NOVEMBER 28TH
 Main Street Christmas Trees

DECEMBER 1ST
 Lights and Decorations Voting
 STARTS

DECEMBER 11TH/12TH
 Santa, lights and sparkle!

*WE ALL NEED SOME
 SPARKLE!*



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Welcome to the December Edition



Well what a year it has been, so many plans went out the window and the World ground to a halt. After all Victorians have been through, at least it looks like we can celebrate Christmas with friends and family. It may be a bit different to previous years, but let's not dwell on that, instead appreciate it and enjoy it to the full!

On behalf of all the Committee, I would like to thank our readers, advertisers and all members of the community for your continued support. We'd like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year! Please remember people who may not have family close by, be neighbourly and keep an eye out for them.



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WHAT'S ON in & around Romsey

1st Dec - Christmas Lights and Decorations Voting Starts.

11-12th Dec - Santa, Lights and Sparkle.

24th Dec - Christmas Eve.

25th Dec - Christmas Day.

26th Dec - Boxing Day.

31st Dec - New Years Eve.

Difference Between a Stroke, a Heart Attack and a Cardiac Arrest

People often get confused between these and think they mean the same thing but in fact they are all different.

The heart is responsible for pumping blood to all the cells in the body. To perform its duties, the heart muscles need a generous supply of oxygen. This is received from blood pumped through the coronary arteries. A **heart attack** occurs when the blood supply to a part of the heart is completely blocked, most commonly from the result of a clot.

When having a heart attack, you may experience pain, pressure, heaviness or tightness in one or more parts of your upper body, including the chest, shoulder, neck, arm, jaw or back. This may also occur in combination with other symptoms such as nausea, being light-headed, cold sweats or feeling short of breath. Note that warning signs may vary person to person and they may not always be sudden or severe.

A heart attack is a medical emergency and 000 should be called immediately if the warning signs are severe, get worse quickly or last for more than 10 minutes. It is recommended to chew 300mg aspirin unless your Doctor has told you not to take it.

A stroke happens when blood supply to the brain is interrupted. This can be caused by the artery being blocked (ischaemic stroke) or it bursts (haemorrhagic stroke). When brain cells do not get enough oxygen, they usually start dying quite quickly. The most common signs of a stroke are facial weakness & numbness (mouth drooping), arm weakness, speech difficulty and difficulty in swallowing. Once again, a stroke is a medical emergency and 000 should be called immediately.

A mini-stroke (known as a TIA medically), is caused by a temporary cut in blood supply to the brain and is a warning of an impending stroke. It may appear hours, days, weeks or months before a full stroke and should not be ignored. Early identification and management from your Doctor greatly reduces your chances of a major stroke.

Finally, **Cardiac arrest** occurs when the heart suddenly stops beating, which may be caused by a heart attack or other heart abnormalities. A person in cardiac arrest will collapse and fall to the ground, have no pulse and not breathe or breathe abnormally (gasping for air). 000 needs to be called as soon as possible, to be followed by cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of a defibrillator if available. CPR helps to keep the blood and oxygen circulating to the brain until the heart can be restarted, whereas the defibrillator can give an electric shock to try to 'restart' the heart to its normal rhythm.



December In Your Garden - Melanie Kinsey

Roses everywhere seem to have reacted to the wet spring by blooming madly this year. I was lucky enough to visit Benalla and its famous rose gardens last week and I was blown away by the colour and scent. All the gardens with roses in Benalla and Wangaratta were awash with colour and I came home to my few roses and appreciated them anew. While up in the north-east I also went wildflower spotting in the Warby Ranges. This was a new location for me and we found lots of old favourites like the purple wax-lip orchid and donkey orchids; but also new finds like blue finger flowers and rock isotomes. The yellow straw flowers *Xerochrysum bracteatum* carpeted the forest floor for mile after mile!

Also reacting to the wet spring is my *Carpenteria californica* known as the tree anemone. It's an evergreen Californian native as you might have guessed and produces big white flowers with a boss of long yellow stamens that really catch the eye. After several years of diligent summer watering to help it establish; I am hopeful it is now a tough member of my dry garden. As the bold foliage of *Haemanthus coccineus* the ox-tongue lily fades away, the late spring bulbs are looking good – turquoise *Ixia viridiflora*, red *sprekelias* and salmon *gladiolus*. Soon the burgundy pineapple lilies will emerge and the fairy fishing rods *Dierama pulcherrimum* will begin to flower too.

Four purple foliated shrubs that are looking good in my garden now are the purple smokebush *Cotinus 'Grace'*; the purple barberry *Berberis thunbergii atropurpurea*; the purple cabbage palm *Cordyline australis purpurea* and one of the New Zealand myrtles *Lophomyrtus X ralphii 'Black Stallion'*. Plants with purple foliage are a great contrast for all the green foliage plants. Have a great Christmas and see you all again in 2021!



Romsey Mechanics Institute



In mid November building, a smaller Tony Maggio store room (Melbourne Sound remodelled, a new Systems) visited the entrance from the RMI to take final measurements for the installation of women's toilets and the women's a motorised screen toilets refurbished. We will continue to look for funds to finish off the other stages of this major project.



Tony sets up the controls for the AV system

Audio Visual system completed. This system will see the RMI again able to show films, our microphones, sound deck and five-speaker system will make hosting comedy nights, presentations and other events far cheaper as users will no longer have to hire in a sound system.

Earlier in the year local member, Mary-Anne Thomas, was able to get a grant of \$35,000 for the RMI to get our Toilet Upgrade and refurbishment project moving. While this was never going to be enough it did allow us to apply for other grants. Very recently we were informed that the Bendigo Bank (Community Investment Program) was willing to match that initial grant. We are now working with Mark Saddington (Dependable Building Services) to get all the building permits approved and then start work. This 1st stage will see a new all access, unisex toilet constructed at the western end of the

As the Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted more user groups have been returning to the RMI. It is wonderful that these groups can again connect with each other. As these restrictions are further raised larger family gatherings should be allowed and traditional Christmas celebrations will be back on the table. We are only able to look to these positives because the vast majority of Victorians did the right thing to really get this virus under control.

The CoM would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year

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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 is on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 10.00 am to approx. 12.00 noon. 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.

Our Romsey Branch participates in various community activities, and we welcome new members. Come and join us! Membership is very affordable. For any further information please call:

President : Melva Beer
 Treasurer : Anne Barry
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 Email: cwaromsey@gmail.com

On Wednesday November 4th we held our AGM followed by a General meeting. This meeting was held at the Romsey

Football Oval under the pavilion. Thankfully the weather held off for us. After such a tough year it was great we were able to get together and vote in our new committee. Welcome to Belinda and Jan who have decided to join our branch. We certainly are looking forward to next year and are hoping we can get back to some normality. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd Nov, fingers crossing we can use the hall. After the meeting we will be holding our Christmas Break up Lunch at Soltan Pepper. Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and safe and healthy New Year.

This month I have decided to include an easy craft item –

KNITTED DISHCLOTH

Requirements:
 1 ball 8-ply 100% cotton yarn.
 1 pair 4mm needles.

Instructions:

1. Cast on 45 stiches.
2. Knit as many rows as it takes to make a square.
3. Cast off and tie off threads

This is the easiest pattern to knit up and really can be made in any size and colour. If using good quality cotton the same pattern can be used to knit a face cloth, which can be very handy for travelling.

Construction is Nearly There!

The Lancefield & Romsey Community Bank Branches are supporting us!

But Where Are YOU?

Romsey Mens Shed
 Working on Friendships

\$5.00 Membership until the shed is built, and the full fee is determined by the members.

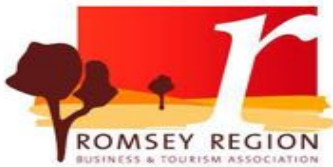
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WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR!





Romsey Region Business & Tourism Association (RRBATA)

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

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

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

RRBATA Update



Let's celebrate our businesses and community after a challenging year!

After a year that has been challenging for many, with all of us having to adapt to new protocols and rules, there appears to be light at the end of the COVID-19 tunnel. Our region's businesses demonstrated an amazing capacity to adapt to the conditions foisted upon them whilst dealing with the inherent anxiety of not knowing what was to come. The community houses in Lancefield and Romsey assisted the more vulnerable members of our community and governments at all levels made support available.

As the year draws to a close, **Christmas in Romsey 2020** will this year be potentially an even more significant "brightener" of community spirit. Although the Community Carols will not be held, the **Lights and Decorations Competition** and **Main Street Christmas Tree Display** will go ahead.

Santa, Lights and Sparkles will take

over the town on the evenings of Friday 11th and Saturday 12th of December. **Santa** will be "cruising" the residential streets in the early evenings. His "drive-by" schedule will be posted on RRBATA Facebook (Romsey Lancefield Business and Living) and Romsey Online (www.romsey.org.au).



On the same nights, Main Street landmarks will be beautifully illuminated with feature lighting, best viewed between 9pm and 10.30pm. Dress up in your favorite Christmas attire to enjoy the ambience of Christmas in Main Street Romsey. And enjoy some food truck snacks! Watch out for further information (Facebook, www.romsey.org.au) closer to the date.

RRBATA wishes the Romsey and Lancefield region's communities a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Prosperous New Year ahead in 2021.



The Campaign Has Started!

Romsey Ecotherapy Park Inc invites you to help secure the inclusion of Romsey Ecotherapy Park's distinctive site specific art installations inspired by nature as the next exciting stage in the Park's evolution is realised.

Renowned artists from our region and beyond have created concepts for sculptures that harness wind, sound, wood, stone and repurposed materials in sculptures that will be unique to Romsey Ecotherapy Park.



Generous support from State Government (Regional Development Victoria), Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Romsey and Bendigo Bank's Lancefield Community Bank branches will result in the critically important sensory gardens, ephemeral (seasonal) billabong, water play area and arts culture space commencing construction in 2021.

Cycles (Charlie Aquilina)



However, the **Art in the Park** is not fully funded. Your valued support will become part of Romsey's heritage, leaving a legacy that matters to you, your family and the region. The COVID-19 era has highlighted the compelling importance of one's physical and mental health at all stages of life. Now is the time to consolidate Romsey Ecotherapy Park's regional significance as a truly nurturing and healing place in nature.

Walk with us to help put the Art in the Park!

For more information OR to make your tax deductible gift:
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Effective Volunteer Training

Celebrating International Volunteer Day with new training for volunteers

Saturday 5 December 2020 is International Volunteer Day and the theme this year is "Together we can through volunteering". To celebrate and recognise the vital role of volunteers this year, Volunteer Central Vic is excited to announce a brand new training program to support more people into volunteering.

Many community organisations have been impacted by a reduction in their volunteer capacity through the lockdown period and are finding that they desperately need more volunteers as they reopen.

"It has been devastating to live without our sporting organisations, clubs, societies, Neighbourhood Houses and other vital community services this year. In 2021, we want to see those key community organisations back in full swing within a safe COVID environment with volunteers trained and ready to help", says Lisa Richards, Coordinator of Volunteer Central Vic (VCV).

"Volunteering offers something for everyone, and at Volunteer Central Vic we aim to help

people positively improve their wellbeing through volunteering. This training prepares new volunteers to take up positions that will personally benefit them and also help the wider community".

Effective Volunteer Training is a tiered training curriculum developed under the experienced eye of Anne-Marie Pedeau, an education and training specialist currently volunteering with VCV. The training takes volunteers through the complete volunteering journey from those first steps into a role to developing high level skills in the not-for-profit sector.

Anne-Marie, a Kyneton resident, says "What makes this training different is that it is highly interactive and includes exercises, tips and tools to help people develop their skills and make a greater impact in their volunteering."

Stage 1: Introduction to Volunteering, will be offered on a monthly basis from **Thursday 28 January 2021**. Introduction to Volunteering gets new volunteers off to a great start, introducing essential topics like Benefits of Volunteering, How Volunteer-Involving Organisations Work, How to be a Successful Volunteer and Practical Steps into Volunteering.

2021 training dates will be announced on the VCV website: www.volunteercentralvic.com.au

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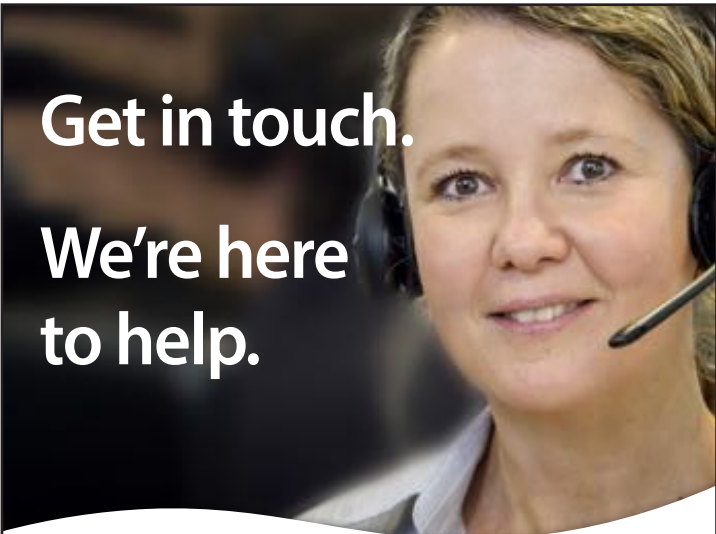
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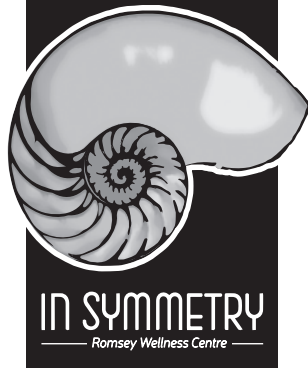
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Romsey - Lancefield Probus

Welcome to Friendship

The Romsey/Lancefield Probus 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.

Over the past months the Probus Management Committee have had meetings via Zoom Video Conferencing, which have been most successful.

The Probus Club was able to hold their AGM via Zoom in September when we finalised all official business for 2020.

We are unable to get together for our annual Christmas Lunch but hopefully will be able to meet up for lunch in January.

The next official meeting of the Romsey Lancefield Probus Club is on Thursday 25th February, 2021 at 10am in St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey. This is subject to the COVID restrictions being lifted.

Contact:

President: Tony 0408536290;
Vice President: Allan 0408098428;
Secretary: Jeni 5429 5480

We wish everyone a very joyful Christmas and a much better 2021.

Visit our WEB-Site: www.rlprobud.org.au



The Mount Players



Interval.....

*We drew the curtains on that final scene
But little did any of us know
That when it ended & the stage swept clean
It would be this year's only show.*

*Our 2020 season promised patrons we'd delight
With drama, Shakespeare and song
But alas our hopes went out with the lights
This 'interval' has become painfully long.*

*A melodrama wasn't on this year's ticket
With such a plot never conceived
The star being a villain that is oh so wicked
We've boo'd & hissed like you'd never believe!*

*Our Youth Theatre with its lively buzz
of inspiring young actors who dream
Has not gathered here for many months
This Villain is cruel it would seem.*

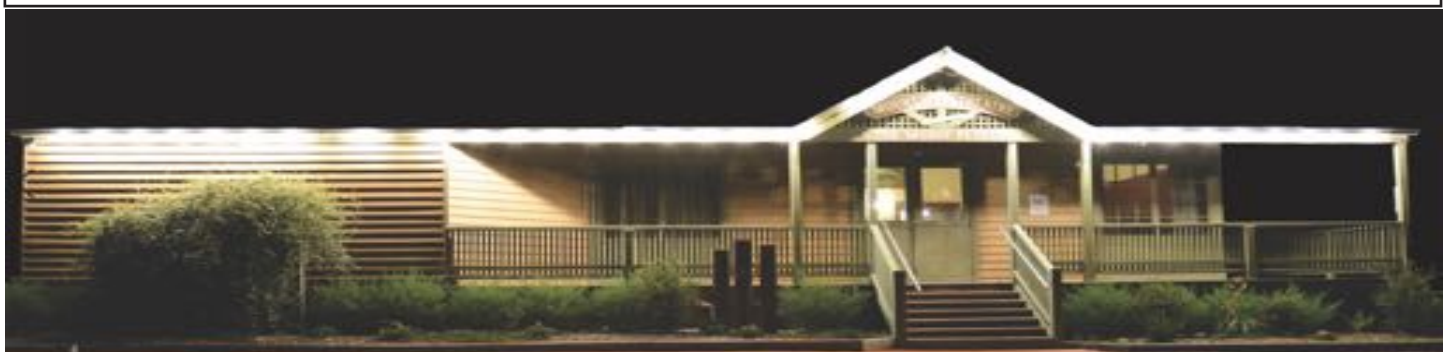
*We've put down tools, we build no set
Our actors don't rehearse
Scripts on hold with lines unlearned
Our singers have no verse.*

*Our theatre ghosts must wonder what's wrong
Why the 'interval' does not end
They are missing the applause & encore of song
And long to share an audience again.*

*But rest assured, we'll be back in style
Our curtains and doors open wide
You'll be greeted with a sherry & welcoming smile
And we'll present you our shows with pride.*

*So stay strong & gather with family & friends
Enjoy the Christmas season with zest
We have so many plans for when this all ends
We'll get back to what we do best!*

By Karen Hunt – The Mount Players Inc.



Welcoming Visitors Safely Back to the Macedon Ranges

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has reopened and expanded access to its facilities, following the Victorian Government's further relaxation of restrictions imposed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Hanging Rock, fitness centres and indoor pools are once again open to the public with COVIDSafe plans in place.

At Hanging Rock, the top of the Summit Walk and the Discovery Centre remain closed for health and safety reasons and all visitors need to sign-in for mandatory contact tracing purposes. All other facilities, walks and fishing in the dam are available to enjoy, including Hanging Rock Cafe.

At fitness centres, indoor stadiums and pools, there are

restrictions on the number of users in each facility at any one time.

Further facilities will reopen in the coming weeks.

For those planning a gathering at one of our beautiful parks and gardens throughout the Macedon Ranges, council encourage that you please remain mindful of current restrictions applying to outdoor gatherings.

To find out more and to access latest requirements regarding health and wellbeing, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/visiting-parks-gardens or mrsc.vic.gov.au/coronavirus.

Local business owners, tourism operators and accommodation providers are also encouraged to familiarise themselves with current regulations and requirements.

How Well Are You Prepared for Summer?

Do you have a bushfire survival plan?

Understanding your level of risk is the first step in developing your bushfire survival plan. Research shows that many people living in high-risk areas, threatened by bushfire will leave it too late to make critical decisions, often leaving them with very few safe options. In highrisk areas, leaving early is your safest option, particularly on Code Red, Extreme and Severe fire danger days.

Consider things like:

- Where will you go?
- What to pack in your emergency kit - does it include medicines, phone charger, pet or baby food?
- What about your animals? Just like people, animals too can become extremely traumatised in the event of a disaster. Your plan should consider their welfare too.

Tips for staying safe this summer

Take the time to prepare now:

- Download the "Can I, Can't I" brochure from the CFA website, visit: cfa.vic.gov.au to find out what you can and can't do during the fire danger period.
- Prepare a bushfire survival plan using the Red Cross Rediplan template, visit: redcross.org.au/prepare
- Download the Vic Emergency app to your smartphone or tablet and use it to stay up to date with local Fire Danger Ratings and Total Fire Bans.

You can also find us on Facebook. Search for 'Macedon Ranges Emergency Alerts' and 'like' our page. Our page focuses on helping you to prepare for and respond to an emergency in your town or region. It does not replace official emergency alerts from the CFA, Victoria Police or SES.

Remember, being fire ready is everyone's responsibility. Take the time to prepare yourself, your family, your animals and your property so we can all be safer this summer.

New Macedon Ranges Shire Councillors

A mix of returning, former and new Councillors will form Macedon Ranges Shire Council for the next four years, following the official declaration of local government elections by the Victorian Electoral Commission on Thursday 5 November.

The new Councillors were sworn in on Monday 16th November at a special livestreamed event held in Gisborne.

The new Councillors are:

East Ward:

- Annette Death
- Geoff Neil
- Bill West

South Ward:

- Dominic Bonanno
- Rob Guthrie
- Anne Moore

West Ward:

- Jennifer Anderson
- Janet Pearce
- Mark Ridgeway

The new Council's next meeting will be the scheduled Council meeting in Gisborne on Wednesday 25 November. This meeting will be livestreamed.

For more information, visit: mrsc.vic.gov.au/About-Council/Our-Council

From Your Councillors

Dear Resident,

This is just a short note to say thankyou for your support which has enabled us to be your representatives on the Macedon Ranges Shire Council. We are committed to providing you the level of service that you expect and deserve.

We would also like to pass on our good wishes and thoughts for the Christmas and New Year period. With COVID-19

restrictions easing, we pray that, once again, families and friends can enjoy the festive season together.

We are looking forward to working with you in 2021.

Till next time.

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Intro to Buying and Selling Online Tue 8 December 2-3pm

Learn the basics of buying and selling online. How to pay for things online, and shop from the safety and comfort of your home.

All About Android Phones Wed 9 December 2-3pm

How to set up your Android smartphone safely and customise it to suit your needs, whether you're new to using the Android system, or have been using it for a while.

Intro to Online Banking Thurs 10 December 10am-11am

Using your computer to control your finances. Learn how online banking works, how to get started and use a practice area.

All About Apple iPhones Tues 15 December 10am-11am

How to set up your Apple iPhone safely and customise it to suit your needs.

All About Apple iPads Wed 16 December 2pm-3pm

How to set up your Apple iPad safely and customise it to suit your needs.

Armchair Exploration with Google Maps and Google Earth Thurs 17 December 10am-11am

How to use online tools to travel the world from the comfort of home. Explore places that you've never visited and even see how the world looked in the past.

Watching and Listening Online Wed 13 January 2pm-3pm

Learn how to watch TV online and access catch-up services like ABC iView, SBS on Demand and Freerive, also learn how to access the radio online and use music services to listen to your songs whenever you like.

Family History Tue 19 January 10am-11am

Learn how to research your family history online. Step-by-step guides on beginning your family tree.

Exploring the Internet Wed 20 January 2pm

Learn how to use search engines such as Google, discover some useful websites, see how to make bookmarks and more.

All Things eLibrary Thurs 21 January 2pm-3pm

Join our guided tour of the Goldfields Libraries website and discover a treasure trove of online books and resources for adults and children.

Be Connected – More Family History Thu 28 January 10am-11am

Discover how to get the most out of Ancestry.com, and tips and tricks to make your research easier.

Romsey Library Christmas/New Year Hours

The library will close on Thursday 24 December at 3pm and reopen on Monday 4 January 2021 at 9:30am. We wish all our patrons and members of the community a very happy, healthy and safe Christmas. We look forward to serving you all in 2021!



MERRY CHRISTMAS Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens

It is great that things are slowly getting back to Covid normal. We hope to start back next year with our weekly meetings so keep an eye out for more details.

We miss our get-togethers and especially miss the birthday celebrations of our members. Whilst we cannot share a cuppa and a piece of birthday cake together, we wish the following member a very

HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

Margaret Holland is celebrating a birthday on the 17th of December.

Happy Birthday to you all, have a lovely day.

We wish you all a wonderful **Christmas** and a great **New Year**, enjoy your time with family and friends and hopefully we will see you next year in our rooms at Romsey Mechanics' Institute every Monday.

Remember if you need assistance you can contact Lancefield/Romsey Community Support on 0491 243 996 or the Macedon Ranges Shire Council on 5422 0237.

For further information please contact Helen on 0409 064 303 or Rae on 0408 338 759.



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The Community Bank is a major contributor to the amenity and financial wellbeing of our Romsey and Lancefield communities, and has distributed more than \$1.6 million in grants and sponsorships to local groups over the past 19 years.

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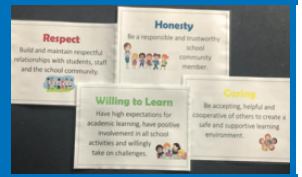
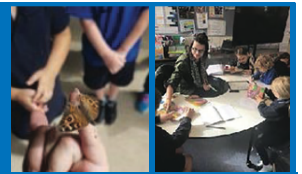
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What are warnings?

A warning will be issued when any type of emergency could impact you or your property.

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Remember: Do not rely on an official warning to leave. Emergencies can start quickly and threaten you within minutes.

Always use more than one source for your emergency information.

What do warnings mean?

		Prepare to Evacuate / Evacuate now An evacuation is recommended or procedures are in place to evacuate.
		Emergency Warning You are in imminent danger and need to take action immediately. You will be impacted.
		Warning (Watch & Act) An emergency is developing nearby. You need to take action now to protect yourself and others.
		Advice An incident is occurring or has occurred in the area. Access information and monitor conditions.

How do I find warnings and stay informed?

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Do You Know Your Total Fire Ban District?



	Total Fire Ban (TFB) Total Fire Bans are declared by CFA on days when fires are likely to spread rapidly and be difficult to control.
	Fire Danger Period (FDP) Fire Danger Periods are declared by CFA by municipality during periods of increased fire risk.



Can I or can't I?

To report a fire
DIAL 000

Can I use a chainsaw, plant or grass trimmer or lawn mower?



During Fire Danger Period

No, unless:

- the chainsaw, plant or grass trimmer or lawn mower complies with the following when used in vegetation that is not green (that is dry vegetation):
 - free from faults and mechanical defects that could cause an outbreak of fire
 - fitted with an efficient spark arrester
 - have an area of at least 3 metres around the machine cleared of flammable material

Also, a person must be in attendance at all times the machine is being used, and must carry at least one of the following fire suppression equipment items:

- one knapsack spray pump, in working order, fully charged with water, with a capacity of not less than 9 litres, or
- one water (stored pressure) fire extinguisher, in working order, fully charged with water and maintained at the correct pressure, with a capacity of not less than 9 litres.

Work undertaken in GREEN vegetation is permitted; however, CFA suggests maintaining equipment and carrying fire suppression equipment as described above.

On Total Fire Ban Days



This should be avoided whenever possible on Total Fire Ban days because the risk of starting fires is extremely high and the impact of fire on these days may be much greater. If the work is essential, follow the guidelines in the adjacent column for the Fire Danger Period.

Note that the spark arrester, the knapsack spray pump and the water fire extinguisher referred to above must comply with the applicable Australian Standards.

Can I carry out:

- welding, grinding, charring, soldering or gas cutting?
- rail maintenance?
- heating bitumen?
- relocating bees using a bee smoker?
- extracting honey using heat or flame?



During Fire Danger Period

No, unless:

- a fire-resistant shield or guard is in place to stop sparks, hot metal or slag from the fire
- an area of least 1.5 metres from the operation is clear of flammable material or wetted down sufficiently to prevent the spread of fire
- you have a hose connected to a reticulated water supply or water spray knapsack containing at least 9 litres of water
- all cut-offs and hot materials from the operation are placed in fire-proof containers
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- the fire is completely extinguished before the person leaves

On Total Fire Ban Days



No

These activities are banned on Total Fire Ban Days:

In limited circumstances, CFA, MFB or DELWP may issue a Section 40 permit on Total Fire Ban Days.

These permits are issued by CFA district offices, CFA headquarters, MFB district or DELWP offices. They cannot be issued by Municipal Fire Prevention Officers.

See the back page for details about how to apply for a Section 40 permit.

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

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Secretary 0400 768 040



The past two months have been very busy with all the works across Romsey Park and the golf course. The unusually wet spring meant that the couch grass sprigs were not available and we have had to wait until mid November to get the sprigs in the ground, around one month later than expected. However, the very rain that delayed the sprigging will certainly mean that the sprigs have the best chance of striking and growing. This wonderful soil moisture and our improved irrigation system should see ~50% cover of Santa Ana couch grass across all fairways by February of next year. Yes, it goes yellow in July/August but requires 40 – 60% less water through the summer months freeing up recycled water for other users in and around Romsey.

This year we have worked with GolfAus to draw up a Strategic Plan. One priority is an increase in membership of 15% between 2020/23. It is wonderful to see that so far we are well on the way to exceeding that increase. Hopefully the welcoming atmosphere of a small country club, the works across Romsey Park and the improvements to the fairways and greens will continue to attract new members

The RGC Men's Tournament, "The Graeme Clement Shield"

will not be played this year. In its place will be an intra club 24-hole Clements Vs captains competition. Promises to be a great day



Low end of the 6th fairway raised & levelled

With the Covid-19 restriction relaxed and a few weeks have seen a flurry of finals in the club's men's shields.

The Algie Mitchell Shield; Davey Kenney (11) D Mal Mottram (0) 1Up.

The W. E Tom Shield; Ryan Davies (18)/Simon Donavaon (11) D Jim Patton (15)/Mick Squire (0) – 4/3,

The John Laing Shield; Ryan Davies (8) Vs Rob Rea (0)

All bookings at: <https://www.romseygolfclub.net>

"BOOK NOW" button

Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club

The Relaxation of COVID Restrictions Gets Petanque Back into Tournament Mode!

There has been almost no competitive Petanque in Victoria this year but thanks to the recent relaxation of the State rules on contact between people the sport is now able to recommence the playing of Tournaments in the State.

One of the first Tournaments will be the Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club Triples, this was played at the Club's new Piste at the Old Woodend Racecourse in Forest St Woodend on Sunday 22nd November. There were players competing from many of the clubs throughout Victoria, all anxious to compete in serious competition once more and keen to see the new Piste in Woodend which offers a fantastic new venue for Tournaments within this State.

It would have been a great spectacle for many Petanque players around the State to come and watch, to see some of the leading players around the County perform and to get a few tips on the art of our game, but sadly this was not possible for this Tournament due to the restriction on contact numbers still in existence, this was a real shame as the facility offers tremendous spectator opportunities. Better safe than sorry though and we look forward to welcoming everybody on another day when these restrictions are over.

The Club is pleased to report that play within our membership is back in full swing with great numbers turning up at our Thursday 'Petanque at the Rock' sessions at Hanging Rock Reserve and at the new facility at the Old Race-course on Monday afternoons. We have been pleased to greet a large number of new members since we have restarted play, many of these have never played the sport previously and have enjoyed the coaching offered by the club's senior players enabling them to start playing the game with a good understanding of the skills involved and making new friends in the process.



We still have plenty of room for more new players though and invite anybody to give the sport and our club a try, it will cost you nothing to try it out, it's lots of fun and whether you are a long term resident of the area or have recently moved into the Macedon Ranges you will meet some wonderful new people who will become great friends

What is Petanque?

It's a funny French sport with an even funnier name, a bit like Bowls and Bocce but without a lot of those sport's formalities - and it's a lot more fun! It is played by all ages and people of all fitness levels, it can even be played in a wheelchair!

It's inexpensive to play, no fancy uniforms to buy, we provide free Club boules to use while you give the sport a try. Come and join the fun, we'd love you to.

For more information please contact us through: john.pizzey@petanqueattherock.com.au or visit our website www.petanqueattherock.com.au



Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke Pan-Fried Flounder

Before the Nazis invaded and occupied Norway, the homeland people had a high rate of heart disease due, it's said, to the huge amount of reindeer meat eaten and its high fat content (animal fat).

Once the Nazis took over and forced the locals to grow and eat their own vegetables while the occupiers gobbled down the reindeer meat, the locals' heart disease dropped while the Nazis' heart problems rose.

Once a cessation of hostilities took place and the locals again had access to reindeer meat, their high rate of heart disease returned.

Santa Claus knew this and so didn't eat Rudolf or his mates (unlike Robert Scott of the North Pole expedition who ate his horses).

Anyway, folks, instead of turkey, which has nothing whatsoever to do with Christmas, or ham (Jesus was a Jew and a fisherman of souls), I'm suggesting a sole or a flat fish like flounder.

PAN-FRIED FLOUNDER

This is for six (one fish per person) although quantities can be adjusted.

- 6 Flounders;
- 250g Diced lean bacon;
- 1 Large tablespoon lemon juice;
- 1/4 Cup butter;
- Salt and pepper;
- Plain flour;
- 1 Cup dry white wine.

Make a cut in each side of each fish. Marinate for 30 minutes in the wine then sprinkle each fish with the lemon juice, salt and pepper. Coat with the flour, shaking off the excess.

Melt the butter in a large non-stick frypan. Fry the fish slowly, 5 minutes each side, until golden brown. Quickly fry the diced bacon and sprinkle all over the fish.

Garnish with lemon slices and watercress. Serve with mint peas, baby carrots and small potatoes.



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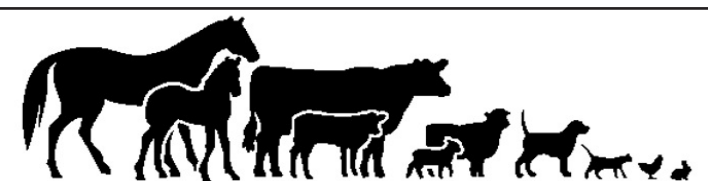
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Advice from the Australian Veterinary Association Regarding Pets of COVID-19 Positive/At-Risk Humans

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- There have been no reports of the virus in domestic animals or wildlife in Australia.
- The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) advises there is no justification in taking measures against companion animals which may compromise their welfare.

Romsey Veterinary Surgery is still open but have implemented some precautions to protect their staff and clients.

On your arrival to the clinic, you will find the front door locked but just give them a call on **5429 5711** or **ring the afterhours door bell** located at the front door.

More details about the changes can be found by visiting their Facebook page or giving them a call. Stay safe everyone!



City West Water™



Water Corporations Integrate to Meet Growing Needs

As announced by the Minister for Water Lisa Neville last week, City West Water and Western Water will integrate next year to support the growing needs of the rapidly expanding area west of Melbourne and strengthen the high quality of service to customers.

The new water corporation, Greater Western Water, will ensure we are well-placed to service the growing demand for services and infrastructure across our communities, to support a population expected to double over the next 30 years.

City West Water Managing Director Maree Lang and Western Water Managing Director Jeff Rigby both welcome the Victorian Government's commitment to invest \$500,000 in planning upgrades to convert the Sunbury office into a COVIDSafe Greater Western Water hub, as well as the retention of Sunbury and Footscray offices and all depots.

Importantly, there will be no job losses as staff move to the new water corporation, which will also create jobs and significantly reduce household water bills into the future.

An additional 50 staff will be based at Sunbury over the next three years, and there will continue to be a strong executive presence at the office.

Western Water's Mr Rigby said that the pace of urban growth in Melbourne's west required a new approach keep up with demand for water and sewerage services.

"Western Water and City West Water have been working together for some time, sharing resources and investigating

opportunities that reduce business costs, and ultimately prices for our customers," Mr Rigby said.

"The decision to integrate has not been taken lightly and we have worked hard with the Victorian Government to find this solution, which is in the best interests of our customers and our teams."

City West Water's Ms Lang said the move was a positive step forward for the region, which will cover an area of 3,700 square kilometres from Melbourne's CBD and inner west and north-west suburbs out to communities including Werribee, Bacchus Marsh and Macedon Ranges townships.

"The integration will lead to strong service outcomes, more secure water availability and high quality and more affordable water services for customers living and working in these communities," Ms Lang said.

"It's also an opportunity for our people, with Greater Western Water retaining all staff from both water corporations, and new job opportunities to support an expected 100,000 new customers over the next 10 years."

City West Water, with its head office based in Footscray, provides water supply and sewerage services to more than 1.1 million residential and 42,000 business customers.

Western Water, with its head office based in Sunbury, supplies water and sewerage services to more than 80,000 properties, or around 185,000 customers. Both corporate offices will remain, along with all other depots and offices of the two corporations.

The integration will take effect from 1 July 2021.

Image a World Without Violence

Each year, from 25 November, International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, to 10 December, World Human Rights Day, the '16 Days of Activism' campaign calls for action to prevent violence against women, one of the world's most persistent violations of human rights.

During the 16 Days of Activism, people around the world will join together to raise awareness of gender-based violence, challenge discriminatory attitudes and call for improved laws to end violence against women and improved services to support women and children whose lives are impacted by violence.

In Romsey and Lancefield, the 'Stand Together' campaign will promote respectful behaviour and promote a community free from violence. In Kyneton, members of the Zonta Club will host a display in the Shire window in Mollison Street, Kyneton, highlighting the need to understand the underlying issues and the road to change.

The murder of Romsey woman Courtney Herron in May 2019 and the recent revelations of a longstanding culture of bullying and harassment of women in Ambulance Victoria, evidenced by the experience of Lancefield resident Donna Fabris, bring the issue of violence against women to our own doorstep.

On average, in Australia, one woman a week is murdered by her current or former partner. Statistics prepared by Women's Health Loddon Mallee show that of the reported sexual offences against women in Macedon Ranges during 2019, the perpetrator was known to the victim in 73% of cases.

From Wednesday 25th November, wear ORANGE and say NO to violence against women.

For the Zonta Club of Kyneton Inc. <https://www.facebook.com/ZontaKyneton/>



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PASTOR'S PARABLES

It's not "WHAT" you have, but "WHO" you have

The story of Christmas is a story of humility. A young, unmarried Jewish girl faced the prospect of being ostracized in her community. She was pregnant. Would her betrothed still consent to marry her? What would everyone say?



A census was commanded for the country. Each had to return to his ancestral home for the count. At nine months pregnant, Mary and her betrothed Joseph made the arduous journey to Bethlehem. As they entered the little village, they longed for a place to lay their weary bodies. As they sought a room at an inn, there was none available – only a stable.

The entry of Mary's son into the world occurred in a place prepared for cows and donkeys. Her son did not have a soft feathered bed to greet him but a feeding trough. Yet in the midst of the darkness there was the good news of light coming to a dark world. The prophet Isaiah proclaimed more than seven hundred years earlier: "To us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called 'Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.'"

Mighty God? This carpenter from an obscure

village in Galilee? This man with no earthly possessions? Who would believe it? Yet many have, and do, and will continue to believe in the One born and placed in a manger. As the Bible states of him: "...who though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he **humbled himself** and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

This is the story of Christmas: God the Son (Jesus) coming down to earth and taking on himself the sins of the world. God Himself became a nobody so that we can all become somebodies. I hope you remember these things as we celebrate the reason for the season.

Our prayer is that through this year of difficulties and challenges, of isolation and restrictions, that you have come to understand it is not about "WHAT" you have in your life. Rather it is about "WHO" you have in your life. This is the Christmas Message.

We pray that your loved ones will mean so much to you this Christmas, but even more than that, Jesus will have become the essential relationship in your life, and that relationship, will be valued by you for Eternity. May you all have a VERY BLESSED and MEANINGFUL CHRISTMAS with much LOVE from all @ ENCOURAGE CHURCH.

GOD'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT TO US

Ding, ding go the cash registers; glitter, glitter the silver tinsel; glowingly the Christmas candles shine and resplendent, the decorated Christmas tree stands in all its glory. These are the expressions of the worldly Christmas today!

Why all the fuss? What is being celebrated? Where are the angels? The worshipping shepherds? The humble manger with Joseph and Mary and the new-born Child? All these life-changing events go unacknowledged in the secular society of today.

The Christian Church celebrates the coming into our world of Jesus Christ becoming one of us and taking our humanity into the God Head, in order to save us from eternal separation from God.

Jesus' name means Saviour and His other title - Emmanuel - means 'God with us' and so He left the glory of heaven to be born and grow as one of us and to eventually die on a cross for our sins. This mind-boggling message was delivered by an angel to humble shepherds guarding their sheep that night on the hills around the little town of Bethlehem. They were terrified at his glorious appearance!

The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today, in the town of David, a saviour has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: you will find a babe wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' Suddenly, a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace to all on whom His favour rests." (Luke 2:13-14). So, they

hurried off to Bethlehem and found it was just as the angel had told them; they knelt down and worshipped the Holy Child in the arms of Mary, with Joseph standing by in the lowly stable. (Luke 2:16).

So, it is no wonder that Christmas is such a time of rejoicing for us! To know that Jesus has come to give us new life in Him and by His death on the Cross our sin is forgiven as we put our faith and trust in Him, giving us the promise of eternal life in heaven.

"O may we keep and ponder in our mind, God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind; Trace we the Babe who has retrieved our loss, From His poor manger to His bitter Cross, Tread in His steps, Assisted by His grace, Till man's first heavenly state again takes place."

J Byrom

Another year draws to its close, a year like no other - we grieve for those who have lost loved ones; a lifetime's work; jobs and relationships. We thank and praise God for His many blessings and for bringing us through this difficult year. We pray for our Leaders that they may have His grace and wisdom in guiding us through the rebuilding in the months ahead.

This will be the last Anglican Parish News from me, and I thank the Editorial teams of Romsey Rag and Lancefield Mercury for their assistance over many years.

(Doreen Morgan. Correspondent)

The Rev Judi Pollard and all the members of the Anglican Parish of Lancefield and Romsey pray that all in our Community will enjoy a blest Christmas and Happy and Safe New Year 2021.



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May God watch over us all and keep us safe during this testing time as we put our faith and trust in Him.

Please note:

- Op Shop closed until further notice
- CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2020: Refer CHURCH NOTICE BOARDS for Service Times

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Members of the Uniting Church Macedon Ranges Partnership have been enjoying worship services via Video Link - see the website above. These services have been very enjoyable and we all appreciate our ministry team for the work they are doing to present these videos.

What has been happening at Romsey Uniting Church?

Devotion and get together

On Sunday 15th November, 2020, some members of the Romsey Uniting Church Congregation met at 11.30am for Devotional service and get together in the Gazebo in the church grounds. We followed the Covid safe rules, social distancing and wearing masks. We all brought our own lunch and enjoyed fellowship outdoors.

We intend to hold another of these services at 11.30am on Sunday 29th November. Hopefully, the Worship restrictions will be eased by that time. At the time of writing this for the Romsey Rag, only twenty people are allowed inside a worship place. Two groups of ten social distanced and five metres apart!!

Prayer:

In our daily tasks - *God surrounds us*

In our successes and failures - *God surrounds us*

In our joys and sorrows - *God surrounds us*

In the healing of our world - *God surrounds us*

We pray for all who celebrate, seek, or need God's love.

May the peace and love of God be with you. Amen.

We wish everyone a very happy and joyful Christmas and a much better 2021.

As many of you will be aware, we are currently allowed to celebrate Mass in our churches. There are guidelines we must follow in order to do this and with restrictions likely to ease after November 22nd, the best way to get the most updated guidelines is by contacting the presbytery on 5429 2130 or by email at lancefield@cam.org.au

MASS ATTENDANCE OPEN BY BOOKING ONLY

As we are still restricted to a maximum of 20 people at each Mass, **attendance is strictly by registration only.**

Please contact the secretary at lancefield@cam.org.au or by phone at 5429 2130 to reserve your place.

Sadly, you will be turned away if you are not on the attendance register.

Current Guidelines

Weddings allowed with up to 14 people present. This includes the couple, a celebrant, a photographer and 10 guests.

Funerals - Indoors permitted with up to 20 people.

Outdoors permitted with up to 50 people (not including celebrant or funeral staff)

Indoor Mass - permitted with up to 20 people plus 1 faith leader.

Outdoor Mass - permitted with up to 50 people plus 1 faith leader.

Visitations - Fr. Martin may visit the sick in their home to provide support.

Baptisms - may resume following numbers allowed for Masses.

Note that there are strict hygiene measures in place for all of these events.

What this means for St. Mary's Parish

Sunday Mass has resumed

Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 9am and will alternate between Lancefield & Romsey

1st & 3rd Sunday at Romsey, 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday at Lancefield

Saturday Healing Mass has resumed

The Healing Mass will be celebrated at 10am in Romsey on the 1st Saturday of each month.

Saturday weekly Mass has resumed

While we have the restriction of 20 attendees at Mass, Saturday Mass at 10am in Romsey will be held.

Baptism families who have had to postpone Baptism's already this year will be given first preference to rebook.

New Baptism enquiries will be taken for 2021.

Should a parishioner want to go to Reconciliation, please contact Fr. Martin directly at Woodend on 5427 2690 to make arrangements.

Please direct enquiries to the parish office on 5429 2130 or by email at lancefield@cam.org.au

For funeral arrangements, please contact Fr. Martin on 5427 2690 or by email at woodend@cam.org.au

Thank you for your understanding and please take care of yourselves and your loved ones.

WORSHIP FROM HOME - HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN MASS ONLINE

- St. Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne, daily Mass at 1pm, Sunday Mass 11am. Watch this at <https://melbourne.catholic.org.au/Mass>
- Via Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicArchdioceseofMelbourne>
- The Archdiocese YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/archmelb
- Mass for you at home is broadcast on network Ten on Sundays <https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>
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The Uniting Church in Australia

Macedon Ranges Partnership

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*Let the peace of Christ rule in
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God comes to us, each and
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God bless you every day.*



St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey

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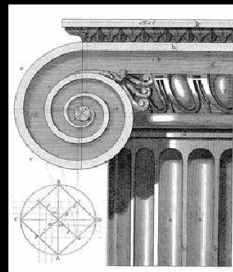
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Despite COVID-19, our Landcare group was able to operate effectively throughout the year and welcome seven new members. In November we conducted our AGM at the Mechanics Hall in Lancefield. At the meeting the election of office bearers for the next year took place. Phil Severs remains President with Ken Allender and Pat Danko continuing to serve as Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

This year, we were able to meet our obligation to carry out two roadside cleanups and complete substantial plantings along Deep Creek in the areas near Forbes Crossing, Sheehan's Crossing, Linehan's Bridge and Doggett's Bridge as well as our regular garden maintenance along the Eastern border of Lancefield Park. The Chainsaw Hollows project was a highlight. Thirty tree hollows were installed and we are now monitoring the hollows for Phascogales and other users. Early results look promising.

Summer is a great time in the vegetable patch in the Lancefield area. Leafy greens are favourites of mine because they grow quickly and can be harvested over a number of weeks. Other easy to grow salad vegetables including radish, cucumber, spring onions, beetroot and tomatoes can be planted now. December is a bit late to be planting tomato seeds but seedlings should be worthwhile. French (dwarf) beans and zucchini are other plants that thrive over summer in our area. Chilies will reward those who like a little spice and carrots can be grown during most of the year.

While thinking of the pleasures of the backyard, I am reminded of Australia's Backyard Bird Count conducted in late October. As well as doing your bit for the environment, participating is also very educational. It involves downloading a simple App whereby users can indicate whether they are novices, intermediate or experienced birdwatchers and their location. By doing this the App is able to give assistance in identifying birds in your area. Participants log the birds seen or heard during a 20 minute period. This can be done as often as you like which enables you to cover different times of the day.

One bird we want to see less of is the Indian Myna. Our Landcare group lends traps to residents and so far this year 358 have been trapped, a great result for our native birds.

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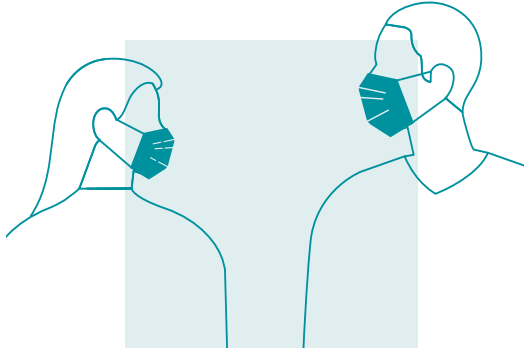
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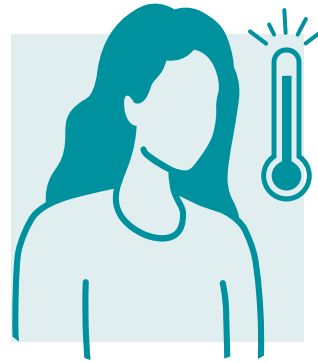
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