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CHRISTMAS

IN ROMSEY

2021 Key dates

Saturday 27 November

Main Street Christmas Trees Installation

**Friday 10 December and
Saturday 11 December**

Main Street Building Illumination

**Saturday 4 December to
Friday 10 December**

Lights and Decorations
Competition judging

Saturday 18 December

Community Christmas Carols:
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Welcome to the November edition

As our state, and country, moves out of regional and metropolitan restrictions and everyone, who is double vaccinated, is able to do many more things we need to recognise the wonderful success of our health system.

We are seeing the results of an extremely successful program to protect the Australian population. The US has about 12 times the population of Australia, currently we have lost less than 2,000 people to this virus. If the US had been as successful as us they should have lost 25,000 to 30,000 people. They have lost over 700,000.

The UK has around 2.5 times our population, they should have lost 5,000 to 10,000 people, they have lost over 120,000. The same for many other countries around the world.

It is estimated that the actions of our governments have saved around 30,000 Australian lives. Well done and a huge THANK-YOU to all our health workers who have been flat-out for over 20 months now. The Romsey Region as at 20th Oct was 75% fully vaccinated and increasing.

The message is clear, get vaccinated and get your life a bit closer to normal. It will be great to see people back in our town's restaurants, cafes and shops, to see groups walking in the park and to have larger groups at events such as parties and weddings.

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Power Upgrade: Our "Power Upgrade" for the main hall has been completed. Along the way we discovered that the stumps were in pretty good shape, that, when the hall was refloored, the old floor boards were just left under the new floor and that bits and pieces from the roller skating days are also under the floor. One person has already visited the hall and these works are perfect for the planned computer based group. Thanks to Colin Bromley who did a great job to get the cable laid, connected to the switchboard and all power points in place. Thankyou also to Steve Polak and Alexia Paterson (MRSC) for help with all planning permit issues and a refund of the permit costs.

New User Group: A new user group, "Romsey Tech Meetup" will meet every Thursday from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. More info elsewhere in this edition of the RR. We wish them all the best.

WELCOME BACK When you read this report Vic will have well and truly reached the rate of 75% fully vaccinated. All sorts of things will have opened up. We look forward to inviting all our user groups back without limit on numbers per session.

Let's hope everyone is able to quickly get back to their normal lives, visiting others, enjoying a meal in a restaurant - and heading down to the RMI for exercise classes or to meet up with others at the Senior Cits, RSL or CWA.



One of the eight new power and USB points in the hall.

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Lions Report

Recently Romsey Lancefield Lions members assisted the Romsey Neighbourhood House in moving hundreds of various plants from two large green houses on a local private property.

The owners were moving due to health issues and needed people to help with this huge task as they were not able to do this themselves. It was a big day and took several hours, with the use of four trailers to complete thanks to everyone who helped.

These items are to be sold by the Neighbourhood House on behalf of the owners, so any enquiries regarding the sale, please contact the Romsey Community Co-op on 03 4411 822



From left to right: From the Neighbourhood Hub: Geoff and Sharon McDonald, Michelle Balthazar. From the Romsey Lancefield Lions Club: Les, Paul and Angela. From the Neighbourhood House: Kristen and Caitlin.

November in the garden

by **Melanie Kinsey**

Weeding is occupying a lot of my time both at home and at a couple of community projects to which I contribute. The wretched things! And you have to get them out roots and all before they set seed as well we know "one year's seeding is seven years weeding". I use a handy dandy little three prong cultivator which I affectionately call my scratcher which makes it very easy to drag weeds out of the soil. In lawns I use a good old-fashioned daisy weeder which makes removing capeweed a breeze! And did you know that capeweed favours acidic soil conditions, so if you lime your soil, you will create an unfavourable pH for them.

My vivid blue ceanothus is proving to be a Mecca for the bees, as are the new flowers on my Banksia blechnifolia. This ground covering banksia produces flowers at foot level so you really have to get down on your hands and knees to appreciate its beauty! Also doing well in my garden is a bright yellow osteospermum known as the African daisy and more commonly seen in shades of purple and white. It strikes easily from cuttings and grows quite quickly and seems to be covered in flowers all year round. I have another daisy currently unidentified which has two-tone yellow flowers and blue-grey foliage which is also looking wonderful. Daisies are such uncomplicated and cheery flowers.

My Eucalyptus caesia 'Silver Princess' is also in full bloom with huge pinky-red flowers tipped with yellow. These contrast nicely with the silver-grey foliage and purple flowers of Eremophila nivea, the large purple flowers of Alyogyne huegellii 'West Coast Gem' and down low hugging the rock is a beautiful purple brachycome daisy. I do love purple in my garden!

Spring rolls on and the last half dozen of the 100 red tulips I planted over a decade ago are about to bloom. I think the other 90 failed because they were baked to death over summer.



Other bulbs to do well here are all the daffodils, grape hyacinths, pineapple lilies, ixias, arums, scilla and gladiolus. Actually, the spring flowering Gladiolus cardinalis 'Amanda Mahy' is budding up nicely and will soon be a blaze of tangerine! It's a great undemanding bulb that has multiplied nicely and is a welcome burst of colour when it blooms.

Elsewhere in the garden the wattles are finishing and the odd blob of lilac on the ground proves to be one of the carpobrotus flowers, it is doing a great job as a weed suppressing ground cover. The berberis is coming into its purplish bronze leaves and soon the smokebush will be bursting into leaf too. My succulent collection is waking up too with many of them flowering now. I have cute little hanging blooms on my echeverias in red, orange and yellow, most of the sedums are yellow and my aeoniums are all yellow except for one which is white. Most succulent enthusiasts will tell you to cut off the flowers because they attract aphids but its up to you. I like to let mine bloom!

In the vegetable garden (if I had one) I would be taking the opportunity to dig compost and manure into the beds in readiness for the summer seedling planting blitz in late October. Its always a conundrum to know how long to leave the winter crops before you need to plant the summer crops! And that white variegated Hebe 'Abbey Rose' that stressed a brilliant hot pink? As soon as I moved the pot up against the house the plant began to lose its colour. So, the small amount of shelter and warmth radiating off the house helped it to become less stressed. It is almost completely back to being green and white again!





Can we find you?



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Neighbourhood House

Having trouble getting your Covid-19 Digital Certificate?

Call the Neighbourhood House to book a time Monday to Wednesday mornings for a class that will guide you through the process.

Ph 5429 6724 for details.

Queers on the Catwalk

An evening celebrating fashion, self-expression and affirmation is planned for the Macedon Ranges later this month. 'Queers on the Catwalk' will celebrate rural and regional pride with a focus on LGBTIQ+ identity expression through clothing and accessories. After the success of the first Queers on the Catwalk in October 2019, this year's event will bring together both young and old members of the LGBTIQ+ community as they exhibit their outfits, costumes and catwalk collections.

Some of the participants got together a few weeks ago for a costume-making workshop hosted by Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health's WayOut and CLIP teams alongside TGD Clothing Swap and The Story Costumer.

"The workshop provided a safe space for participants to connect and share their experiences of living queer in a regional setting," says WayOut Project Worker, Rhani Dean-Talbett. "We explored how this may or may not have influenced self-expression through clothing and fashion over the years and we helped those attending find their catwalk groove and confidence to walk the runway."

The Queers on the Catwalk event will be captured on film and be made available to all catwalkers and crew and interested participants are also invited to get involved behind the camera and build their capacity in video production.

"Participants are encouraged to invite friends, family and significant others to watch them 'strut their stuff' on the catwalk to their signature audio tracks," says Rhani. "The event will be a colourful celebration of individualism and authenticity."

The event will be held on Friday 19 November at the Mount Players Theatre in Macedon. To register your interest contact healthpromotion@scchc.org.au 5421 1666.



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Romsey Ecotherapy Park UPDATE

It's time to get excited... Final Construction is happening!

The largest and final construction of Romsey Ecotherapy Park is underway! Due to extensive plumbing and electrical works, initially this will be excavation and "below ground" installations.

The Artists are at work!

Thanks to generous funding from community and beyond, the Art in the Park is being created. Exciting "under construction sneak peaks" include this image of The Romsey Story Telling Chair by Richard Yates. It is taking shape beautifully – note the incredibly detailed carving so far!

Keep up with the progress of all of the art installations (including more "sneak peaks") and the Park's progress on social media!

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RRBATA Update

RRBATA Social Media Business Marketing Campaign

Funded by a State Government Business and Chamber and Trader Group grant, RRBATA has engaged Monroe Design to enhance the marketing of RRBATA member businesses through RRBATA's social media. Watch out for great business profiling and the crafting of "experience itineraries" in the eastern corridor region of the Macedon Ranges.

PLEASE BE KIND to your businesses!

It's been a tough time! Although COVID 19 restrictions are due to lift significantly in November, please be aware of the ongoing pressure on our businesses as they strive to adhere to the regulations imposed to facilitate COVID safety for us all. The regulations are decided by Government on advice from the Chief Health Officer. So, please be kind to our business operators and their staff when they ask you to check in, maintain social distancing or wear a mask.

The Macedon Ranges Business and Tourism Industry Group (of which RRBATA is a member) has been working hard to facilitate clarity from government on "the way forward" to local businesses, especially those in the hospitality and accommodation sectors.

Christmas In Romsey 2021 – It's Coming!

THANK YOU, FLYER DELIVERY TEAM – An amazing team of volunteers stepped forward to deliver Lights and Decorations Competition flyers to all households in Romsey. Many thanks to Christine, David, Jessica, Margaret, Jocelyn, Hannah, Khala, Karen, Katelyn, Mel, Natasha and Rachel. Tegan was also ready to "walk the walk" until she suffered an injury and had to rest up!

MAIN STREET CHRISTMAS TREES

RRBATA is encouraging a "re-use, recycle" sustainable approach with the decoration of these this year. Some sparkle is beautiful but too much sad and faded tinsel ends up in landfill. RRBATA is asking community organisations and businesses to consider re-using decorations or other materials to brighten up Main Street Trees. Installation Day is Saturday 27th November. Please contact Jenny (Ph. 0411 700464 | E: jennystillman@optusnet.com.au) if you have even a small amount of time that day to assist with putting the solar lights on decorated trees.

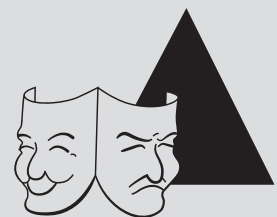
The Mount Players

Looking Forward to finally re-opening our Doors!

Hard to believe it's November and sadly our doors are still closed. The future is definitely looking brighter though with easing of restrictions and lockdowns ending.

Our Youth Theatre is back on track to perform their end of year production in December and we are happy and excited to announce that our season of Love Song has now been rescheduled for February, 2022. After being postponed twice already, we are now feeling confident that this lovely play will finally be staged and tickets on sale very soon.

The committee aims to provide the safest environment possible for everyone attending our shows and we invite you to check out our website www.themountplayers.com for all up to date Covid safe requirements as they come to hand.



The Mount Players Youth Theatre (MPYT)

is a vibrant community theatre program designed for children and young adults, aged from 10 to 19 years old and is run entirely by volunteers. The MPYT provides opportunities for young participants to learn a wide range of theatrical skills. With many of the current, long-standing leadership group indicating their unavailability to be involved next year due to other commitments, The Mount Players is now seeking interest from enthusiastic, experienced volunteers for 2022. If you would like to know more, please call Karlana on 0412 131 260.

The Mount Players

By Karen Hunt

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regarding up-to-date opening hours in February.



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Romsey Library

Diary Dates

- **Melbourne Cup:** Tuesday November 2
- Library closed for public holiday.
- **Kyneton Cup:** Wed Nov 3 - Romsey Library open.
- **Booker Prize:** Wednesday Nov 3 - Announcement of the winner of this highly prestigious prize.

| A Curious Circle

Curiosity, Connection & Creativity

- No Special Skills Required!

Upcoming sessions:

Thursday 18 November from 7pm – 8:30pm / Saturday 4 December from 1:30pm – 4:30pm (Christmas theme)

We're inviting adult women to come together to connect and explore their curiosity in a creative way. With a different activity each month led by our creative library staff, Trish and Karen. This is a great way to dabble in some new arts and crafts, just for fun! Refreshments provided. Bookings are essential via our website or by phoning us on 5429 3086. Numbers are strictly limited to ensure a small and relaxed group.

| Food, Craft and Décor Ideas for Christmas

Now is the time to start planning for Christmas, and if you need ideas, the Library is a great place to start:

"I love getting inspiration from Christmas magazines. I recently installed the Library's Libby app on my phone which lets me read magazines from Australia and around the world too, which is great because I'm a big fan of Good Housekeeping UK and Country Life."

"There are so many Christmas cookery books. I grab a few in November and see what I want to try out. This year I'm starting out with Maggie's Christmas by Maggie Beer, and I'll be introducing the kids to 4 Ingredients Christmas."

To see what's available in print, view our catalogue at goldfields.spydus.com, or to access magazines online, visit ncgrl.vic.gov.au/elibrarynewspapersmagazines.

| Vaccination Records on Medicare & MyGov

Need to print out your vaccination status, or access MyGov & Medicare online? Anyone can use our public access computers (no library membership required!) and printing costs just 20c for a standard black and white page.

Our friendly librarians are always happy to help out with quick questions, or, if this is your first time using MyGov and Medicare online, we'll be happy to book you in for an extended one-to-one IT help session. For more information, please phone us on 5429 3086.

| Photocopier Upgrade

The Library has recently upgraded to a brand new, easier-to-use colour A3 photocopier. This new model is quicker than the old one, and we can help anyone use it (no membership required).

As well as plain old printing, what else can this mighty machine do for you?

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- Print a PDF file straight from your USB stick.

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Colour A3: \$1

| Your Local Rag at Your Local Library

The Romsey Library is one of many collection points where you can pick up the Romsey Rag, the Lancefield Mercury and other free local publications.

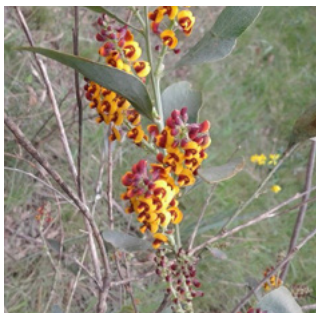


Take a walk on the wild side

Lou Reed might have had something else in mind but walking along our local roads is a pleasure, especially at this time of the year.

The weather is generally agreeable, the paddocks are lush and the bush is vibrant. Added bonuses include the increased bird activity and the blooming of many of our wildflowers.

Even in areas that are mown regularly, plants such as Running Postman and Creeping Bossiaea appear to thrive, particularly if the grass is not cut too short. However, it is along the roadsides where nature is allowed to take its course that many of our local wildflowers are making their appearance.



Pea Flower



Tiger Orchid



Milkmaids and Creamy Candles

Some of these wonders of nature are quite small so it pays to slow down and observe.

As well as being beautiful, they are an important part of the ecosystem. Native wildflowers evolved with insects, birds and animals over thousands of years, and many of our flower and insect species are interdependent, relying on one another in symbiotic relationships. Wildflowers provide nectar for butterflies and act as host plants for emerging larvae. Small birds relish those juicy caterpillars as well as wildflower seeds. Pollinators such as bees, wasps, flies and other insects visit wildflowers for nectar and pollen. This is especially important for those that have small home ranges or depend on one or two specific host plant species. Pollinators are in turn an important food source for many birds and play a vital role in maintaining biodiversity and pollinating our food crops.

Unfortunately, many wildflower species have been lost to development and the spread of invasive plants so it is important to cherish and protect them where we can.

Most of our observations have been made along Red Gap and West Goldie roads, north of Lancefield but I am sure that there are unique wildflowers blooming along a road near you! In the Macedon Ranges 376 animal species have been sighted and there are 1457 varieties of native plants. The MRSC's website is a great source of information under the heading "Native Plants of the Macedon Ranges".

Deep Creek Landcare Group has nesting boxes for bats, birds and phascogales for sale from \$25. We also have Myna bird traps to lend out. Annual Landcare membership is \$20 per family. You can follow us on facebook, contact our President, Phil Severs (0476 324 000) or attend our monthly meetings in the Lancefield Mechanics Hall.

Lancefield Senior Citizens

November

Our monthly Bus Trips are on hold at the moment as we can only have limited numbers on the buses at this stage but we will keep you informed as to when these trips will be going ahead again.

Our Monday lunches and get togethers are back and running in our Rooms at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute on ***Mondays from 11am. Once a monthly we have our roast lunch and dessert meal.***



We look forward to catching up with everyone on Mondays. See you soon.

If you would like further information, please contact Helen on 0409 064 303 or Rae on 0408 338 759.

Romsey Branch of C.W.A. Inc

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 are on the 3rd Thursday of the month. 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.

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

As Victoria is slowly opening up once again, we are looking forward to holding our monthly meetings and craft days. During October we held our monthly meeting in the supper room of the RMI Hall. It was great to see our members able to get together once again. Welcome to our new member Wendie. Craft day was spent decorating the Christmas tree for the Main Street. We were also starting to organise items for our Christmas stall. This will be held on the 4th December outside the IGA. Please keep the date so you can come along to see what great items we have for sale.

For any further information please call: President: Melva Beer
Secretary: Wendy Foster M: 0409175 667
or email: cwaromsey@gmail.com

Our next meeting and AGM will be on the 3rd of November, commencing 10am with lunch to follow.

This month's recipe.

RECIPE

WARM POTATO SALAD:

- 4 medium potatoes
- 3 hardboiled eggs – cut roughly
- 3 onions diced
- 1 cup grated cheese
- 1pkt cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup of milk
- 1 cup of water
- Breadcrumbs to sprinkle on top

Method:

1. Cut potatoes into cubes and boil until cooked.
2. Put potatoes, onion, cheese and eggs in a bowl.
3. Make soup with 1 cup milk and 1 cup of water. Stir until soup boils and thickens.
4. Pour soup over the other ingredients and mix. Then place in a casserole dish.
5. Sprinkle breadcrumbs over the top and cover with more grated cheese.
6. Cook in a moderate oven until turns golden brown.



C.W.A. 2021 STATE THEMES:

THEME: Engage, Support, Challenge.

Product/Resource: Grasses – Not just lawn.

Country of Study: Indigenous Australia.

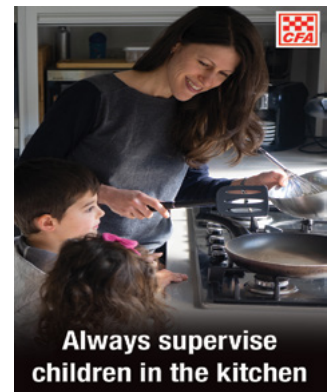
Thanksgiving Fun: Endometriosis Research through the Jean Hailes Medical Centre for Women.

State Project: CWA of Vic. Inc. IT and Systems Upgrade and Maintenance.

Social Issues Focus: Safe Homes for All.

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Making Macedon Kinders Safer With Better Ventilation

Mary-Anne Thomas MP

LABOR MEMBER FOR MACEDON

The Victorian Government is helping kindergarten services in Macedon reduce the risk of coronavirus transmission, with support for better ventilation measures to help keep children and staff COVIDSafe.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas today announced more than \$7.5 million worth of grants statewide will be available for local not-for-profit kindergarten services to support additional ventilation and air purification measures.

Funding will be available from Monday 18 October and is open to all Victorian not-for-profit funded sessional and long day care providers offering a funded three or four-year-old kindergarten program.

Eligible services will be sent an email where they simply opt-in for the grant - which can be spent on ventilation and air purification enhancements as well as small-scale building works like adding or replacing windows and installing outdoor shade structures to increase learning outside.

Many Victorian early childhood education and care services can already create environments with good ventilation through opening windows and doors, and using existing outdoor learning spaces to reduce the risk of COVID-19 infection.

Air purification is also an important measure for spaces where there may be limited ability to increase ventilation, such as kitchens or staff areas.

This follows the Victorian Chief Health Officer's directions that vaccination is a requirement of work in an

early childhood setting – protecting children, staff and the broader community.

All workers in early childhood settings must have a first dose by 25 October, with full vaccination required by 29 November unless a medical exemption applies.

To find out more visit schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/Pages/Kinder-Ventilation-Support.

Quote attributable to Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas

"Eligible kinder services in Macedon will be able opt-in for the funding to improve the ventilation or air purification measures to facilitate the continuity of early years learning under COVIDSafe measures."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Early Childhood Ingrid Stitt

"We know how important it is to keep our kindergarten children, their families and the dedicated staff safe - that's why we are supporting ventilation and air purification measures to reduce the risk of transmission."

"These grants are easy to access and will allow kindergarten services to improve their ventilation and air purification for the health of staff, kids and local families."



Romsey - Lancefield Probus Welcome to frienship

Because of current Covid-19 rules, lockdowns etc, the Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club have been unable to get together for meetings since May 2021.

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.

We are planning a General Meeting on November 25th at 10am in the Lancefield Mechanics Hall. This will be a chance for us all to catch-up with new and old friends.

The Romsey-Lancefield Probus Club have 50 members with 35-40 attending our monthly meetings.

We are all going through some very challenging times because of the Covid virus and sometimes it is inevitable that our Probus meetings have had to be cancelled.

The Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club apologise to everyone for the inconvenience these cancellations have caused.

We have arranged to have our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 15th December at Glen Erin, Lancefield.

All this is subject to the Covid restrictions.

Contact:

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Tony 0408 536 290

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

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Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services Limited is the management company of the Community Bank branches at Lancefield & Romsey. We currently have a vacancy on the Board and invite interested residents to apply to join like-minded volunteers in this highly active community organisation.

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 20 years.

The company is particularly seeking applicants with experience in corporate and financial affairs and business management preferably with accounting / business qualifications. The applicant will have an understanding of the needs of the Lancefield and Romsey communities together with an appreciation of the impact of technology and online banking on customer engagement.

This role may be of interest to persons who are either working or retired. 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 position is 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 by 15th December 2021.

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Romsey and Lancefield

Need help with the costs of study?

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Applications open Monday 1 November 2021

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G'day



Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke

G'day all you eager cooks.

Do you remember when our mums cooked lamb's liver (Lamb's Fry) for breakfast nearly every morning? It was an Aussie must with a fried egg. Both she'd overcook so the liver was grey and tough, the egg white crisp around the edges, and the yolk hard. Nevertheless, we gobbled it down with the ubiquitous lumpy gravy,

Well, lamb's fry may have been replaced with cornflakes, but offal is making a BIG comeback. And as calf's liver has a lighter flavour than most (or all) other offal, I've chosen it to present to you.

I've pretended I'm an Italian, and so have used Marsala (also because I reckon the flavour's good-oh). If my mum was alive she'd reckon I was skiting.

Anyway, Mum, your gravy was awful - out of a tin, with water added. But you, Mum, were out of Ballarat, with wine added and were delicious.

CALF'S LIVER VENEZIANA.

Calf's liver has a light flavour compared to other offal. Cook it correctly and it will melt in your mouth. For maximum flavour it is important to sear liver over a high heat and keep the centre just pink. Overcook the liver and it will be tough and grey. Do not wash liver or it will discolour when cooked.

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 40 g butter
- 450 g thinly sliced red onions
- 450 g thinly sliced calf's liver
- 2 tablespoons plain flour
- 6 sage leaves
- 4 tablespoons good Marsala wine
- 2 tablespoons red wine (drink the rest)
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper (to your taste).

Method

1. Heat the oil and half the butter in a large frying pan, add the onions and cook over a low heat for about 15 minutes, or until they become very soft and translucent.
2. Pat the liver dry with kitchen paper towels and cut it into strips 1 cm wide.
3. On a large plate, season the flour with salt and pepper then coat the liver with it.
4. Now, remove the onions from the pan and keep them warm.
5. Turn up the heat under the pan and drop in the strips of liver and the sage leaves. Cook until browned - about 2 minutes.
6. Add the Marsala and red wine and cook for another 2 minutes, thereby slightly reducing the liquid.
7. Put the onions back into the pan and stir in the rest of the butter and the parsley. Cook for a further 2 minutes and serve with mashed potatoes.

PS. If you don't have any Sage - or Marsala, try to get some - if you are unsuccessful, warm a good splash of soy sauce, add a nip of brandy and enough Natural Greek Yoghurt to balance the soy, in other words turn the sauce a light brown colour. Add it with the extra butter and parsley.

Suddenly it won't be Italian - but neither was my Mum nor I.

You are invited to join

St Mary's Spoonville

Spoonville is a miniature garden of wooden spoons. It is a way of keeping people connected when feeling isolated during lockdown. Spoonvilles have popped up in many places throughout lockdown, helping to keep the community spirit alive whilst on walks around the neighbourhood.

You are invited to grab a wooden spoon and create your own spoony person. Use permanent markers, pipe cleaners, googly eyes, paint, etc. to create a person, animal or character.



Extend this invitation to your family and friends. ANYONE in the Lancefield and Romsey community can join us. Let's stay connected whilst we watch this colourful and creative garden grow.






You can find St Mary's Spoonville here.

St. Mary's Primary School



St Mary's Lancefield
and Romsey

We remain hopeful that by Week 4 of the term we will have all students and staff back on-site full time. It's been wonderful to see our students' smiling faces once again and work with them on their learning journeys. We hope that the coming term will bring new opportunities and many wonderful experiences that will stay in our students' memories and bring them some hope and joy!

| Fabulous Friday Fun Day!

On the final day of Term 3, students were invited to participate in Fabulous Friday Fun Day! This included a choice of many activities in order for students to earn points for their House Team. The students in P-2 participated in a variety of games at school while the students from Years 3-6 got to choose from a matrix of different activities to complete at home. They were then required to send in evidence of their achievements!

Activities included food decoration, drawing a footy player, designing your own footy jumper, making up your own obstacle course, target practice, shoe toss and pin the tail on the footy player to name but a few. Well, done to all students that participated and sent in their funny photos, videos and PowerPoint presentations! A special mention to Aydan Warren who scored the highest individual score of 238 points for the Goannas. The overall points scored for House Teams was:

Farmers (Yellow)	Goannas (Red)	Wombats (Blue)	Joey's (Green)
321	826	447	263



| Archer Tully - Year 1

Archer signed up for September, by doing 10,000 steps a day and raising money for people like himself who have Cerebral Palsy. Sometimes Archer's daily step count had to be modified but by the end of September he completed 243,722 steps, just incredible!

During this time Archer raised a whopping \$2,136.08.

We are all very proud of Archer's amazing achievement and his mum Carol would like to thank the school community for their generous support. Well, done Archer!



Archer Tully.

| Grant Money Put to Good Use

During the Second Term our Parents & Friends Association offered grants to our students for things they would like to see in the playground. One such grant was awarded to Anna Newnham who wanted a junior netball ring installed so the Juniors could enjoy playing netball at school and be able to practise their goal shooting. The netball ring was finally installed this week and we congratulate Anna for her great idea and thank the PnF for giving students this wonderful opportunity.

| Jo Shannon (Community Liaison Leader)



Macedon Ranges Shire Council Recognised For Sustainability Leadership

Mary-Anne Thomas Office

Victorians leading the way in sustainability have been recognised in the 2021 Premier's Sustainability Awards, with the Macedon Ranges Shire Council announced as a finalist in the Healthy Environment category for their project 'Healthy Landscapes for Healthy Livestock'.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas congratulated the council for joining an impressive list of 35 finalists which includes organisations implementing innovative renewable energy technologies, and community groups producing films on local wildlife and bringing people together through sustainability initiatives.


Now in its 19th year, the Premier's Sustainability Awards are Victoria's most recognised annual sustainability awards program. The Awards recognise and reward individuals, businesses, government and community groups across metropolitan and regional Victoria who are leading the way to a circular climate resilient economy through sustainable innovation and practices.

Comprising six categories, there are two awards within each category; the Community Champion Award - for individuals and small organisations, and the Industry Leader Award - for medium and large organisations.

Two winners will be chosen from this year's finalists to receive the Premier's Recognition Award and Premier's Regional Recognition Award, which acknowledge entries that showcase exemplary innovation in sustainability and demonstrate notable benefits for metropolitan and regional Victoria.


Winners will be announced at an online event in November.


For profiles of this year's finalists and more information on the Awards, visit www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/psa




ROMSEY
Neighbourhood House

Romsey Neighbourhood House offers a range of classes and workshops. For more information, visit the House or Romsey Co-op for term brochure, call 5429 6724 or visit <https://romseynh.corsizio.com>






Introducing New Share Ride! Coming soon!




Romsey & Lancefield's residents
A new initiative of Lancefield and Romsey Neighbourhood House
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If you're living in Romsey or Gisborne, you might be receiving a knock on the door in the next few months.

The Assisting Communities through Direct Connection (ACDC) Project are going door-to-door in Gisborne & Romsey to talk with locals about their mental health. Friendly 'People Connectors' will let you know about the services in your local community that could help you, your family or a friend's mental health and wellbeing. The ACDC Project also want to know what would help your community. You can complete the ACDC survey in-person or online.

Make sure you keep an eye out for ACDC People Connectors from October to January and give them a wave if you see them! To learn more about the project in the Macedon Ranges visit the ACDC website here: www.acdc.org.au

The ACDC Project are funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.



ROMSEY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

COVID-19 COMMUNITY PULSE SURVEY


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<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FNFTVC8>
OR


A physical copy of the survey can be collected at IGA, RNH and The Hub



If you are interested to know more, interested to be part of it or want to make a donation, visit us at Romsey Neighbourhood House.



Your community store is now available online!



Discover Springfield

Do you look around, across the hills and wide paddocks when you are travelling the Romsey-Melbourne Road, and wonder what it was like years ago? 50, 100, 250, 500 years ago?

East of Romsey are a line of hills. Broadly, this is called Springfield – rolling paddocks, some steep slopes, much cleared but still some forested areas. Originally this was within the lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, prior to the exploration of the Port Phillip district and then, under lease from the early Governors, occupation by early squatters. Following this time of change, government became more established, and land could be bought. It was bought and settled by white immigrant families. Many descendants remain in the Romsey and Lancefield districts.

“Discover Springfield” is the history of this area – information has come from old newspapers, photos, letters and anecdotes from members of the settler families. Published by the Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society, it tells the stories of the people, and of the institutions that once were in Springfield, but are no more school, post office, church. We learn about earning an income off the land before labour-saving machines or telephones (or motor vehicles) - working together to make a living and a community!

The books is available from Red Door Books at Lancefield, or the Lancefield the Romsey and Lancefield Historical Society for \$20.00. Go to: <https://www.romseylancefieldhistorical.org.au> to purchase a copy, or phone Shirley Kishere on 0402 248 540.



Stooked hay collected from the field and stacked to form a haystack. c . 1930's

News from
the Shire



**Macedon
Ranges**
Shire Council

Dealing with difficult customers - free online training

Unfortunately, during these challenging times, customer aggression is on the rise and can be challenging for workers to keep control of an escalating situation.

What is the best way to handle a customer whose behaviour becomes threatening? What strategies will help diffuse and refocus a bad interaction, and when is it appropriate to walk away?

To support our business community in this difficult environment, Macedon Ranges Shire Council is offering a free one-hour online training session: Dealing with Aggressive and Abusive Customers.

The session is provided by the National Retail Association.

Limited spots are available and bookings are essential.

For more information go to mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-events or call 5421 9654.



The Romsey Lancefield RSL will be conducting a Remembrance Day commemoration service at the Romsey Cenotaph, Main Street Romsey commencing at 1100 hours on Thursday November 11th.

The service will be restricted in accordance with current Government Covid-19 restriction,

but will include a wreath laying service and the ode of remembrance.

The public will be welcomed to lay a wreath, providing that the process complies with restrict in place at the Time."

Any questions regarding the service please contact Reinhard Goschiniak on 0419 375 060 or John Horan on 5429 3145.

More Support for Student Mental Health And Wellbeing

Schools in Macedon will be able to pick the mental health tools that best match the needs of their students, with the Victorian Government's Schools Mental Health Fund providing a suite of options to give students tailored support.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas today revealed the interim menu of resources and initiatives to be available to government schools in Macedon as part of the \$200 million Fund, designed to better support students' mental health.

Schools will be able to select evidence-based programs and initiatives from the online menu across three tiers of intervention:

- **Tier One:** positive mental health promotion, including initiatives like Active Schools, mental health first aid, anti-bullying programs and therapy dogs as whole-school investments to help create a positive, inclusive environment, as well as mental health literacy training to ensure mental health issues are addressed early
- **Tier Two:** early intervention and cohort-specific initiatives including cross-cultural responsiveness training, Arts Therapy or trauma informed care, ensuring programs cater to all students
- **Tier Three:** targeted support for those experiencing mental health issues such as additional mental health professionals, additional Headspace counselling, or suicide related support

As per the recommendations of the Royal Commission, the Fund will be implemented in all government schools across regional Victoria from mid-2022 and will be in every state school by 2024.

This comes on top of the Government's completed rollout of a mental health practitioner in every government secondary school. Further, an additional 74 primary schools across Victoria will join the Mental Health in Primary Schools Pilot in 2022 – bringing the total number of schools in the pilot to 100.

A partnership with the Murdoch Children's Research Institute, the Mental Health in Primary Schools Pilot provides schools with funding for a Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead to implement a whole-school approach to mental health and wellbeing aimed at younger children.

Work to reform the state's mental health services is well underway, with a record \$3.8 billion allocated in the Victorian Budget 2021/22 to deliver every single recommendation of the Royal Commission and build a system that works for every Victorian.

To access the menu, visit <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/mental-health-menu-for-schools>

Quote attributable to Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas

"These important initiatives will help ensure our local kids in Macedon can get the mental health support they need, whenever they need it. With these initiatives in place, students can focus on learning and have the best opportunity to succeed at school and in life."

Quote attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino

"Now more than ever, our kids need support both at home and at school to make sure their wellbeing is on track. These tailored initiatives will help keep Victorian students happy and healthy, so they can focus on succeeding in their learning as we emerge from the pandemic."

Romsey Mens Shed

Working on Friendships



The Romsey Mens Shed held their AGM in September and MRSC Councillor Bill West was there to chair the meeting during the election phase. Thanks again to Bill.

A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Paul Green and Steve Goodman, long time Romsey residents for their great work in founding the Shed, which was quite a complicated process involving a lot of spade work and liaison with community organisations and government agencies.

| Kevin Fothergill - RMS President



Left to right Paul Green, new president Kevin Fothergill, Steve Goodman. - PHOTO COURTESY MIDLAND EXPRESS

Romsey Golf Club Report

Spring Growth: It may seem hard to believe but the weather is slowly warming up and the grass, bushes and trees are really on the move. It is quite common to see up to 2m of new growth on the top of middle aged trees and the younger ones have about 50% new growth. The grass of course does not want to be left out of this and it is powering along. The whole of Romsey park was mown in the 2nd week of October and will have to be mown again each week until early/mid November. This is a heavy call on the human and machinery resources of the club but if we want an attractive park and a well presented golf course then this annual "working Bee" must continue. Our thanks to Mal Mottram, Ron Walker, Steve Wilkins, Bob McLennan, Andrew Clement & John Freestone for their time and effort to keep everything in its best possible condition

Cross-overs: One element of the major works at the park last year was the construction of numerous cross-overs so that motorised and push buggies could easily and safely cross the drains. Piping and crushed rock was put in place but without edging the crushed rock was gradually wandering away from the pipe. Rob Good was able to get the club over 100 treated pine posts from a winery, these posts had been broken off at the ground by harvesting and other machinery. The club designed an edging system using these posts that is hardy, looks attractive and will keep the crossovers in good condition for many years to come.

New Gardens: In late autumn the golf club planted two gardens of native flowering bushes and exotoxic flowering trees. So far we have only lost one plant. The onset of spring saw tremendous growth of capeweed which threatened to overpower the young bushes and trees. Both gardens were heavily weeded and then a 150+mm layer of mulch was added to help the plants through their first summer. Thanks to Darlene & Roger Baker, Lorraine Robb, Wendy Gosden and Steve Wilkins

Park Lane, Romsey (PO Box 200, Romsey 3434)

Romsey Golf Club

www.romseygolfclub.net

mail@romseygolfclub.net

President: 0417 088 891

Secretary: 0400 768 040



Established 1922



The cross-over near the 4th tee.

Relay For Life Charity Golf Day: Like everything over the past few years this annual event has been postponed a number of times then finally cancelled. Our 14th Charity Golf Day, 12-Hole Ambrose, will be held on the Sun Feb 20th, fingers crossed

QR code on the 1st tee, all golfers must use it & and please pay your green fees.

For detailed reports on all results;
<http://www.romseygolfclub.net/results/2021/>

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2021-22 Community Investment Program Awardees

Congratulations to the following community groups who were successful in their applications to this year's Community Investment Program. As in previous years, the number of applications and total funds requested far exceeded the available CIP budget, so we would encourage those groups who did not receive funding in this round to keep an eye out for our next program (March/April 2022).

COMMUNITY ORGANISATION	PROJECT	FUNDING AMOUNT
GRANTS*		
Romsey Mechanics' Institute	RMI & Bendigo Bank Film Night Support Program	\$2,000
Lancefield Cricket Club	Extension to nets pitch area	\$3,400
Macedon Ranges Photographic Society Inc.	Building competency in the MR Photographic Society	\$4,031
The Salvation Army	Vehicle for the L2P learner driver mentor program	\$5,000
Lancefield Mechanics' Institute	Annex Storeroom Project	\$15,000
Lancefield Kindergarten Inc	Sail Away with Stronger Young Citizens	\$5,168
Romsey Region Business Association Inc	Christmas In Romsey 2021	\$6,500
Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society inc	Seymour Cottage History Tea April 2022	\$2,400
Lions Club of Lancefield Romsey Inc	Lancefield Romsey Lions Skate Park Upgrade – design	\$32,000
Romsey Fire Brigade	Fire hose repair equipment	\$9,393
Lancefield Light Harness Club	Club Hot Water Service	\$3,500
Newham Mechanics Institute Inc	Bring Back the Pig	\$5,000
Lancefield Golf Club Inc	Course Irrigation Program	\$5,000
Woodend Lifestyle Carers Group Inc	Macgregor's Farm Respite Cottage	\$10,239
Safe Space Performances Ltd	The Australian Way of Life Participation Project	\$6,261
TOTAL		\$114,892
SPONSORSHIPS		
Lancefield Bowling Club Inc	Annual Tournament	\$1,000
Romsey Region Business Association Inc	RRBATA Business Breakfast	\$1,200
Lancefield Golf Club Inc	Hole & Tournament sponsorship	\$1,300
Romsey Cricket Club	Club sponsorship	\$1,500
Romsey Bowling Club Inc.	Community Bank Open Fours Tournament	\$1,500
Romsey Basketball Association	Basic Development Pathway Program - Sponsorship	\$4,500
TOTAL		\$11,000

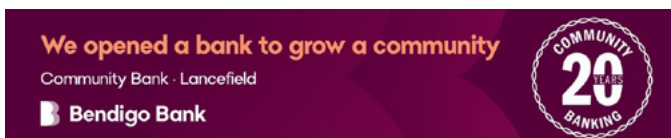
In addition to the above, eight local emergency services units were also donated \$1000 each.

2021 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Lancefield Romsey Community Financial Services Limited (the local company that owns our Community Bank Lancefield & Romsey) will be held at 7.00 pm on Thursday, November 25th at Romsey Hub. Shareholders will have received formal notice of AGM along with supporting documents mid October. If Covid restrictions prevent the meeting being held face-to-face, arrangements will be made to hold the meeting virtually.

New staff uniforms

Our branch teams are looking resplendent in their new uniforms. Incorporating the updated Bendigo Bank logo and pastel colours to match, the look is bright and fresh! Just what's needed at the tail end of another dreadful year dealing with lockdowns and the like!



Caring For Macedon's Selfless Unpaid Carers

Local carers who support their loved ones will get support from the Victorian Government for their own wellbeing.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas announced that the Romsey Neighbourhood House would receive \$20,228 for local physical, emotional and social support, via telehealth and mental health support through the Mind Health Hub.

The announcement, in Carers Week - October 10-16, said Victorian funds of \$2.6 million will support carers to reconnect through morning teas, bushwalks and virtual cooking classes. Info sessions and online forums will support multicultural carers.

More than 736,000 Victorian carers look after a family member or friend who needs them – in chronic disease, mental illness, disability or old age. Fifty-six organisations will receive grants totalling \$1.75 million through the Supporting Carers Locally Grants Program. Five organisations will share in \$917,000 to support partnerships of carer organisations and community support organisations - Little Dreamers, Different Journeys, Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria, Financial Counselling Victoria and Tandem.

Carers can get respite in lockdown through the Support for Carers program. See vic.gov.au/grants-benefit-carers-and-support-their-wellbeing.

“ We are supporting local carer support groups like PS My Family Matters and the Romsey Neighbourhood House to continue the wonderful work they do, which makes such a difference in the lives of local carers.”

■ Mary-Anne Thomas



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Romsey Whole Town Garage Sale has been deferred to 2022 in the best interests of our community.





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Pastor's Parables

**Christianity and Evolution
It takes more faith to believe in evolution than in God**

If someone said he had a theory that elephants evolved from prehistoric flying pigs, we might want to see their evidence before accepting it as fact. If they said they'd found no evidence or the evidence was missing, it would take a great step of faith to believe their theory.

Evolution is a belief that in the beginning there was nothing – the nothing exploded and gradually created everything.

It would seem the world's greatest faith is placed in evolution and its ever-changing theories. Yet generally unbeknown to the believing public, no palaeontologist has presented any supportable evidence of the problematic transition from one species to another, especially when considering more than 250 000 different fossil species have been found to date. The link between man and ape remains missing. All supposed links between dinosaurs and birds have been refuted by experts in the field as unfit candidates.

It is ironic that many people refute beliefs of Christianity on the basis of a

lack of supportable evidence, but happily turn to theories of evolution, never once questioning – where is the evidence?

Still, many people object to the idea of God, thinking that such a belief is not scientific. You may be surprised how many well-known, respected scientists (both past and present) conclude that there is an ingenious Creator behind creation and have strong Christian views.

(Check out Wikipedia's: List of Christians in Science and Technology.)

Romans 1:20 states: ***"For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – His eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse."*** NIV

Once a person is truly "Born Again" they automatically have all the evidence they need that God is alive, loves them and wants relationship with them.

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Christ Church Anglican Lancefield with St Paul's Church Romsey

Sunday Services:

Regular weekly Church Services are:

- **Romsey Church Service**
9am each Sunday.
- **Lancefield Church Service**
10:30am each Sunday.

During November, St Pauls Romsey will be celebrating 150 Years since the building of our Church and sharing Worship and Praise with our communities. Depending of Covid lockdowns we would like to invite all present and past parishioners to our celebration Service followed by a shared cuppa and fellowship time. Please listen out for further information on date and times of Service. We Pray everyone in Romsey & Lancefield and the wider communities stay safe.

St Paul's Romsey Op Shop open on:

- **Friday**
12:30 - 4:30pm
- **Saturday**
10:00am - 1:00pm

The Op Shop is open and donations of clean quality goods will be most welcome & appreciated at the St Paul's Op Shop. Items of clothing, bric-a-brac, craft & books can be left on Friday afternoon and Saturday mornings during open hours. (Except on days of Government Lock down orders) Owing to regulations we cannot accept electrical good, prams, baby cots, mattresses furniture or children's toys. Your ongoing support and donations are very much appreciated.



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faith and trust in Him.*





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*Let the peace of Christ rule
in your hearts and homes.*

*Let the word of Christ
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*God comes to us, each
and every one.*

God bless you every day.

| Romsey Uniting Church

Worship during November subject to Covid-19 regulations

Sunday Worship is at 9am each week.
These services are usually conducted by a
Lay/Worship Leader.

The fourth week we celebrate Holy
Communion this service is conducted by a
Minister in the Partnership.

At this time, we are not in complete
lockdown and can therefore attend
worship services each Sunday completely
following the Covid-19 rules.

*Lord, help me to see
the best in everyone
I meet today.*

*And thank you that you
do the same for me.*

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Prayer for the people

*Loving and compassionate God, we
come to you with open hearts.*

*We ask that we may allow ourselves to be
shaped and molded by your vision for the
world, for your beautiful creation.*

*We pray for the healing of your world
and your people of this pandemic*

Loving Christ, you meet us wherever we are.

You hold us together in our gathering and scattering.

*You are present in the light of day and the dark
of night, in hope and in the depth of despair,*

*O God, you are with us as we are faced with new
challenges, dilemmas, and questions in the new
normal we are living in, as we are faced with
discussions and decisions for our community.*

*Let us never lose sight of you and your
calling on us to be your body.*

*As we engage in difficult conversations and discernment,
allow us to be gentle in our sharing, intentional in our
hearing, and compassionate in our decision-making.*

*In a world where freedom is thrown around ever
so lightly, nudge us to continuously work for your
kingdom to come - so that we can truly rejoice
in the freedom that You will bring- freedom from
patriarchy, oppression, racism, and colonialism.*

*We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ who has walked
this earth and proclaimed the Good News. Amen.*

Lord, help me to see the best in everyone I meet today.

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Macedon Ranges Shire Council

Romsey kindergarten places 2022

Limited places remain at Romsey kindergarten for 2022.

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| St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey

Current Mass Times

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

Romsey: 1st & 3rd Sunday

Lancefield: 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday.

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

Extra Saturday Masses: As restrictions have recently tightened in regards to how many people can attend Mass, there will be an extra Mass scheduled on Saturday mornings in Romsey at 10am. Please contact the office for details and to make bookings.

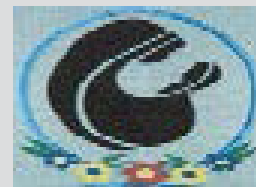
Please direct enquiries to the parish office on 5429 2130 or by email at lancefield@cam.org.au

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

Baptisms: Baptisms are held at 2pm on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Please contact the office for the next available date.

Sacraments: Due to Covid restrictions, children not attending St. Mary's School aren't able to join in with the Sacrament program run through the school this year; therefore they will be celebrated privately during the Sunday Mass. Reconciliation and Eucharist are now closed but if you would like to book your child in for Confirmation, please contact the Secretary. Should a parishioner want to go to Reconciliation, please contact Fr. Martin directly at Woodend on 5427 2690 to book a time.

Mass Bookings: As Mass numbers are restricted at this time, attendance at Mass is by registration only. Please contact the Secretary at lancefield@cam.org.au or by phone on 5429 2130 to reserve your place at the next available Mass. Social distancing, hygiene protocols and QR code sign-in are all place at our churches. Please do not show up at Mass without a booking as you may be turned away. Thank you for your co-operation to keep our churches open.



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Greater Western Water's Community Engagement Framework

Tell Greater Western Water what is important for better services.

To provide feedback on the new Draft Community Engagement Framework, visit yoursay.gww.com.au

The site offers a quick poll, a survey, or 'share a story'. You can also audio record - in English or another language. Up until 22 November.

Greater Western Water will say what they learned from the community in December. The actual framework will be available in 2022.

Romsey Primary School News

It was great to finally welcome back our students onsite after many weeks of lockdown.

By the time this goes to press we should all be back at school full time. We have really missed our students, and we have been incredibly impressed by their resilience and positivity during these difficult times in their lives. The families of our students have been outstanding in supporting their children through their learning journey during Covid and we say a huge thank you to them. The wider Romsey community and local businesses have also been amazing in their engagement with some of the fun initiatives in town, such as treasure hunts and the treat day at Old Mates Café, to add some colour and fun to the lives of our students. Last but not least we acknowledge the hard work of the staff at the school who have put in an enormous amount of work with students at home and on-site, supporting their learning and their well-being, while supporting their own children and families as well.



Enrolments For 2022

Enrolments are now being accepted for all year levels for 2022. If you are planning to enrol your child, please contact us on 5429 5099 to organise an enrolment package. We need all enrolments as soon as possible because planning for classes for next year is already underway. When submitting enrolments please ensure that you provide a copy of your child's birth certificate and record of immunisation.

If you have any enquiries, please don't hesitate to give us a call.

New Buildings, New Opportunities

After many months of construction, we are delighted that our \$3.2 million refurbishment of the old library and performing arts centre is now complete. This new facility offers a large auditorium / performance space with a stage and state-of-the-art audio, digital and lighting equipment, a dedicated STEAM area and a fully equipped Stephanie Alexander Kitchen. Our students have just started using these areas and they love them!



Extensive landscaping outside the Year 3 to 6 building and refurbishment of the student toilets in the prep and 1/2 areas have also been completed.

Romsey Tech Meetup

Frank Singleton from "Singleton Research Pty Ltd" will be hosting a weekly "Romsey Tech Meetup Night", every Thursday from 7pm to 8pm at the Romsey Mechanics Institute.

This will cover topics like Software Development, Programming (Python etc), learning Arduino and whatever "tech stuff" would be fun to learn and talk about.

Come along and join the group. Please bring along your laptop also. The first meetup will be an introduction and general discussion about future topics. It's always fun to learn new tech skills. You never know where they may take you. First meeting will be November 18th at 7pm. See you there.

Frank has expertise with building robust, quality software applications using multiple languages, including Python, Java, Lua, C and C++.

His mantra is "Successful software development through Continuous Integration (CI)". I have worked internationally for many years, mostly in the USA. This ranged from working with large multinational

organizations to highly agile (and successful) start-ups. Along the way, Matplotlib, Pandas and scikit-learn have been awesome tools for data analysis, visualization and machine learning.

He also enjoys embedded development for Atmel AVR MCUs as well as ARM Cortex-M processors. It is both challenging and enjoyable to write software for both ends of the computing resource spectrum; from Hadoop on AWS to C/C++ on MCUs.

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Imagine a world without violence

Wednesday 25 November is the International Day for the elimination of violence against women and 10 December is Human Rights Day. The 16 days that begin and end on these dates are recognised internationally as the '16 Days of Activism' to prevent violence against women.

This is not just an issue in other places and other nations. In Australia, on average, one woman a week is murdered by her current or former partner and as well, intimate partner violence is the leading cause of death, disability and illness in Australian women aged 18-44 years.

This year, the Zonta Club of Kyneton is working with several other local community organisations, through Macedon Ranges 16 Days of Activism Working Group, to raise awareness of gender-based violence, challenge discriminatory attitudes and encourage community-based support for those living with violence.

Bystander action will be the focus of print media and social media releases being prepared by the Zonta Club. The 16 days working group has organised an online workshop, 'Introduction to Bystander Action', to be delivered by Women's health Loddon Mallee. Public libraries across the Macedon Ranges will partner with the Zonta Club of Kyneton to create displays that focus on prevention of violence against women.

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

Submitted by **Ronda Walker**
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For the Zonta Club of Kyneton Inc.

ANIMAL FACTS

Elephant tusks grow throughout an elephant's life and can weigh more than 200 pounds. Among Asian elephants, only the males have tusks. Both sexes of African elephants have tusks.

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A: It gives them square roots.



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