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LGBTIQA+ people can try sport and fitness activities for free in April & May eg. yoga, bushwalking, personal training, karate, boxing, combat group fitness, spin and dance-based workout classes.

Businesses, clubs and community organisations are being helped to have inclusive spaces and rainbow-gearred physical activity. Peta Turnbull, Kyneton Football and Netball Club women's midfield player is the community ambassador. *"I love the game. It's helped my mental and physical health so much. My team is so welcoming; the girls are awesome and I love that I play in an environment where I feel included and respected for who I am."*

"Running 'come and try' sessions will give everyone the space for a new and positive experience," says Belinda Brain, Rainbow-active project lead. *"People can try a number of the activities at one go - book in with a partner or friend if you are a bit nervous. We hope that you'll find something you really like and want to continue."*

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Romsey Golf Club Centennial Dinner: Over 80 current and past members of the golf club gathered at the RMI on Saturday March 26th to celebrate the club's centenary. Our new AV set-up was given a good test with speeches and two slide shows running during the evening. Our thanks to MRSC Mayor Jennifer Anderson and councillors Bill West and Geoff Neil who attended the dinner.

2022 Subsidised Movie Nights/Afternoons: Lancefield Kindergarten is the first to take advantage of this. They will be showing "Thing 2" on Saturday 28th of May. There is an intermission and plans are in hand for a well-stocked canteen. \$5.00 entry - funds going to the kinder. Why not bring the whole family for a great afternoon? One more subsidised movie event is still available.

Antiques Fair: Our 6th Annual Antiques & Collectibles Fair was held on April 2nd. Around 200 people, locals and out of towners attended and kept the sellers busy. All stall holders were pleased with the day and were very happy to re-register for the 2023 Fair

RMI Triennial General Meeting: was held on Tuesday April 5th. The current committee was re-elected, executive positions were; Anthony Lakey – Chair, Julie Smith – Treasurer and Kathy Lakey – Secretary. We would like to thank Kevin Dunn who chaired the meeting.



The Romsey Golf Club Centennial Dinner.

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May in the garden

by **Melanie Kinsey**

The pelargonium cuttings that I took in January had struck so well in their individual tube pots, that I am trialling planting them straight into a community garden to see whether they cope. Normally you would probably pot them up into a 140mm pot and grow them on a bit, but autumn is fast disappearing and I thought they might just have a chance if I look after them!

In the garden I dug up a large blue and white flowering *Salvia chamelaeagnea* that appeared to be dying from the centre outwards. I am unsure why it was dying, but I decided to bite the bullet and dig it up and plant something else while the weather is still warm. I found a chance seedling of another *Salvia* – *candidissima canariensis* which has large silvery furry leaves and eye-catching lilac and purple flowers. I transplanted it and this will hopefully fill the vacancy in the bed.

I've been cutting off the spent flower stems from some of my succulents – *Cotyledon orbiculata* and *Echeveria imbricata* mainly.



The apricot flowers of *Cotyledon orbiculata*.

After flowering they just dry out and look fairly ugly. I am also cutting off spent canna flowers in an effort to encourage the plants to push out their last few flowers before the first frost cuts them down. I am however not cutting off the flowerheads of my various miscanthus grasses. The feathery flowerheads look so pretty at this time of year. The tree dahlias have not put on as much growth as usual and so consequently instead of being about 3m tall are only 1m tall. They should be producing flower buds soon. We might get flowers before a frost. Then the garden will settle slowly into its winter hibernation.

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ON AVERAGE

A hedgehog's heart beats 190 times a minute on average and drops to only 20 beats per minute during hibernation.



Always supervise children in the kitchen

Welcome to the May Edition

Australia is a country that bestows rights and responsibilities on us all; the right to freedom of speech the responsibility to obey the laws of the land.

Later this month we will all be asked to vote in a federal election. Given that our constitution makes it abundantly clear that voting should be as simple and easy as possible, we can vote by postal vote, by pre-poll or on the day of the election. We do not vote on a working day, polling places a plentiful and well-staffed with locals who will assist if and when needed.

We owe it to ourselves to become informed about what are the policies of those standing for election and to make our decision based upon that information.

Sadly we are already seeing certain groups pushing the idea that votes will be tampered with making the election fraudulent. This only seems to be the case if their "team" loses. There is talk about "voting machines" being rigged - we do not and have never used voting machines in Australia. We all either fill out a postal vote or attend a polling place and vote in person.

When votes are counted, each political group sends scrutineers to observe the count and these people can challenge a vote if they feel is irregular in any way or if a vote has been allocated to the wrong person.

The Officer in Charge must review these "challenged" votes and make a decision as to them being allowed or informal (disallowed). However, there is one more level of protection, "The Court of Disputed Returns". Should the scrutineers again challenge then these votes can go to this court for final adjudication.

We are lucky to live in a country where we can all vote, it is a secret ballot, no-one is looking over your shoulder, your vote goes into a large locked container and no-one will ever know which vote is yours.

We also get the chance to buy a snag from the school or other community group. So a good time out being involved in our democratic system.

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Community Bank Connections



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Team News! - Regrettably, we farewelled Ellen Milburn in April from our Romsey Branch after more than 10 years' service with our Community Bank. We would like to thank Ellen for her significant contribution to the success of our Branch, commencing as a Customer Service Officer and recently serving as our Customer Service Supervisor. She will be sadly missed by all our customers and our team and we wish Ellen all the very best for the future.

RDFNL Sponsorship - The RDFNL season is now well underway! Community Bank Lancefield & Romsey are SO EXCITED TO BE A MAJOR SPONSOR THIS YEAR! As highlighted by Ange Dickins, our Senior Branch Manager, at the RDFNL season launch:

"As a mum of 3 kids who are all footy mad – I would like to say a big thankyou to the RDFNL team. It's because of this team, our season is able to commence and run smoothly. I just have to turn up every week to watch the kids play. I am sure, we can all agree how important local sport is to our towns and the impact the pandemic and absence of sport has had on our kids.

We are all very happy to be here to kickoff the start of a new season. I was very excited to hear that we (Bendigo Bank) were sponsoring the league. This is very exciting to be a part of and I am sure I speak for all branches in regards to this."



Nulla Vale CFA Luncheon - Team Members and Directors were privileged to be invited to the recent Nulla Vale Rural Fire Brigade Medal Presentation Luncheon. As a long term supporter of the Nulla Vale CFA, it was a pleasure to be included in such a wonderful celebration recognizing more than 1500 years of volunteer service. Congratulations to all involved!

Lancefield Park Sponsorship - Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey are pleased to announce our 3 year sponsorship of Lancefield Park. We are delighted to once again sponsor the Park as it forms an integral part of the Lancefield community.



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Parent-Child Mother Goose



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Parents and carers of pre-school children are invited to discover the benefits of sharing songs, rhymes and storytelling as Romsey sees the return of Parent-Child Mother Goose.

Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health has been running the program for about ten years holding it at different venues across the shire and when restrictions prevented the groups meeting in person two years ago, staff kept families connected by sharing music and storytelling videos and a fortnightly interactive newsletter.

"We are so happy to be able to get back together in person," says Tracey Thiele, Child and Parent Project Facilitator.

"The pandemic has affected everyone and for those with young children, groups like these where parents can spend time connecting and having fun with their children are an important foundation for a child's development."

As well as being a fun activity for pre-schoolers, the Parent-Child Mother Goose program enhances the bond between child and carer, connects families in the community and allows for the opportunity to share tips and ideas on parenting. The use of songs, rhymes and stories can also have a positive impact on language and literacy development and school readiness as children get older.

"The program is particularly beneficial for those parents or carers who are new to the area or who don't have a support network close by," says Tracey. *"Parent-Child Mother Goose provides a caring environment where parents can meet each week and gain the skills and confidence to connect to their children and have the support from other parents in the area – plus children benefit from their exposure to language and communication."*

Parent-Child Mother Goose is held on Wednesday mornings at Sunbury and Cobaw's building at 142 Main Street Romsey, next to the Ecotherapy Park. Registrations are essential so please contact Tracey Thiele on 5421 1666 or email tracey.thiele@scchc.org.au.

Submitted by Sarah Turner

ANIMAL FACTS

Ancient Egyptians believed that "Bast" was the mother of all cats on Earth. They also believed that cats were sacred animals.

The Odd Couple' Ready to Provide Plenty of Laughs

The Mount Players are very excited about our 2nd production for 2022. The Odd Couple opens on Friday 13th May running till Sunday 29th May and is sure to provide plenty of laughs.

This timeless classic is set in the smoke-filled apartment of Oscar Madison (played by Darren Gregor), who lives like a slob. Felix (played by Adam Geihling), one of his regular weekly poker game guests, moves in, having been thrown out by his wife. Felix is a neat freak and the blokey poker nights change dramatically as the slob and his new roommate find each other impossible to live with.

Auditions for our 3rd Production will be held on 4th & 7th May. Reservoir Dogs (the iconic Tarantino thriller) has been adapted for the stage with an all-female cast. If you would like to audition, we invite you to our website for full details on the play and Directors details. The play will open in August.

Book your tickets and keep up with all things theatre at www.themountplayers.com or call 5426 1892 for assistance.

See you at the theatre.

| Karen Hunt.



Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA)

Autumn Festival Action in Romsey - The Beasties and Targa Florio Australia were a hit!

Despite a cold and overcast morning, the Beasties received many young (and not so young!) visitors to their special pens set up at Lions' Park on Saturday 2nd April. Pig E, Deloris and friends entertained all as part of the Autumn Festival program curated by Macedon Ranges Shire Council. A big thank you to Julie Blyth from Macedon Ranges Shire Council, who was in attendance to provide Autumn Festival information to all.



A great crowd turned out on a few days later on Thursday 7th April to see dozens of wonderful cars drive into Romsey as part of the Targa Florio Australia rally event. Romsey Primary School and Romsey Kindergarten students joined the many others who enjoyed seeing the cars and cheered the competitors as they competed their time trial in Station Street before heading to the event's finish at Albert Park.

Along with our Edgy Veg competition entries, and with the Eastern Ranges Progressive Dinner also pending (full report in the June Rag), the Romsey Lancefield Region has been an active Autumn Festival participant!



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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.

It's time to get men talking

Did you hear about the creative crew who took a bunch of actors to a barber shop for a chat?

'Cut the Silence' (a mental health initiative) gives men safe places to talk - namely barber shops. Affable Australian actor Shane Jacobson, who lives locally with his young family, fronts a video campaign by MRSPAG (Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group). Shane interviewed high profile locals for Cut the Silence in the lead up to Men's Health Week in June.

"It's no secret. Men aren't always great at expressing their feelings or seeking out help when they need" he said. "I've done TV shows encouraging blokes to look after themselves. Cut the Silence was a chance to tackle the issue in my own backyard, the Macedon Ranges. Let's hope it gets men talking and saves some lives."

Gisborne creative Mat Garbutt had the idea after MRSPAG asked how to engage men in personal conversations. *"It's not always a deep and meaningful conversation. It's more about barbers recognising the signs that somebody may be struggling,"* says Mat.

The Macedon Ranges has a higher suicide rate than the Victorian average. Men account for 4 in 5 deaths.

In 2021, nearly half those in a local survey said boys and men were not comfortable seeking out health services when they needed them. ([#thehumancode](https://www.instagram.com/thehumancode) research).

One in five men said they experienced shame in asking for help. Over 50% said men would not be comfortable talking about their mental health before they reached breaking point.

Creative contacts locally include Tim Lane, Rodney Lowe, John Power, Ben Mix and Paul Rovere for the Cut the Silence videos.

- **Lifeline - 131114 or text 0477 131 114 (6pm-midnight)**
- **Suicide Call Back Service - 24/7 free professional phone and online counselling 1300 659 467**

CAPTION: Janine Vincent from JD's Hair and Barber Studio in Romsey opened shop for Shane Jacobson and other local celebrities filmed as part of the 'Cut the Silence' men's mental health campaign. Gisborne Men's Shed made the promotional scissors.



C.W.A. 2022 STATE THEMES:

THEME: Sharing, fun and friendship.

Product/Resource: Australian grown potatoes and Australian potato products.

Country of Study: Malaysia.

Thanksgiving Fun: Free 3D hands – Research and development of 3D hands.

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

Social Issues Focus: Safe Homes for All.

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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 craft day is on the 3rd Thursday from 10am. Both meetings are 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 community activities. We welcome new members. Come and join us! Membership is affordable.

April has been a busy month. We catered for the Antique Fair on 2nd April. Central Highlands Creative Arts Group Exhibition was on the 8,9,10th April - our branch had 42 entries from 9 members. We won 33 prizes and are all very pleased with this result. We will attend Anzac Day, and on 30th April we will have our Mothers Day Stall out front of IGA from 9am. Lots of bargains – and a Raffle for you to win.

On Wednesday 6th April, Karalene from the Royal Womens Hospital came to collect 28 Crotchet blankets,9 Quilted blankets,30 New Born Beanies and 15 prem baby Jackets. Here are our clever and busy ladies with Karalene.



Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens

Bendigo Bank Monthly Bus Trips - Bendigo



Unfortunately we were unable to go to Blue Lotus Water Gardens last month due to a shortage of bus drivers. Our monthly bus trips have been changed to the first Tuesday of the Month in future.

This month we will be heading back up to Bendigo visiting op shops and having a lovely lunch. Our trip will be on **TUESDAY 3RD OF MAY**.



Give Helen or Rae a call for further details and times for bus departures.

Depart: Lancefield Post Office
(Romsey Mechanics Institute – out the front)

Remember, we meet every Monday at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute for lunch, for just \$5 – everyone is more than welcome.

We will be having our roast meal during May in our meeting room at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute. Join us for this beautiful meal, roast, veggies and dessert, all for \$10. If you are interested in joining us this day, please contact Helen or Rae (for catering numbers and date).

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

Hope to see you soon.

G'day

Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke

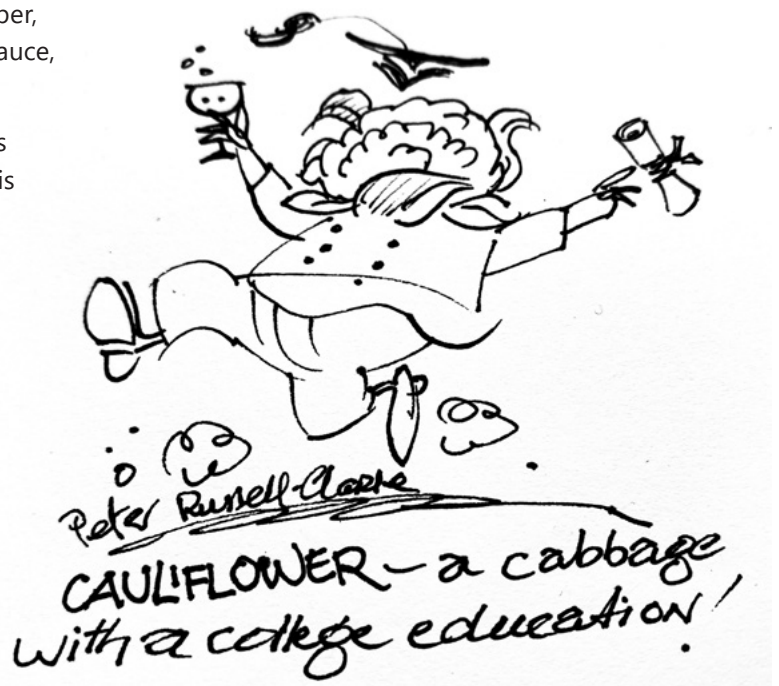


One of the interesting things about recipes that professional chefs produce is many of them lose the taste of the main ingredient. Such as cauliflower isn't served to have the flavour of the cabbage flower to be predominant. (I say "cabbage flower" because scientists devised a method of making the flower of the cabbage to be enlarged to become the cauliflower - cauliflower being a 'cabbage with a college education'.)

Many recipes tend to attempt to make the prestige of the chef to be paramount, rather than the taste of the base produce, in this example the cauliflower. For instance, garlic, pepper, turmeric (which changes the colour of the recipe), soy sauce, diced cooked chorizo and cream.

Now this may taste good-oh, but the cauliflower taste is overwhelmed, therefore I'm suggesting the cauliflower is steamed and served warm with raw orange segments. A warm sauce made from all the other flavours - garlic, pepper, ginger, turmeric, soy sauce, cooked chorizo mixed with cream and served in a dollop beside the cauliflower and half a butterflied piece of pork which you've cut the fat from.

So, folks, all the flavours are still there for you to consume, I've simply divided them into separate areas. This allows each main flavour to be appreciated as the strong flavours are able to be put onto the cauliflower rather than have them infuse the cauliflower and therefore dominate it.



Rob Mitchell, your Federal Member.

FEDERAL Member for McEwen, Rob Mitchell has enjoyed being able to connect with residents at listening posts and visits to community groups and clubs in Romsey since COVID restrictions were lifted last year.

"I want to thank every person who has stopped and shown their support by speaking to me about the issues most important to them. The cost of living, local infrastructure and childcare continue to dominate these conversations and I have continued to advocate for these," Rob said.

"I will continue to make myself available to the residents and groups of the Romsey community right through the campaign for the upcoming Federal election."

"Romsey is an engaged and enthusiastic community that looks forward and I have no doubt an Albanese Labor Government can make that future a better one."

Keep up with Rob on his Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RobMitchellMP where upcoming visits and listening posts are listed. Alternatively contact his office on (03)5716 3000 or via email on rob.mitchell.mp@aph.gov.au with any queries.



Landcare



Joel, an energetic young Landcare member, shared his criteria last October for the design and planting in his native garden in Lancefield. Given 'Gardens for Wildlife' promotion locally, it is timely to check in with his progress.

My original selection criteria for my residential native garden were low flammability, non-invasive roots, interesting form, not prone to large leaf drops, a habitat and food for native grasses - and standing up to Lancefield's wind and frost. Plus, a balance of native and locally endemic species. My selected species include:

I like the form and hardiness of a Drooping or River Sheoak but not their size and leaf dropping habit. Instead, I used *Allocasuarina grampiana*, endemic to a pocket of the Grampians - a small growing sheoak with bluish hue foliage. Hopefully, a food source for Black cockatoos. A Silky Emu Bush (*Eremophila nivea*), with blue/ grey foliage, is a contrast.

I opted for a Thin-leaf Snake Wattle rather than Silver Wattle (*Acacia aculeatissima*) - a small endemic clumping bush that grows to 0.5m. It is prickly - a refuge for small birds, yet has golden wattle flowers. Prickly Moses (*Acacia verticillata*) is similar but larger (2-5m - great to attract birds feeding off nectar-seeking insects) - I will include a few of these. Grey Parrot pea (*Dilwynia cinerascens*) will make the list as shrub rich in nectar for native bees.

When I started, I was sure eucalypts wouldn't fit due to large growth rates, invasive roots and relative flammability. But I watched parrots for weeks feeding on a neighbour's flowering gum - how can I say no eg. a 'Snowflake' flowering gum (*Corymbia ficifolia* - grow to 5-6m)? Like flowering gums, it may need protection from harsh frosts. A Common Heath (*Epacris impressa*) in white will complement this gum.

A River Bottlebrush (*Callistemon sieberi*) - natural to the Campaspe River is likely, but with concerns re its flammability given a high oil content - just a minimum. The same applies to Prickly Tea-Tree (*Leptospermum continentale*).

I will have a *Boronia megastigma* with its incredible scented winter flowers, and, though endemic to W.A., a W.A. Pin Cushion *Hakea* (*Hakea laurina*) - interesting leaf form and flowers from April-July.

Grasses will complement the dry riverbed feature in the centre. Anigozanthos 'Bush Diamond' Kangaroo Grass, knobby Club Rush (*Ficinia nodosa*), *Lomandra* 'Frosty Tops' (*Confertifolia rubiginosa*) and Blue Flax Lilie (*Dianella caerulea*) give interesting form and habitat, and suppress weeds.

Deep Creek Landcare Group marquee will be at the May Lancefield Farmers market for our local work and for Gardens for Wildlife. We have 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.

Community Power Hub Loddon Mallee Announces Revolving Fund for Renewables Projects



Community groups, not-for-profits, and businesses that want to reduce energy costs and take action on climate change now have a new funding source for their community energy projects.

The Community Power Hub Loddon Mallee, supported by Sustainability Victoria and the Victorian Government, announced a new community energy revolving fund that will help renewable energy projects in the Loddon Mallee region happen. The Power Hub is offering community groups, not-for-profit organisations and businesses access to no interest or low-interest (for business) loans to help fund community energy projects in their backyard.

Funding is available to support projects that benefit communities and support the transition to renewable energy. This includes rooftop solar installations or any community energy project that allows the applicant to pay the funds back over time. Project Manager, Tony O'Loughlin says "the revolving fund gives communities the chance to take action on climate change and do something

meaningful in their neighbourhood. It removes the barrier of raising their own funds to pay up-front capital costs. We'll pay for the project, and they will pay us back with the savings they make from reducing their energy bills."

The fund is currently open for expressions of interest for projects that can be delivered by the 30th June 2022. The Community Power Hub can provide assistance to develop and deliver the project in partnership, offering technical and administrative support for free.

Preference will be given to projects that have a clear community benefit, however businesses are welcome to apply.

For more information, contact the Project Manager, Tony O'Loughlin on tonyo@bsg.org.au or submit an expression of interest form which can be found on our website at communitypowerhub.net.au/loddon-mallee

Community Funding Scheme – grant applications open!

Applications for Macedon Ranges Shire Council's annual Community Funding Scheme grant program open Monday 23 May. The Community Funding Scheme provides funds to local community groups and not-for-profit organisations for programs and initiatives that benefit the shire and meet local needs in line with the Council Plan and Community Vision. Applications will be accepted online until Monday 27 June via the grants administration system SmartyGrants.

Council's Community Development Team will be providing a face-to-face workshop in Woodend on Wednesday 11 May and an evening online information session via zoom on Thursday 12 May to go through more details about the grant and how to apply using smartygrants. Bookings for these workshops are required.

For more information or to register for a workshop call 5422 0333 email grants@mrsc.vic.gov.au or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/grants

1. Community talk – truth-telling & reconciliation

Macedon Ranges Shire Council will host a community talk at the Kyneton Town Hall on Tuesday 31 May as part of Reconciliation Week. Brent Ryan, Yoorrook Justice Commission Assistant Director Education and Nicole Findlay, CEO Reconciliation Victoria, will be special guest speakers on the night. Brent will talk about the work of the Yoorrook Justice Commission, with a focus on the importance of truth telling for reconciliation, while Nicole will give an insight into the work of Reconciliation Victoria and get the audience thinking about the path of reconciliation in the Macedon Ranges. It's set to be an insightful and thought-provoking night. The talk will commence at 7pm and bookings are essential for this free event.

For more information, call 5422 0333, email comdevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/events

2. Village Connect and support for older residents

Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Village Connect Project aims to bring shire residents 65 years and over together both online and in their community for activities that support good mental and physical health to enable better connections in community. Feedback collected from more than 140 residents during consultation conducted earlier this year, will guide activities and events for the next two years of the Village Connect project. It is estimated that around 1-in-5 older Australians are socially isolated. Older people have been particularly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and feedback from residents indicates that many are still cautious about returning to activities they enjoyed previously. Village Connect will attempt to support older people to safely participate in community activities that meet their needs and interests, to connect them with services and supports, and if appropriate, offer some new options.

To find out more, or to participate, contact Village Connect events and activities Project Officer Abbey on 5422 0262 or email abbrown@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

3. Burning off – what you need to know

The Fire Danger Period for the Macedon Ranges Shire has ended meaning that with the easing of restrictions residents can now burn off branches and debris and clean up their properties through autumn and winter. To comply with Council's local laws, if the property is less than 4000m² (1 acre), landowners must obtain a permit and follow the conditions outlined in it. You should also have an adequate water supply on-hand and ensure the fire is extinguished before leaving the site. Residents are asked to also notify Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) on the day of the burn on 1800 668 511.

In addition, whilst burning your debris, please keep an eye on changes in weather conditions throughout the burn, watch for overhead branches before ignition, and ensure that smoke doesn't cause a nuisance to neighbouring properties. Application for a permit should be made at least 5 days prior to your intention to burn, and there is no cost for the permit. Permits can be obtained online at mrsc.vic.gov.au/burning-off

4. Being resourceful – waste management news

Have a little one in nappies? We want to hear from all type of nappy users – whether you are using disposable nappies, you have tried reusable nappies and decided they aren't for you, you are using both, or you are a reusable nappy loyalist. Let us know how Council can support increased use of reusable nappies by taking our short survey before 10 May at mrsc.vic.gov.au/nappies

5. Macedon Ranges Business Awards 2022

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is celebrating business excellence in 2022! Is your business doing amazing things? Share your stories by entering the Josh's Rainbow Eggs Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards. This is your opportunity to share your business story or the story of an individual who works in your business and tell us how this has contributed to business excellence in the shire. The awards celebrate businesses of all types and sizes, offering a platform to showcase what you do.

Self-nominations open Monday 2 May and close Wednesday 10 August 2022.

Would you like some assistance with your submission? Free mentoring sessions are being held at three locations across the shire:

MONDAY 30 MAY 2022 6.30PM

- Council Chamber - Macedon Ranges Shire Council
40 Robertson Street, Gisborne

WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE 2022 6.30PM

- Kyneton Mechanics Institute, 81 Mollison Street, Kyneton

MONDAY 6 JUNE 2022 6.30PM

- Romsey Community Hub, 96 Main Road, Romsey

Find out more at mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-awards:
Contact: 0429 932 191 or businessawards@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Community Access Hub Officially Opens

Residents in the Macedon Ranges and surrounding communities now have better access to a range of vital health, family and community services under one roof, after the opening of the Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health Hub in Kyneton.

Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas today officially opened the \$9.7 million hub, which will serve as a specialised health and wellbeing precinct for the Macedon Ranges community. Located next to the Kyneton District Hospital, the Hub provides a purpose-built 'one-stop-shop', which brings together a range of health and wellbeing services coordinated by Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health.

The Hub includes 14 consult rooms for allied health, counselling, paediatric and family services as well as new e-health technology to provide clients in remote areas with the health care they need, when they need it.

The site also provides dedicated areas for youth and children's services and meeting spaces for the community to use.

The contemporary building was designed with significant input from local community representatives and reflects the natural and built environments of the Macedon Ranges. Its design also focused on staff safety and amenity, with secure work and reception spaces plus additional car parking spaces.

The work was funded as part of the Andrews Labor Government's \$490 million Regional Health Infrastructure Fund (RHIF), which provides investments in regional health services so they can continue to provide safe and efficient care to local communities.

Quotes attributable to Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas

“ This hub is a welcome addition to the region's infrastructure and will mean our local community has access to the health and wellbeing services they need, closer to home.”

“ Patients and staff will benefit hugely from the improved infrastructure and equipment, which will boost services and make access easier.”



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A Sleeping Beauty

On Easter Friday, from 8am, a stream of vehicles travelled north through Romsey non-stop ...100+ an hour. Some day trippers, others off for the weekend

Mid-morning, I headed south through town. Shop fronts shut down on both sides (except IGA, the Community Coop shop, and Tino's van). As I went further south, vehicles just kept coming – going north. Hundreds of cars that day.

The reverse happened on the Monday lines of cars going south.

We don't know who would have stopped if the town didn't look shut. What we do know, is:

- friends, casual contacts, and myself – we stop when travelling, especially if we see somewhere like a coffee/drinks stop or 'things to browse' shops. We stop for interest, for passengers to stretch their legs, to give the driver a break.
- services to people is the fastest growing area of Australia's economy ie. it includes touring and a stopping for coffee or meals, to visit an attraction, or to browse in an interesting shop.

(Excerpt from Australian Govt press release)

'Things You Can't Drop on Your Feet: An overview of Australia's services sector productivity' – by Australian Government Productivity Commission, April 2021

'The service sector now constitutes the bulk of Australia's economy, contributing 79 per cent of value added and 88 per cent of employment.

- This sector is diverse - all industries outside of mining, agriculture and manufacturing (the goods sector). This

diversity (eg. from cleaning services to medicine) means that different service industries operate in different ways.

- The rise of the service sector over the past 70 years ... has raised fears of worse job prospects, and slower wage and productivity growth. Such fears are misplaced as:
 - a large service sector is a feature of a mature and prosperous economy. As incomes increase, we spend proportionately more on services rather than goods which stimulates output of services.
 - almost all advanced economies have had rapid growth in their service sector. This is the case even for the 'workshop of the world', China, since 2005
 - productivity growth in service industries has outpaced the goods sector significantly in recent decades.' (end of excerpt from press release)

Are Romsey people 'missing out' \$\$\$ in our economy by being shut on public holiday weekends? We know **the Melbourne-Lancefield Road is a through road around Melbourne to Kilmore and the Hume, and a direct route to Shepparton, Echuca, and country Victoria.**

What was the pivot point for change in towns such as Nagambie and Yea. Romsey has heritage walks, good coffee etc. If you have ideas or skills, are in the service economy, or want to work on this ... please get in touch via Romsey Rag (email@theromseyrag.com.au). We are talking with RRBATA but this is not an overnight 'easy fix'.

All of us are smarter than any one of us .. Sue K.

Gisborne Singers are back!

Gisborne Singers made a triumphant return to practice for the first concert since May 2021.

They will present Henry Purcell's immortal opera Dido and Aeneas four times - on Sunday 1st & 8th May, at the Bluestone Theatre, 28 Hutton St, Kyneton, and at 1pm and 3pm on both days.

PictureDido and Aeneas is the oldest English opera, written in 1688 during the Baroque period. A world of triumph and tragedy comes together in a semi-staged production featuring Kristen Leich in the role of Dido. The program also features alternate casting, with small solo parts within the choir.

Tickets - TryBooking:

\$40 adults,

\$30 concession,

\$20 students,

children under 12 free.

The Victorian Government has a 25% rebate on your entertainment if you spend \$40 or more

(see <https://www.vic.gov.au/victorian-dining-and-entertainment-program>).

More info at www.gisbornesingers.org.au
or phone 0408 156 263.



2022 Summer/Autumn Newsletter



Happy 20th Birthday!

As we celebrated our 20th anniversary in May 2021, it is timely to remember and reflect upon the purpose of the Community Bank, our challenges and successes and our continued commitment to our communities.

It all began back in 2000 – the turn of the century – after the then Bendigo Bank's Managing Director, Rob Hunt AM introduced the Community Bank model to Australia. The launching of the Community Banks for all Australians was implemented in June 1998 with the opening of the first Community Bank at Rupanyup / Minyip. It was enthusiastically endorsed by communities around Australia as a bold experiment in 'people's banking' and resonated especially well in small towns in Australia – including ours. Our Community Bank branches continue to resonate with customers and our communities 20 years after it was first introduced.

When the Community Bank model was established, few people thought local communities could influence banks – now more than 324 communities around Australia are running successful Community Bank branches. To achieve this:

- Our community formed a local publicly owned company with a commercial franchise to run a Bendigo Bank branch.
- Bendigo Bank provides the banking infrastructure and licensing, while the community runs the branch and generates customer support.
- Together Bendigo Bank and the local community share the revenue, with local surpluses available for re-investment in community via grants, sponsorships, and dividends.

Continued inside.



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Defibs for Life

We are pleased to announce that we have installed defibrillators at both our Lancefield and Romsey branches adjacent to our ATMs for public access 24 hours a day.

Regrettably, our plans for a community celebration event in 2021 to recognise the 20 year anniversary of our Lancefield branch were cancelled due to Covid.

These 'Defibs For Life' are a gift from your Community Bank in recognition of the wonderful achievement and a "thank you" for both communities support.

Christmas Party

Following the LRCFSL Annual General Meeting on Thursday 25 November 2021, directors, staff and their partners headed to the Soltan Pepper Restaurant in Romsey to celebrate Christmas together. It was also a celebration of the lifting of Covid restrictions which impacted many people and businesses throughout the district and across Australia.

At Soltan Pepper, with these newfound freedoms came a murder mystery of surprising proportions with the theme of "Who Killed Santa Claus?". Attendees were nominated characters to play during the night and asked to attend in relevant attire and accessories

Having set the scene, the Murder Mystery was played out over drinks, entrées, and main course. Among many accusing stares, innuendos, straight-out accusations of murder, disguises that would have done a film set proud, and surprising acting talent on display, the real culprit was finally revealed over dessert and closing drinks.

And to announce the murderer would leave no mystery at all!

Thank you to Soltan Pepper for your hospitality and to Bronwyn Meadows Smith for her hard work and efforts in arranging a "murder" that is still being talked about. Importantly, the occasion allowed people to relax and break out of the burden of lockdowns and uncertainty. As they say, a happy Christmas was had by all (except the victim!).



2021 Annual General Meeting & Annual Report

With the easing of Covid restrictions, the Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services Ltd 2021 Annual General Meeting was able to be held in person at the Romsey Hub on the 25 November 2021.

Approximately 15 people attended the AGM where the motion to adopt a new constitution for the company was accepted. In addition, Rob Bryant and Suzie Ewart were both re-elected for another term as directors.

A full copy of the company's 2021 Annual Report can be found under the Investor & Shareholder tab of our website: <https://www.bendigobank.com.au/branch/vic/community-bank-romsey/>

Happy 20th Birthday!

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Importantly, our branches are providing more than just quality banking services – they deliver employment for local people, keep local capital in the community, are a local investment option for shareholders and provide a source of revenue for community projects determined by the local community.

The withdrawal of all banking services from Lancefield, particularly, was very detrimental to the township and community. A group of local people subsequently got together and set up a Steering Committee with the objective of bringing back banking services to Lancefield after an absence of 8 years. The key objectives underpinning the model:

- Operate an efficient & profitable community business
- Fund projects for the future benefit of the community
- Provide a return to shareholders.

Their first task was to raise the required capital - \$400,000 from 270 shareholders which they successfully achieved - a wonderful accomplishment after endless meetings and long nights.

A group of nine locals in total, including Russell Pattinson, John Chisholm, Maureen Wiltshire and Brian Russell became the first board on 28th June 2000.

To date, 44 directors have volunteered their time, skills, and expertise to the board. Each one of these directors has volunteered their services to contribute to their community through the bank and it is fitting that we sincerely thank both past and present directors for their contribution.

Some key milestones for the bank include:

- Richard Guy - the Chairman of Bendigo Bank, opened Lancefield branch on 26 May 2001.
- Brian Russell - who sadly recently passed away, became the first Chairman.
- Rod Browning - was appointed Manager at the beginning of 2002.
- By June 2003 - business had increased by 90%
- By June 2004 - the branch recorded its first profit of \$20,365

The Romsey branch was opened on 10th August, 2005 after raising a further \$570,000 in capital.

Our Community Investment Program began in 2006 with grants totaling \$10,765. Today our community contributions have grown to \$2 million with some major contributions to community sporting groups, community infrastructure, events and major initiatives, including the Romsey Ecotherapy Park currently under construction. Of this, we are extremely proud. We also remain vigilant to look out for what projects will be of benefit to our communities. Indeed, to facilitate a conversation with the community, we held a Community Forum in February of this year at the Romsey Mechanics Institute to discuss what services and infrastructure would be of benefit to our communities at Lancefield & Romsey.

Our shareholders have also seen strong returns on their investment with dividends to shareholders beginning in 2007 with a payment of \$40,428. To date, we have paid out \$818,000 in dividends.

We operate over 5,000 accounts and have over \$200 million in funds under management.

More than a replacement banking service, our community bank promotes collaboration and commitment, and it retains and grows local capital for local use. In short, it helps build stronger, more sustainable communities.

Whilst we have all been challenged by Covid over the last couple of years, it reminds us of the importance of the strength of the local communities – helping each other, watching out for each other and growing prosperity together. We have lived through many challenges over the last 20 years including a global financial crisis, both high and low interest rates and inflation, bushfires, droughts and now Covid. In addition, banking continues to evolve – there is more technology and much more digital banking.

What hasn't changed is our Community Bank's commitment to the values that drive us – our service to our customers and our contribution to the community. This truly sets us apart from our competitors. We look forward to many, many more years of service and contribution to Romsey and Lancefield communities.

Shares now available

Shares are now available in Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services Ltd, the company which operates our locally owned Lancefield and Romsey Community Banks.

Do you want to join with over 300 shareholders today supporting our Community Banks as well as sharing in the potential?

Visit www.bendigobank/lancefield or www.bendigobank/romsey and select "Trading Shares (LVM)" if you're interested in learning more about buying shares in our company and helping support the only bank supporting our local community.

Contact our Company Secretary, **Bronwyn Meadows Smith** on bronwynms@lrcfsl.com.au to register your interest.

Staff comings & goings

In December 2021, we farewelled Michael O’Gorman who had held the role of Senior Branch Manager for Lancefield and Romsey branches since 2017. Michael is staying within the Bendigo Bank network with a transfer to another branch for a change of scenery!

Incoming to the Senior Branch Manager role, we welcome Angela Dickins. Angela has had a long career in the Bendigo Bank network, previously holding roles at Community Bank Gisborne & Districts, and Bendigo Bank Sunbury. Her move back into the Community Bank network fulfils Angela’s ambition to be more involved with the local community. We asked Angela to introduce herself...

“My name is Angela Dickins – the new Senior Branch Manager of the Lancefield and Romsey Branches.

I am very passionate about the Community Bank Model and I am very excited to be a part of the Lancefield and Romsey Community bank.

I bring with me, extensive experience in all aspects of retail banking. Specialising in home loan lending - including refinancing, construction, or new home purchases.

Have worked with the First Home Loan Deposit scheme, New home Guarantee and the Victorian Home Buyer Fund government schemes.

I would love to meet with you. Together, we can discuss your plans and goals to ensure you get the best possible outcome.

I enjoy building strong long term relationships with my customers – we are in it together for the long haul!

I live in Gisborne with my husband Pete, and 3 kids – Chiara, Baden and Alana. As a busy mum with three kids, I am very active within my local community and am currently involved in Gisborne Little Athletics Club and the Gisborne Rookies football club. I love being busy and being a part of things – making me a good fit for the Community Bank.

Looking forward to meeting you all – pop in and say hello at the branches.”



A warm welcome also to our new Customer Service Officer, Rebecca Healy. Rebecca commenced at the Lancefield Branch in December and has quickly endeared herself to Lancefield locals through her outgoing and bubbly personality. Rebecca has previously worked in the travel industry, and her and her husband recently moved back to Lancefield to build a home with their two children.

And finally a sad goodbye to Ellen Milburn who will finish up in our Romsey branch at the end of April. Having been with the branch for over 10 years, and as a local Romsey resident is well known to all our customers. Ellen started as Customer Service Officer when our Romsey branch was in the building across the road working her way up to Senior Customer Service Officer and most recently Customer Service Supervisor. We sincerely wish Ellen all the best in the future and hope she’ll keep in touch!

Farewell to director Adam Cullinger

After two years on the Board, Adam Cullinger is resigning to spend more time with his family and finish building their new home in Lancefield. Adam has been a valuable contributor to the board and the Property subcommittee, and we hope he may consider joining us again in the future.

Welcome to our new Director



In February 2022, we welcomed Graeme Bruce onto the LRCFSL Board. We asked Graeme to answer a few questions to get to know him in a light-hearted way.

Give us some background to your life in the local area.

The family have lived locally for most of the last 45 years, previously at New Gisborne, then Chintin, and then more recently at Goldie. We operate a mixed farming business. The best part of living here is the people - a real community that is unique.

Why did you want to join the board of LRCFSL?

I wanted to see how a Community Funder can assist in building social capacity. I think here are many ways the Bank can help develop this by being what I call a “social incubator”, assisting interested groups in the planning and feasibility stages for new projects. My background in management consulting may help.

What is your favourite thing about your career?

I have been fortunate to have had a number of ‘careers’ - I have lectured at university, owned a number of small business, consulted to a wide range of businesses and had a global role that took me overseas many times, but the most important work was in the NFP sector, in the Homeless area and in Prison health services. For that I am exceptionally grateful. I am now a full-time farmer and using some of my skills to innovate and develop new ways of doing things in the food supply chain.

If you could share a meal with any four individuals, living or dead, who would they be?

Of more recent exceptional individuals, Nelson Mandela is top of the list - for someone to spend so long in prison and to still have compassion for everyone on release, just leaves me in awe of the man. But Warnie comes in a close second...a common man with an uncommon touch. It is too hard to choose another 2.. lots of historical figures that intrigue me.... maybe my great great grandfather, a stonemason in Scotland. His grandson was the first of their line to emigrate here. Love to know more about their life.

Are you related or distantly related to anyone famous?

The family likes to think we are descended from Rob the Bruce. Difficult to prove. Otherwise, we are from very ordinary immigrant stock - clerks, store workers, seamstresses and barbers! Best part is each generation has contributed serving members to the Armed Services, from the early Scottish Militia in Victoria to more recently the Army Reserve.

What are your hobbies?

I don’t have much time for anything these days. I would like to spend more time reading but farming is all consuming, but definitely a political and news tragic.. consume local and international news morning, noon and night...

Last question. What is one thing you will never do again?

Take anything for granted...

2021/22 Round 1 Community Investment Program Awardees

We would like to congratulate the following community groups on their successful funding applications:

COMMUNITY ORGANISATION	PROJECT	FUNDING AMOUNT
GRANTS		
Romsey Mechanics' Institute Reserve Committee of Management	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 Macedon Ranges Photographic Society	\$4,031
The Salvation Army	Purchase of motor vehicle for the L2P learner driver mentor program	\$5,000
Lancefield Mechanics' Institute Committee of Management	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	\$32,000
Romsey Fire Brigade	Fire hose repair equipment	\$8,393
Lancefield Light Harness 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
TOTAL:		\$107,631
DONATIONS		
Benloch Fire Brigade	2021-22 Emergency Services grant	\$1,000
Bolinda-Monegeetta Fire Brigade	2021-22 Emergency Services grant	\$1,000
Hesket-Kerrie Fire Brigade	2021-22 Emergency Services grant	\$1,000
Lancefield Fire Brigade	2021-22 Emergency Services grant	\$1,000
Newham Fire Brigade	2021-22 Emergency Services grant	\$1,000
Nulla Vale CFA	2021-22 Emergency Services grant	\$1,000
Romsey Fire Brigade	2021-22 Emergency Services grant	\$1,000
Romsey Lancefield & District Ambulance Auxillary	2021-22 Emergency Services grant	\$1,000
Springfield CFA	2021-22 Emergency Services grant	\$1,000
TOTAL:		\$9,000
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
GRAND TOTAL:		\$127,631

In addition to our Community Investment Program, LRCFSL have committed to the following sponsorships so far this year:

- MR Business Excellence Awards 2021
- Romsey Sporting Association Oval naming rights - 2022, 2023, 2024
- Lancefield Park Recreation Reserve Oval naming rights - 2022, 2023, 2024
- Riddell District Football Netball League Major Sponsor 2022 & 2023

Local community groups will have two further funding opportunities this financial year – CIP Round 2 Grants & Sponsorships (specifically for community events and activities); and the new Reconnect Community Grants offering up to \$500 for community groups to spend locally with the objective of helping clubs to reboot and reconnect in the post-pandemic environment. For further information email cip@lrcfsl.com.au

2022 Scholarships

A big congratulations to our 2022 Scholarship recipients.

This year we are pleased to be able to present five scholarships totaling \$23,000! Our scholarship program is run in conjunction with the Community Enterprise Foundation and supports young people in our community to further their educational aspirations.

This year's recipients are:

Rebecca Harrison Memorial Bursary



- **Josh Squire**
Bachelor Degree in Media & Communications,
La Trobe University

Tertiary Scholarship



- **Jasmine Hammond**
Bachelor Degree in Health Information Management,
La Trobe University

TAFE Scholarship



- **Isabella Ryan**
Diploma of Event Management,
Victoria University



- **Tilly Crowther**
Bachelor Degree in Medicine,
ACU

- **REBECCA HARRISON MEMORIAL BURSARY: Alexis Larter (Unavailable for photo)** Bachelor Degree in Psychology, La Trobe University

2021/22 Community Investment Program

Like businesses, our local community groups and sporting organisations have had to overcome significant challenges to operations during the Covid-19 pandemic. Cancellations to events and activities has impacted revenue streams, engagement with members and participants, and general enthusiasm for already hard-working volunteers. What seemed like never-ending lockdowns hampered many committees' efforts to meet in person and undertake routine operations, let alone special projects. However, despite the difficulties encountered LRCFSL were pleased to deliberate on over 30 applications made to Round 1 of our 2021-22 Community Investment Program (CIP).

Our CIP continues to cover both grants and sponsorships. We would also like to reinforce our commitment to invest in projects both large and small. We know that the fabric of our community is made up of many organisations of different sizes, with projects of variable size needing support from grants, events, and sponsorships - especially in these challenging times.

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Romsey Golf Club Report

RGC Centenary Weekend – The weekend March 25th - 27th was a big three days of golf and celebrations. The three golfing events were well attended and we had just under 80 people for our celebratory dinner at the Romsey Mechanics' Institute. The golf results were;

Fri March 25th – Two-player Ambrose

- **1st:** Ethan Bray/Ben Sullivan (RGC) 76/9/67
- **2nd:** Chris Hanson/Graeme Hogg(B/ford) 72/4.75/67.25
- **3rd:** Shannon Wright/Mick Nicholls (RGC) 76/5.25/70.75

Sat March 26th 4BBB pairs – any combination

- **1st:** Mick & Josh Squire (RGC) - 45 pts
- **2nd:** Steve Wilkins/John Freestone (RGC) - 43 pts
- **3rd:** Les Gaunt/Tony Freeman (Rich River) - 42 pts

Sunday March 27th – Stroke, Men's & Women's 24-hole Open

- **Centennial Champion:** Jim Hynes (Mt Mac) - 95.
Mary Campbell (B/ford) - 115
- **A Grade Handicap:** Andrew Clement (RGC) - 90,
Women Handicap: Jenny Hartley (RGC) - 95 2/3
- **B Grade Stroke:** Davey Kenney (RGC) - 110,
B Grade Handicap: John Freestone (RGC)- 91 2/3
- **AM Handicap:** Scott Williams (RGC) – 41 1/3.
PM Handicap: Rod Campbell (B/ford) - 45 1/3

Centennial Dinner: It was wonderful to see so many ex-RGC members from afar attending our dinner. Club president, Anthony Lakey, opened proceedings with a short speech noting the enormous value of volunteers to all sporting clubs, and especially to golf clubs who have so much land to care for. He thanked all those who had worked hard to organise the weekend, and their partners who had put up with this dedication over the past few months. MRSC mayor, Councillor Jennifer Anderson, spoke congratulating the club on reaching 100 yrs and on the wonderful work it carries out to maintain and improve both Romsey Park and Romsey Golf Course. A slide show utilising pictures from 1922 to present day ran between speeches and presentations. The wonderful dinner was catered by local restaurant; Tony's Place, Romsey.

Local historian and author, Trevor Turnham, introduced "*Romsey Golf Club, The 1st 100 Years*" and explained the trials and tribulations he had gone through to locate the huge amount of information on the club. Covid-19 had made things just that bit more challenging.

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Established 1922

RGC Hall of Fame Inductees: Mary Campbell, Helene Newnham, Phyllis Mitchell, Elaine Scanlon, Graeme Clement, R. M. Mitchell, Phil Norton, Les Gaunt, Geoff Pike, Peter Mitchell, John Boyce, Rod Campbell, Anthony Lakey, Lorraine Robb, Algje Mitchell, Laurie Thompson, Rob Rea, Shirley Shelton.

RGC Legend Inductees: I. M. Inglis, V. A. Vorweg, Ken Newnham, Beryl Cole

We would again like to thank the sponsors for the weekend's golf, **Drummond Golf – Niddrie, B & L Robb & The Romsey Bottle-O & Macedon Ranges Shire for their support with the printing of our book and the Centennial Dinner.**



RGC Pres Anthony Lakey & Author Trevor Turnham launch the club's centenary book.



RGC Presidents.

Romsey Golf Club

Sunday March 27th – Day 3 Centennial Open 24 Hole Stroke

Another top day for golf, clear sunny skies, no wind and the course in top nick. Players came from Tocumwal, Rich River, Romsey, Lancefield, Mt Macedon, Broadford, Euroa and Hidden Valley. The front 12 holes saw A Graders Jim Hynes (Mt Macedon) and Mal Mottram (Romsey) tied at the halfway mark – 49 and Scott Williams – 52 and Davey Kenney (53) both from Romsey leading in B Grade. Mary Campbell (Broadford) had a strong grip on the women's event with a 59.

The afternoon's 12 holes saw a few players blow out while a some of the visitors seemed to have learnt the lessons from the 1st 12 holes and moved up the Leaders Table.

Before presentations RGC president thanked the volunteers who had worked so hard to;

- Prepare and serve the meals,
- Keep everyone well watered,
- To get the course in its best possible condition

The day's sponsors, Bruce and Loraine Robb and "Drummond Golf Niddrie" were also thanked for their support of the club's 100th celebrations.



Romsey Golf Club

Centennial Tournament Winners:

Champions Jim Hynes (Macedon), RGC Capt
Mal Mottram & Mary Campbell (Broadford)

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Romsey and Lancefield Red Cross are pleased to announce that the winners of the Easter Hampers Raffle were:

1st Prize, Lee Jones

2nd Prize, Christine

3rd Prize, Rebecca



President, Karen Hermann

Macedon Ranges Celebrates Inaugural Puppy Pride in the Park

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas is celebrating the inaugural Macedon Ranges Puppy Pride In The Park in isolation, with her beloved pooch Robbie.

“I am so disappointed that I am currently in isolation and cannot attend this fantastic event,’ Ms Thomas said. “I support our LGTBIQA+ community and everyone involved in the inaugural Puppy Pride for the Macedon Ranges.”

Puppy Pride 2022 is a project from Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health’s (SCCH)’s CLIP - Country LGBTIQ+ Inclusion Program and WayOut program that continues a longstanding commitment to connect the LGBTIQ+ community and allies, increase LGBTIQ+ visibility, champion positive health and wellbeing outcomes, and celebrate PRIDE in the Macedon Ranges.

SCCH hopes that Puppy Pride will be added to the annual LGBTIQ+ calendar of events in Central Victoria. In partnership with Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Puppy Pride will also form part of SCCH’s broader response to the Healthy Heart of Victoria 2019 Active living Census results that showed that people who identify as LGBTIQ+ were less likely to meet the national recommended guidelines for exercise and physical activity.

Beginning with a dog walk from the Kyneton Velodrome to the Botanical Gardens for the official launch, the community walked to celebrate the event and show their support for the LGBTIQ+ community in the Macedon Ranges.

Quotes attributable to Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas

“ I am so proud to stand with the local LGBTIQ+ community of the Macedon Ranges and even though I am sadly unable to attend, I wholeheartedly support the inaugural Macedon Ranges Puppy Pride In The Park ”

“ In showing our solidarity and support for events like this, we encourage others to reach out and know that there is support and friendship within our community.”

“ Robbie is very proud to wear his rainbow flag, for special occasions and every other day too.”



Mary-Anne Thomas MP

LABOR MEMBER FOR MACEDON



Romsey Primary School are now taking enrolments for 2023. Outlined below are our upcoming information sessions. Bookings for these sessions can be made by contacting the main office on 5429 5099.

Prep Information Sessions and School Tour Dates for 2023 Enrolments

• **Information Session for interested families & Prep classroom tour**

Date: Thursday 5th May
Time: 10am
Venue: Meet at the office then head to the Prep rooms for an information session with the Prep teachers and school leaders.

• **Information Session for interested families & Prep classroom tour**

Date: Thursday 4th August
Time: 10.00am
Venue: Meet at the office then head to the Prep rooms for an information session with the Prep teachers and school leaders.

• **Prep tours of Romsey Primary**

Date: Friday 10th June
Time: 10.00am
Venue: Meet at the office for a tour of the school.

• **Information Session for families enrolled at RPS for Prep 2023**

Date: Thursday 27th October
Time: 10.00am
Venue: Multipurpose Space

Please register your interest for any session by emailing the school at Romsey.ps@education.vic.gov.au or phoning 5429 5099. Bookings are essential for all sessions.



Students in Grades 1 & 2 have been designing and building "Little houses". Students needed to make a plan, including a picture with labels and a materials list before they could build their design.

It was great fun and fantastic to see students following their plans during construction.





Romsey Primary School March 2022

25/02/2022 – Official opening of the multipurpose space, STEAM room and Sensory rooms. Visited by Mary-Anne Thomas to officially open the new spaces.

(Our students testing out all of the new gadgets in the new STEAM)





Diary Dates

State Highway On, By Sam Coley:

'This is what I want to do ... I want you to come with me. "I want to go from here ... " Finger on Cape Reinga. "... to here". Finger at the bottom of Stewart Island, right at the bottom of the map.'

Winner of the Richell Prize for Emerging Writers, State Highway One tells the story of Alex, a young man in his early 20s who, after leaving New Zealand to escape personal challenges that he refuses to confront, is forced to return home when his parents and twin sister are in a car accident. Not wishing to break a promise made years earlier to his twin sister Amy, Alex undertakes the seemingly impossible task of driving Amy from Cape Reinga, at the very top of the North Island, to the southern most point of Stewart Island in the South Island. But all is not as it originally seems and as Alex realises that he can't keep running forever, he must finally face up to the life he had, has and will have, accept who his family is and ultimately find forgiveness and acceptance for himself. The story fluctuates between the present time and the happenings of three years earlier, just prior to Alex deciding to move overseas and is in equal parts disturbing and uplifting, intense and entertaining. A great first book full of realistically flawed characters and an inspiring scenic journey through the heart of New Zealand.

Review by Rae

Dates for Your Diary

- 4 May - Star Wars Day (May the Fourth Be With You)
- 8 May - Mother's Day
- 16-23 May - National Volunteers Week
- 23 – 27 May - Library and Information Week
- 25 May - National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS)
- 26 May - National Sorry Day
- 27 May – 3 June - National Reconciliation Week

Please Note that evidence of vaccination is still required to enter our libraries.

What's On in May:

Special Events at Romsey Library for Children

- **Stars Wars May the Fourth Be With You Ewok Creations**
Wednesday 4 May, 3.30 - 4.30 PM - Drop in and get in on the Star Wars action this May 4th by making an Ewok to take home.

Ages 5-10 years.

NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

- **Diversity Storytime: Rainbow Families**
Tuesday 17 May, 11.30 – 12.15 AM - Part of a series of special diversity story times, Romsey Library welcomes Performer and Storyteller Em Chandler for Rainbow Families Storytime. Em will share a little rainbow magic, stories about all types of families and belonging just as you are. Ages 3-6 years. NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED
- **ALIA National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) -**
Wednesday 25 May, 11-11.45 AM - Join Rae and children all across Australia on Wednesday the 25th of May at 11am for a special reading of The Family Tree by Josh Pyke, the book chosen by ALIA to be read simultaneously at 11am right across the country. There will be stories, songs, rhymes and a special craft activity. All welcome. NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED.
- **Storytime at Romsey Library** - We love babies and children at the Romsey Library and all ages are always welcome at our regular storytime sessions. No bookings required.

Monday 11am Story Time

Tuesday 11am Toddler Time

Thursday 11am Baby Rhyme Time

What's On in May: Events at Romsey Library for Adults

- **Robotics for Adults: Wed 11 May and 18 May 2 - 3.30PM**
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Wednesday 11th & 18th May, 2-3.30pm

BOOKINGS REQUIRED

- **A Curious Circle - Mandala Creations**
Thursday 19 May, 7 - 8.30 PM - Come along and create wondrous things for fun and connection in a friendly and inclusive setting. A different activity each month led by our creative library staff.

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Well, we survived Term One with not too much energy to spare. How fantastic it was to finally have a complete term of uninterrupted learning, play, fun and endless opportunities. It has been a very full term and I know that we are all looking forward to a relaxing break and time to recharge our batteries before we start all over again for Term Two!

Raising Funds & Awareness

Every year we take the time within our school community to consider the plight of others and what we can do to assist them. This year with the plight of the Ukrainian people at the forefront of our hearts and minds, we decided to raise some funds to assist. One of our staff members had direct contact with someone in Poland who was assisting those that had been displaced from the Ukraine due to the war. As a school community, both staff and students, we raised a total of \$525 which was sent directly to Poland. This money helped secure accommodation, food, everyday expenses and basic needs of women and children. It felt amazing to be able to directly help when and where it was needed and our contacts Magda & Viola were so very grateful.

As the term concluded we also raised money and awareness among our school community for Caritas Project Compassion. Supporting Project Compassion can help to change the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable people. These much needed funds assist people living in poverty. Together, we can make a difference now, and For All Future Generations.

Throughout the term the students have been bringing in their loose change for the Project Compassion boxes and then on the last day of term students were able to wear casual clothes for a gold coin donation. During the day we had each class use their coins raised to see who could make the longest coin line - both 3/4 classes certainly had the most! Lots of money was raised, the final figure still to be counted but we thank all in our community for their generous support for all our fundraising efforts throughout term one.

Assumption College Student Visits

We have been lucky enough this term to have regular weekly visits from Assumption College VCAL students who are working on some exciting projects that will enhance student play in the Junior yard. The ACK students are creating a brand new sandpit, making shop fronts which will hide the water tank as well as building some new outdoor furniture. The students have also been assisting the Juniors during specialist classes on a Thursday morning. We look forward to seeing their creative endeavours come to fruition, so watch this space as their creations begin to take shape!

National Ride2School Day

What a fabulous turn out we had for National Ride2School Day on Friday 25th March. We had almost 140 students actively travel to school on this day and what's even better is that they were joined by family and 4 legged friends who actively travelled with them! Well done St Mary's community for once again getting involved in this event. There were bikes aplenty, lots of scooters and an abundance of walking shoes! And for the first time in the history of this event at St Mary's we had one student actively travel to school on their pony! Thank you to everyone who participated. We look forward to Walk to School Month in October when we can really get that active travel up and running!

Environment Group

This year our Environment Group is participating in the Kids Teaching Kids Distinctive Areas and Landscapes School Engagement Program 2022. This program is run through Earthwatch Australia.

The program we are participating in is for Macedon Ranges schools and involves an Environmental Forum, working with an environmental mentor, incursions and a Kids Teaching Kids Week Conference later in the year. It's an exciting program and one we hope will assist our students in becoming more environmentally aware and help us to implement environmental actions within the school.

Our first excursion took place in the last week of term one, when we attended an Environmental Forum with other schools participating in Kids Teaching Kids. We were hosted by Heskett Primary School and joined there also by Darraweit Guim Primary. The students had a wonderful day, firstly joining an online session with schools from across Victoria before we participated in some workshops learning about coastal erosion, how to propagate plants, water bugs, butterfly feeding and to finish off the students were able to decorate nesting boxes which had been kindly donated by Macedon Ranges Shire. It was a wonderful day, filled with many great learning experiences and opportunities. We look forward to deciding on our focus for the next two terms and sharing our learning within our school and wider community.

| Jo Shannon (Community Liaison Leader)





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Pastor's Parables

Happy Mother's Day

May is the month we celebrate Mother's Day, a day to honour our mums. Everyone subsequent to Adam and Eve has had a biological mum, so much of who we are today will be driven by whether our relationship with our mum was/is good, bad or non-existent.

Where I am today owes a lot to my mum's faith. Paul the apostle wrote to Timothy and said "I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you" (2 Timothy 1:5). His comment about Timothy's mother and grandmother, would equally apply to my mum and both my grandmothers.

I was reminded recently by a friend of a time when my mum stood strong. We'd just moved into the middle of the Mallee (it felt like the middle of nowhere), my dad was struggling with his own difficulties and mum was managing both that and 4 children ranging in age from 4 to 10, with the youngest born with conditions that meant he would be as dependent as a new-born for the rest of his life. My mum kept us all going, with nary a complaint. I look back and wonder how she did it all. She had the "unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God" (1 Peter 3:4). That sums her up perfectly.

The bible tells us that Jesus had an appreciation for his mum. In John 19:25-27, with Jesus on the cross and knowing He didn't have much time left, He made sure that she would be looked after by the disciple John once He was gone. He cared for His mum.

So, on this Mother's Day, let's show an appreciation of our mums. I know that how easy that is will depend on your relationship with your mum, so if you would like someone to talk it over with, please contact the church office and we can arrange a catch up.

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Romsey - Lancefield Probus Welcome to frienship

The Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club provides an opportunity for active retirees or semi retired people to relax and enjoy the welcoming company of those at the same stage of life at our monthly meetings, and for periodic trips and lunches.

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

- The May meeting of the Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club in 2022 will be on Thursday, 26th May, 2022 at 10.00am St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey.

- **Guest Speaker:**
Dr. Faye Woodhouse - Author.

All attending are subject to current Covid regulations.

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Further information will be in the weekly pew slips.

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In attendance will be a Park designer who you can talk to you regarding any ideas you may have.

Also, any youths who are interested in street art are welcome to apply as once planning goes ahead, it would be great to create some street art on the toilet block. There will be someone from the Council who will advise on this.

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4. Check the water meter dial again. If the numbers have changed you may have a leaking pipe, tap, toilet cistern, solar hot water service or appliance.
5. If you think you have a leak, call a licensed plumber who can find and repair it.

If you have a known water leak or inefficiency at home requiring general repairs, you may be entitled to assistance with GWW's WaterTight program. Contact 13 44 99 to discuss your eligibility.

Find out more about keeping track of your water usage at gww.com.au

Romsey Cricket Round Up for Season 2021/22

Romsey Cricket Club season 2021/22 finished up in late March with a near clean sweep across the senior grades. The Johnstone Shield (2nd XI) and Club Grade (3rd XI) teams celebrated premiership wins in their respective grades whilst the McIntyre Cup (1st XI) team made the Grand Final but couldn't quite get over the line on the day with Gisborne playing an excellent brand of cricket.

Overall season 2021/22 will go down as one of the club's most successful seasons of all time with outstanding performances in all grades. At the recent presentation night, as well as the premiership medal presentations, there was a celebration of a number of individual performances including six centuries scored during the season and the grade award winners.

	1ST XI – McIntyre Cup	2nd XI – Johnstone Shield	3rd XI – Club Grade
Batting	Ben Way	Jack Thorsen	Paul Brady
Bowling	Jake East	Daniel Paterson	Jason Day
All Rounder	Sean Day	Corey Day	Daniel Wright
Captain's Award	Aaron Paterson	Nathan Hoy	Robert Pitts

The evening rounded out with recognition of the special awards from a successful season:

Cliff Shaw Award - **Darrin Jewell**, Best Clubman - **Len Devlin**, Special Achievement Award - **Alan Stevenson**

Coming off such a successful season we now look forward to season 2022/23 to go the next step and continue the growth of a club full of youth and vibrance and always looking forward. Anyone interested in registering their interest in joining the club for season 2022/23 can contact club president Michael Richardson on 0437 240 655 or email michaelrichardson65@bigpond.com

Just a reminder that the Junior Early Bird Registration for season 2022/23 closes on May 25, 2022. To take advantage of this offer simply email the player name and date of birth to tmac31@bigpond.net.au



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Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin Competition.

Winner announced at 1:30.

Farm Hamper Raffle to be Drawn at 1:30.