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- **Community Lunch:** In late December the Neighbourhood House hosted a Community Lunch at the RMI. Almost 200 people attended, and a great time was had by all. The large number was a great test for the two stoves/ovens in the kitchen, but it was abundantly clear that the sink could not handle that number of dishes, pots and pans etc. In the past we have applied for funds to purchase and install a commercial dishwasher but so far, we have not had much luck. We will keep trying.
- **The Main Hall:** The hall looked wonderful when set up for a wedding at the end of year. Just goes to show what a creative mind can do. Over January Lyndal has done an amazing job of cleaning and re-polishing the floor of the main hall, it looks great.
- **2023 Antiques & Collectables Fair:** The 2023 Fair is scheduled for Saturday March 18th back to its traditional March time. Stall holders are booking their spots and the CWA will again be providing their excellent morning and afternoon teas.



Hall arranged for a late 2022 wedding.

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## February in the garden

by **Melanie Kinsey**

Finally, some hot weather! It took the plants a few weeks to respond – the cucumber eventually took off and so has the basil. However, the tomatoes were so delayed by the cool wet spring, they still hadn't set any fruit by mid-January. But at least they are growing now.

The lawn looks lush and green, and its first watering wasn't needed until mid-January. That's most unusual. The desert willow-catalpa hybrid (X Chitalpa) has been delayed by about a month, but it is finally covered in gorgeous pale pink azalea-like flowers. The honeyeaters have just discovered them! My red cannas have been the slowest of all. They are only now producing buds in mid-January.

The agapanthus (all cultivars) are also late, as are some of the salvias.

I've been potting up some of my succulents particularly the ones that are growing actively now like agave and echeverias. I had a tussle with a large tree-aloë and as it was in a tulip shaped pot (bad idea I know) I had to resort to blasting the potting mix out with a hose. Its now in a new straight-sided pot so it will be easier to get out next time. I also removed the three aerial layers I created on the purple cordyline. I did these six months ago and each cut through the bark and wrapped with sphagnum moss and plastic produced roots! Now I just have to keep them alive until they form enough roots to support what is



basically a giant cutting. In my little propagation house, some palm seeds have germinated! I picked the seeds up from beneath the palms outside the Treasury Buildings in Spring St. I think they are Washingtonia palms – the really tall ones – maybe Washingtonia robusta. Hopefully they will be quite cold tolerant in the Macedon Ranges!





## Romsey Region Business & Tourism Association (RRBATA)

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## Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA)

### Christmas in Romsey 2022 – Round Up

A HUGE Christmas in Romsey festival saw record numbers of community members and visitors enjoy its many elements -the Main Street Christmas Tree Installation (90 trees fabulously decorated by businesses and community groups), Main Street Building Illuminations Nights (who could forget Forbes' Garage's transformation into a gingerbread house with resident Grinch!), the Lights and Decorations Competition (Old Mates dominating the business category AGAIN!) and the return of the Community Carols with a RECORD crowd in attendance.



Stay tuned for upcoming announcements regarding Christmas in Romsey 2023.

### Pre Christmas After Work Business Catch Up!

The final After Work Business Catch Up for 2022 was held at Verdure café with a great turn out and wonderful hospitality provided by Verdure Café. These casual get togethers for eastern corridor businesses were recommenced in 2022 after a COVID forced break. Follow RRBATA Facebook (Romsey Lancefield Region Business and Living) for the scheduling of the next gathering.



### RRBATA Dinner Event – COMING SOON

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a Location Manager for big television and film productions? Book your ticket NOW for the RRBATA Dinner (Friday 24th February at Glen Erin Lancefield) to hear JC Strouts tell his story! JC began a successful career working as a Location Manager in film and television in Vancouver. He has worked on hundreds of TV commercials as well as countless big name films including "The Sixth Day", "Santa Clause 2" and "I Robot". More recently, he was involved in "La Brea" filmed in the Macedon Ranges. **Book your tickets through TRY Booking.**

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# THE RRBATA DINNER

Glen Erin Lancefield  
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**"In Conversation" with JC Strouts (Film Location Manager)**

### RRBATA – The Way Ahead

RRBATA's Committee of Management will review its focus and strategy as 2023 progresses, ahead of leadership transition later this year. Its priority, generally, will be to even more effectively advocate for businesses and the visitor economy in the eastern corridor, whilst continuing to consolidate business and community connection.

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# Romsey Rag February 2023

Over the years, all Australians have been asked to pay a little extra to help solve a problem in another area. For many years the tax payers of Victoria and New South Wales helped pay for programs and works in the other, less populated states. We all pay a waterways levy with our water bill and many pay a fire levy. In most cases we do not get too upset about this as we all know that we are all Australians and that we often have to work together to get a good result.

Recently many Romsey and surrounding districts' residents will have received their Greater Western Water account. Part of that paperwork was a flyer announcing a number of things. One of these announcements was that \$35 million dollars had been allocated to improving the Gisborne Recycled Water Plant. In the last few years Romsey has seen some work done on street-side piping but virtually nothing in relation to the the main supply to the town and more importantly to the under sized re-cycled water works.

## **Romsey is expanding steadily, and more pressure is, and will continue to be, put on this facility.**

The development in and around Romsey has been well known for many years. It would have been clear that the existing facility would have great difficulty in handling this additional waste water. In the past we have seen the *Environment Protection Authority* reacting to category C water being released into Deep Creek.

We generally don't mind helping others out but it is hard to accept this expenditure when the obvious needs of Romsey and surrounding districts appear to have been seriously neglected.



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Family members or other supporters are welcome to come along.

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### 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 a Volunteer Organisation

CWA would like to thank everyone who supported our Christmas stall. Without your support we would not be able to make donations to organisations in the community. We have a busy year ahead with catering for the Antiques Fair and Mother's Day stall just to name a couple.

As we have said in the past, to keep our Group going and help the community we need members. Please think about coming along to our meeting to see if you would like to join. We meet the first Wednesday of each month at the RMI in the back supper room, meeting starting at 10. Most meetings only go for an hour then we have a cuppa, chat and do craft, teach each other new ideas we have learnt ourselves or start to organise our catering or stalls. We have lots of laughs and in the times we have all just been through it is good to have someone with whom we can have a laugh and a chat!

As all gardeners know it is zucchini season AGAIN

### For any further information please call:

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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.

## Baked Zucchini Rounds

RECIPE

### Ingredients

- 2 Medium Zucchini
- ½ cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- Garlic salt & freshly ground pepper

### Method

1. Place oven rack in centre of oven, Preheat oven 220 line tray with foil of baking paper.
2. Wash and dry Zucchini and cut into ¼ in slices. Arrange zucchini rounds on the prepared pan with little or no space between them. Sprinkle with garlic salt and pepper. Spread a thin layer of parmesan on each zucchini slice.
3. Bake 15-20 mins or until Parmesan turns a light golden brown.
4. Serve immediately.

## Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens

### Bendigo Bank - Monthly Bus Trips



Welcome back.

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and were able to catch up with family and friends. Our weekly sessions have started back in our club rooms at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute.

We will be holding our monthly bus trips again this year. They will be held on the first Tuesday of each month. We will be travelling a variety of interesting places, which we are still in the process of finalising. We have pick ups on these days in Romsey and Lancefield. We hope to see you and your friends soon on one of the bus trips.

Look out for a list of the upcoming trips in next months newsletter.

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

*For further information please contact Helen on 0409 064 303.*

*Hope to see you soon.*



# G'day



RECIPE

## Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke

One would imagine St. Valentine would entertain his latest conquest with a sexy dish of figs with honey, or bananas, or pears, but I'm told he didn't waste time with such banal foreplay. So I've decided the Rabbit should be my symbol for St. Valentine's Day.

Jan and I moved from the Bellarine Peninsula to Central Victoria. The town of Tooborac is just down the road and over the hill.

Once a year the town came together to celebrate the rabbit. They did this by cooking it in all sorts of imaginative ways, and the most imaginative recipe won a prize and then this dish was shared by all - so were the rest of the cooked rabbits.

My neighbour, Dennis, came up with the ingenious thought of submitting San Choy Bau, which he named San Choy Bunny. He simply made the traditional recipe but, instead of using pork, he used minced bunny rabbit - very clever. I don't remember if he won or not - but he should have been acknowledged for a bloody good idea. The following is not his recipe, nevertheless I dips m'lid to him.

## International Women's Day 2023 - Cracking the Code: Innovation for a gender equal future.

International Women's Day is celebrated on 8 March and provides an opportunity to continue getting the message out that "women's rights are human rights!"

For over 100 years, women have been advocating for safe working conditions, equal rights, equal pay and an end to exploitation. We still have a way to go, but together we can make a difference. #EmbraceEquity

Join Macedon Ranges Shire Council in celebrating International Women's Day at the Kyneton Town Hall on Wednesday 8 March at 10am.

The free event will bring together local leaders, artists and changemakers with keynote speaker Antoinette Braybrook, 2022 Melburnian of the Year.

Antoinette is a proud Wurundjeri and Kuku Yulanji woman, CEO of Djirra and Co-Chair of Change the Record. She is a strong advocate for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and has been recognised both locally and internationally for her leadership and contribution to gender equity.

Enjoy music from local artists and changemakers, Sage Roadknight, finalist in the world's first Environmental Music Prize 2022, and Rhi Winchester and her all-girl band.

Bookings are essential.  
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## SAN CHOY BAU or SAN CHOY BUNNY

### Ingredients

- 1 iceberg lettuce
- 2 tablespoons peanut oil (or olive oil)
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger
- 2 chillies, seeded and diced
- 1 kg pork mince (or bunny rabbit)
- 2 tablespoons Chinese rice wine (you can substitute dry sherry if that's easier)
- Soy sauce
- 4 spring onions, chopped
- Fresh coriander leaves (or whatever fresh herb you've got or, if you're using a dried herb, remember they have a strong flavour so taste as to go along)
- Sweet chilli sauce.

### Method

The traditional San Choy Bau is an Asian dish where you spoon stir-fried meat of your choice (usually pork) into lettuce leaves, with various sauces. You can add water chestnuts, bean sprouts, bamboo shoots or anything else that takes your fancy.

In ice-cold water peel whole leaves away from lettuce and leave them, chilled, until needed. Heat a wok until hot, add peanut oil, garlic, ginger and chillies and cook until fragrant. Add the pork or rabbit mince and cook, stirring often. Add the Chinese rice wine, or sherry, and soy sauce to taste, along with spring onions and some chopped coriander leaves. Toss until combined. Spoon the mince into the lettuce 'cups' top with a little sweet chilli sauce and a sprig of fresh coriander and that's it.





## Mid-summer...a quiet time for our Landcare group but there is plenty to do and to contemplate for landowners. A wet 2022 has encouraged weed growth in many unwanted areas and shown us where water flows and sits.

One such place where weeds have flourished is the gravel paths up near the house and down in the veggie patch. We decided to renovate the paths. The first step was to rip up all of the weed mat from underneath the gravel. We don't use herbicides but the weed mat didn't help and will eventually disintegrate. The next step was to get out the weeds and re-spread the gravel. On top of the gravel around the veggie garden I have applied a thick layer of freely available mulch, it looks good and suppresses the weeds, completely, I hope! The other paths also look good; the task now is to keep them weed free.

Flower gardens generally thrive up here over summer. It is a time to enjoy the garden, keep the plants alive and looking good. A bit of water and plenty of mulch will do the trick and for most established native plants the mulch will be sufficient. It is also time to plan for autumn, as it is a good time to plant trees and shrubs. Three wet years in a row has certainly let us identify the wet areas on our properties and the opportunity to plant suitable species. There are many that will look good and assist biodiversity by attracting insects and birds. These include: tea tree, malalueca, bottle brush, wattles such as prickly moses, blackwood and wirilda and eucalypts such as swamp gum, red gum and manna gums. Tall sedge, thatch saw-hedge, hollow and joint leaf rush as well as the common spiny-headed mat-rush will all thrive in damp areas and provide cover for birds and frogs and food for butterflies and birds.

February is an important month in the veggie patch. It is a time when I am thankful of leaving some onions, carrots and coriander to go to seed and attract countless butterflies, native bees and other pollinators. I am also glad that I invested in some straw to suppress weeds and maintain moisture in the patch. It is now time to sow seeds for broccoli, sprouting broccoli, kale, cabbage, kohlrabi, cauliflower, brussell spouts and brukali. In cold areas it is important that these plants are established before winter sets in. We can also continue to plant parsnips, carrots, lettuce and beetroot. In March we can give spinach, pak choi and snow peas a go. Another crop to benefit was the broad beans as they picked right through until Christmas. April is the best time to plant them with the first of the beans to be ready to pick in spring. If you are fan, do as my parents do, freeze a years' supply!

Our Anniversary Garden in Lancefield Park has been blooming throughout spring and summer. The wattles, tea tree and bottle brush have been stunning. A bit of weeding and a bit more mulch will keep our native patch looking good throughout the year and continue to attract a variety of feathered friends.

The flood damage at some of our sites will necessitate a cleanup and some autumn planting. We also have a project in Romsey and another in Lancefield to complete in autumn. If you are keen to help we would love to hear from you.

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 catch us at the Lancefield Farmer's Market this month, follow us on Facebook, contact our President, Phil Severs (0476 324 000) or attend our monthly meetings in the Lancefield Mechanics Hall.



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# A CELEBRATION, an ENDING and a NEW BEGINNING

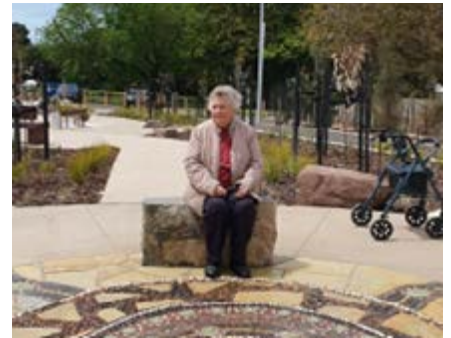
After terrible weather resulted in the cancellation of November's **Party in the Park**, this **CELEBRATION** has been rescheduled for Sunday 12th February between 1pm and 5pm. Supported by Macedon Ranges Shire Council, this community celebration will mark the completion - after more than 14 years - of a unique health and wellbeing space for all ages and abilities which has already been embraced by local community and visitors to our region.

There will be food, music, story-telling and poetry, as well as some of the Art in the Park artists in attendance! This party has been a long time coming so come and join the celebration!

The completion of the Park project means it is nearly time for the **END** of Romsey Ecotherapy Park Inc, the incorporated association of community members which has lobbied for and facilitated this project from the beginning (so many years ago!) to its completion. A **Special General Meeting** will be held on Monday 20th March (7.30pm at Romsey Community Hub – see meeting notice in this edition of the Romsey Rag) to seek approval to cancel its incorporated status.

In the meantime, REP Inc is seeking interest from community members to **BEGIN** a less formal **"Friends of Romsey Ecotherapy Park"**. This would be the community-based advocacy group for the Park and "connector" to Council regarding the Park's maintenance and how it is activated moving forward. Those interested in being involved should contact Jenny 0411 700464.

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## TEAM NEWS!

Jodie Dobbs, who has worked across both our Lancefield and Romsey branches over the last 7 years as a Customer Relationship Officer and Customer Relationship Manager, left us in December. We thank her for her contribution over the years and wish her all the best for her next endeavour.

We farewelled Amy Gauld from our Lancefield branch late last year as she left on maternity leave. We're pleased to say she welcomed an adorable little girl, Lotti in December. Congratulations Amy.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In accordance with corporate regulations, Lancefield and Romsey Community Financial Services Ltd held its AGM at Lancefield Guest House on Monday November 7th, 2022. Graeme Bruce was elected as a Director of the Company. Directors Beverley Beaumont, & John Roach were re-elected to the Board. Stephen Thorogood retired from the Board and his role as Treasurer. A vacancy for the Board is currently being recruited.

## COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM FOR EVENTS – COMING SOON

**Applications for sponsorship of local events will open 1st March 2023.**

To get a head start on your application, email [cip@lrcfsl.com.au](mailto:cip@lrcfsl.com.au) to get access to an application planning form and to be kept up to date on future grants programs.

All applications need to be submitted through the Community Enterprise Foundation ([communityenterprisefoundation.com.au](http://communityenterprisefoundation.com.au)) once the program opens. Follow our Facebook page [facebook.com/communitybanklancefieldromsey](https://www.facebook.com/communitybanklancefieldromsey) or call into our branches for more information. Applications close 5pm Friday 31st March 2023.

## RELAY FOR LIFE

Our Community Bank Carnival team is registered and ready to go for the Lancefield/ Macedon Ranges 2023 Relay For Life on Saturday 4th March at Lancefield Park. We welcome our community to get behind this fantastic cause and join us on the day, and if you can, donate to help raise vital funds for Cancer Council's research, prevention, information and support services.

<https://www.relayforlife.org.au/fundraisers/CommunityBankCarnival>

## DID YOU KNOW?

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## Youth pop-up events in Romsey.

Macedon Ranges Youth Services is partnering with Sunbury Cobaw Community Health (SCCH) to deliver a series of pop-up events in Romsey throughout the month of February.

Events include a community consultation, street art workshop and an open mic night. All young people aged 12-25 are invited to participate. All activities are free, and registration is not required.

During this time, the Youth Services team will be co-located with the SCCH staff in their new office at the Romsey Ecotherapy Park on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Young people and other members of the community are encouraged to drop in to meet the team.

For more information and a full list of activities, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/youth](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/youth) or follow Macedon Ranges Youth on Facebook and Instagram.



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2022 RGC Men's Champion, Mal Mottram

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- Fire at the Work Shed:** With all the floods and other damaging events around Australia all insurance companies are more than busy. Throw in Christmas and New Year and you have a much-slowed process. We are awaiting the structural engineer's report on the damage to the shed and we will work with MRSC to sort that one out.
- 2022 Presentation Afternoon:** Presentation afternoon was held on Sat Dec 17th. With shared rooms the golf club had to be over and done with by 5.00pm to allow the bowls club to hold their end of year celebrations. The day saw the introduction of a new shield, The Mitchell Family Shield (Best Nett A Grade) and the re-purposing of the Peter Scanlon Shield (Best Nett B Grade) and the John Jeffrey Shield (Best nett C Grade). A full list of winners can be seen here; <https://www.romseygolfclub.net/results/saturday-december-17th-ambrose-and-2022-presentation-day/>.
- Patching the fairways:** It is amazing how things crop up. One of the people who assisted us with evaluating the damage to various machinery mentioned, in passing that a section of his company was replacing flood damaged fairways at a large club. Once the large rolls of santa ana turf were rolled out the off cuts were just piled up. A quick phone call and it was agreed that RGC could use some of these off cuts. Many thanks to Anthony Lakey and Clive Mensforth who drove down for the pick-up. The off-cuts were initially laid out where they would be irrigated and then low areas of our fairways were selected, filled with loose soil and covered with the turf. Most of these "patches" have survived quite well.
- Coring the Greens:** Well, the third attempt in late Nov but no go, way too wet. We now plan to core in early March, fingers crossed.
- 2023 Relay For Life Charity Golf Day;** Our 15th RFL Charity Golf Day will be held on **Sunday Feb 19th**. The four-player Ambrose event is always great fun and funds raised go to "Puddles Team" in the 2023 Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life. So far the day has raised well over \$26,000. For more information please see the "Club News & Noticeboard" on the RGC website.



**Romsey Golf Club Inc.**  
**Sun Feb 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**2023**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Charity Golf Day**  
*The "Old Course"*

## Four Player Ambrose

Proceeds to "Puddle's Team" for the 2023 Lancefield & Macedon Ranges Relay For Life

**9.30 am for 10.00 am hit-off**

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**Field limit - 22 teams.**  
**Entries close;** Noon, Wed, February 14<sup>th</sup> but book early as spots go quickly. (Entry on the day if field permits)

**Entries to:** RGC Sec – Ph; 0400 768 040 or [secretary@romseygolfclub.net](mailto:secretary@romseygolfclub.net)

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These are not just tasks for researchers and clinicians, they are goals that need to be supported by the wider community by fund raising and by giving comfort and care to those who have cancer.

Lancefield Relay For Life is a Macedon Ranges based event run to support those who have cancer and to raise funds for the Cancer Council of Victoria ("CCV").

The money raised is used by the CCV to fund research, the provision of a range of services to those affected by cancer and to support the advocacy work of the CCV. It was CCV which gave us the enormously successful Quit and Slip Slop Slap campaigns. CCV also runs a Cancer Support Hotline (phone 131120) staffed by trained cancer nurses. The CCV website ([cancervic.org.au](http://cancervic.org.au)) contains an amazing amount of information about cancer and the work the CCV undertakes.

Nationally, Cancer Councils invested almost \$250 million in Australian cancer research over the past five years.

In March 2002 a marvellous group of local people, most of them women who had lost friends or family to cancer, formed a committee and rallied the local community to run and support the first Lancefield Relay For Life. In 2023 we will have our 20th Relay (COVID robbed us of one event). The Lancefield Relay For Life has raised about \$1,500,000 to date.

You can help CCV and those who have cancer by becoming a part of the 2023 Lancefield Relay For Life on Saturday 4 March from 11.00am to 9.00pm. For more information and to become a participant see [relayforlife.org.au](http://relayforlife.org.au).



## **Romsey - Lancefield Probus Welcome to frienship**

### **Having Fun, making new friends, and catching-up with old ones!**

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.

Our monthly meeting (4th Thursday of the month) is a chance to share a pleasant, delicious, morning tea, and hear interesting speakers on a wide variety of topics.

**The first meeting of the Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club for 2023 will be on Thursday, 23rd February, at 10.00 am in St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey.**

- There are many activities members can enjoy; some being regular, and others planned from time to time.
- Join us for coffee at the Lancefield Corner Store at 10am every Friday for a chat and a bit of fun.

**We are a friendly welcoming group from diverse backgrounds and with a variety of interests, and we'd love to meet you!**

#### **Contact:**

President: **Tony 0410 747 616**, Secretary: **Noreen 0401 579 180**

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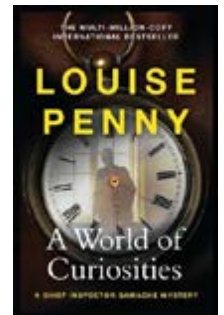
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Versatile author Fiona McIntosh set her first three DCI Jack Hawksworth novels in the UK. But in a change of direction for the series, this timely 4th instalment brings Hawksworth to Adelaide. These thoughtful, action-driven stories are definitely worth checking out if you like Ann Cleeves' Vera and Shetland books, or the Roy Grace series from Peter James.



**A WORLD OF CURIOSITIES by Louise Penny**

Disturbing memories resurface for the residents of Three Pines in rural Quebec, in this new mystery from Canadian author Louise Penny. Reviewers describe this as a darker, pacier and more compelling novel than many of Penny's previous works. It will be interesting to see if this tonal shift makes it into the new Netflix adaptation.



**DESERT STAR by Michael Connelly**

Harry Bosch is now one of the longest running fictional detectives, appearing in some capacity in over 30 novels. This time writer Michael Connelly has brought the aging Bosch back as the central character - brooding, reflective and maybe even more dangerous than before.



**Monthly Programming for 2023**

We have several monthly programs for a variety of age groups, as follows. We love to see new people join in with these sessions. If you're even just a little bit interested but not sure if these are for you, please call the library or pop in and speak to Trish. (We are very friendly library staff!!)

**A Curious Circle: Curiosity, Connection & Creativity**

- 6:30pm – 8:30pm every third Thursday evening of the month.

\*\*exception: February session is Saturday 18th at the library from 1pm – 4pm.

We've had a very successful 18 months running this fun program and have some great things in store for a very creative 2023! If you enjoy making, chatting, having a laugh, making new friends or all the above, we'd love to have you join in. Try out some new arts and crafts just for fun – no special skills required!

Supper is provided, and first timers are always welcome. Bookings essential via phone or head to our website: [www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/eventbrite](http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/eventbrite)

For more information, please email [romsey@ncgrl.vic.gov.au](mailto:romsey@ncgrl.vic.gov.au) or phone us on 5429 3086.

**Storytime Schedule 2023 (no bookings required)**

<b>Monday:</b> Story Time	2 – 5 years	11am – 11:45am
<b>Tuesday:</b> Story Time	2 – 5 years	11am – 11:45am
<b>Thursda:</b> Baby Rhyme Time	0 – 2 years	11am – 11:30am

\*\* please note that story time sessions do not run during school holidays.

Magnetic story time cards will be available for you to take home, in late January

# Pop Up Garlic Farmers Incubator is Back

**To give Australians hands-on experiences in a new generation of farmers, Farmer Incubator has recommenced the Pop Up Garlic Farmers (PUGF) program in Melbourne, and new in Canberra.**

Kicking off in February, people in Melbourne and Canberra can learn how to plant and nurture a market garden-scale garlic crop from seed to harvest and market.

The program is run at farms/ market gardens such as Days Walk Farm in Keilor, Wildwood Organics in the Macedon Ranges, and ECOSS Yarra Valley. Renown farmers and scientists, many learning originally through Farmer Incubator, will give hands-on support.



Graduates may work in farm internships, jobs or start their own food enterprises. Willow was in the program in 2021, and is now running a small-scale organic farm for North Melbourne Mauritian restaurant, Manzé, in a land-share with Tanaka Farm in Clarkefield. This began when Willow asked Manze to purchase garlic grown in our program. They said about their experience:

“PUGF was a game-changer. I was curious about growing food large scale. Taking the pop-up garlic farmers course taught me, and connected me to others to grow food around the city. I met local advocates, experienced gardeners, and chefs looking for fresher local produce. Such a joy!” - Willow, they/them, kitchen gardener for Manzé

Eight weekend workshops run from February to November 2023 eg. on Soil Preparation, Pest and Disease Management and Product Marketing. You are given seed for 500 plants, and tour established small farms to understand the environment, build skills and collaboration.

Participants gain knowledge, networks and confidence to grow an organic garlic crop.

Dom Mendoca, PUGF 2021 participant: “PUGF was amazing. The workshop on soil health in particular was a life-changing “awakening”. Networking and knowledgeable mentors was exactly what I needed.”

Registrations are now open for the Pop-Up Garlic Farmers Program. To book or for more info, go to: <https://www.farmerincubator.org/pugf>

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Please contact Emma Croft SEED, Coordinator to register interest: [playgroup@smclanefield.catholic.edu.au](mailto:playgroup@smclanefield.catholic.edu.au)

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# Show off your Sustainable Home

## Macedon Ranges Sustainable Homes Action Group announces Sustainable House Day - make your home more comfortable, energy efficient and cheaper to run:

- Open house – on Sunday 19th March – allows you to visit/experience sustainable homes, and 'learn how' from experienced householders
- A project showcase - individual home sustainability projects that could 'jump start' a remodel or inspire 'next steps'.

### For the Open House event, we hope to include:

- An existing home retrofitted for energy efficiency by reducing heat loss, improving the efficiency of active heating and of hot water. We're keen to hear from renters who've made their homes more energy efficient
- A home showcasing solar and batteries
- A small/ budget new build
- New builds featuring specific building methods or principles (hempcrete, rammed earth, passivhaus, ...)

If you'd like to open your home, we can help you prepare and bring you an audience. Please email us - [susthomes@mrs.org.au](mailto:susthomes@mrs.org.au). The Project Showcase exhibits in March concurrently with Open Homes.

Have you completed a project you're proud to show off? Create a poster to explain what you did, why and how, the results and benefits and any 'insider tips' you can share. Include photos. We're looking for projects which:

- create/improve 'work from home' spaces ie. less need to travel to work
- make homes more energy efficient ie. more comfort / lower energy bills

**Monday 20th February:** Deadline for submission of posters. Submission details and resources to assist in preparing posters - [www.mrs.org.au](http://www.mrs.org.au). Information on Sustainable House Day events: [www.mrs.org.au](http://www.mrs.org.au).

Sue Barker, MRS Sustainable Homes Action Group  
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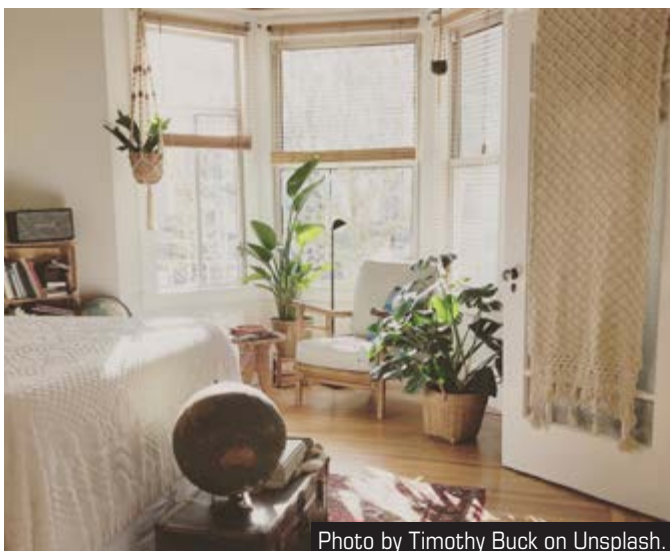


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**From the Desk of Pastor Tim**

I find it interesting how the meaning of words can change over time. One word that has changed is 'hope'. We say "I hope the weather is good tomorrow", but we may have no confidence that this will actually occur. Our hopes are now wishes.



In a dictionary the word 'hope' often has an archaic (old) meaning such as 'trust, reliance'. That is, rather than a 'wish' for something, it is a confident expectation of it happening.

It is this hope, this confident expectation, that the bible mentions. God is the God of hope, not wishes. *For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope* (Romans 15:4).

As a Christian I have hope – hope in the eternal, loving God and that there is something beyond the world that I live in. I look at atheists, and I hear that we are born, we die, and it is survival of the fittest in between. Where is the hope in that? As a Christian, you bring hope.

As a great For King & Country song says, "hope is what we crave". Who do you place your hope in? Maybe you are finding no hope in your life. We do crave it and God is the only source of true hope.

Romans 15:13 (NKJV) *Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

For more on hope, check out our Christmas Day service on YouTube (search for Encourage Church Romsey) or visit us at church on a Sunday morning.

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- Lancefield Church Service, 10:30am each Sunday

**Pray Meetings & Bible Study returns Feb.2023**


- Prayer Meeting at St Pauls Romsey each Monday 7pm
- Bible Study Christ Church Lancefield Thursday 10:30am

*We would like to wish everybody a Happy New Year and a healthy and a safe year ahead.*

**| Monthly Parish Community Lunch:**

- Saturday 11th Feb. will be a picnic / BBQ Lunch at Christ Church Lancefield hall at 12:00. The day is free to all and everyone is very welcome to attend.
- St Paul's Romsey Op Shop will be open for the New Year - During the December break the Op Shop has undergone some maintenance work and is open for normal hours of Friday 12:30-4:30 & Saturday 10:00-1:00pm.
- The Op Shop is refreshed and ready with lots of new items for your perusal.

Your valued donations of clothing, bric-a-brac, craft items, books & good quality working toys can be left Friday afternoon and Saturday Mornings, these items are very much appreciated, unfortunately some donations were left over the Christmas break while we were closed and these items were left out under the elements and as a result had to be sent to the tip. Please note that owing to regulations we cannot accept electrical goods, prams, baby cots, furniture or mattresses. Your ongoing support & donations is much valued and appreciated.



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**February 2023 Worship Services**

- Sunday Worship Services in the Romsey Uniting Church are held at 9.30am. They are conducted by Lay and Worship leaders. A Worship and Holy Communion Service is conducted by a Minister on the 4th Sunday.
- February 5th Sunday Service at 9.30am

**The Shelter of Grace**

*Life can be tough to navigate, God, so much that is uncertain, so much that is unpredictable; so many detours, so many uncharted paths.*

*And yet, amazingly, you do not leave us to find our way alone;*

*In your grace we find a path, a compass, a guide.*

*Your grace is a shelter, open for anyone who wants in, and it does offer protection from the worst of whatever storms we may face.*

*And though we know we haven't done anything to earn it, we thank you that we can find rest in the midst of life's turbulence, in the shelter of your grace. Amen*

*UCAF Network - John Van De Laar, Sacredise.*

**Prayer is so simple.**

*It is like quietly opening a door and slipping into the very presence of God.*

*There in the stillness to listen to God's voice.*

*Perhaps to petition or only to listen it matters not.*

*Just to be there in God's presence is prayer.*

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# Romsey Mens Shed

*Working on Friendships*



## **Our Romsey Mens Shed is operational and will welcome new members!**

**Our Romsey Mens Shed is now almost 3 years old and at the AGM in October we reflected on developments since the First AGM in the Scout Hall in 2019. The foundation slab was laid in 2020 and with financial support from the federal and state governments via our local parliamentarians, Rob Mitchell and Mary-Anne Thomas and the Lancefield/Romsey Community Bank, we completed the building. Generous tools and equipment donations then flowed from the community.**

**LIFE MEMBERSHIPS.** At the 2022 AGM we awarded the first Life Memberships to three members who had worked tirelessly to set up the Shed - Paul Green, Patrick Holt and Steve Goodman - were presented with a recognition certificate by Councillor Bill West, who assisted with the committee election process.

The newly elected committee are continuing with the core role of the Romsey Mens Shed; *working on friendships for men and providing a comfortable environment to discuss their issues.* All members enjoy the social environment; a coffee and chat and many are also “hands-on” as ex-trades/engineering with some learning new skills on woodwork, metalwork/welding, glass cutting or automotive (we even have a lift).

**THE T MODEL PROJECT.** As reported previously, we have a major new project - restoration of a 1925 T model Ford. A multi-skill project we hope over time will receive some donations and support from the Romsey community, perhaps with extra skills or parts hidden away in sheds. The sausage sizzle at the IGA on Saturday 19 was a fundraiser with the T model skeleton displayed on a trailer. We have now joined a national T model network.

**THURSDAY BBQ.** Our \$5 barbecue (often upgraded) at 12 on Thursdays is well attended and is open for guests. The shed opens Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 am - 2pm. When our new mezzanine floor is installed, we will have an Open Day, courtesy of the Bendigo Community Bank.

**OUR FACEBOOK PAGE IS:** Romsey Mens Shed Inc.

### **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS OR ENQUIRIES:**

Secretary: [romseym@gmail.com](mailto:romseym@gmail.com) or call at the shed in Barry Street, Romsey Park.



## **Information sessions: Understanding if you are eligible for a Home Care Package**

Home Care Packages support older people with more complex needs, to live independently in their own homes. This can include help with household tasks and personal care, equipment, minor home modifications, meals and clinical care such as nursing, allied health and physiotherapy services.

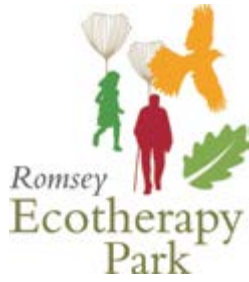
Council is holding free information sessions for older residents, their families and/or carers to help explain how Home Care Packages work; who is eligible to receive them; and where you can access the information and support you need to get the most out of a Home Care Package.

Sessions are as follows:

- Monday 13 February, 10am-12pm, Kyneton Mechanics Institute
- Friday 24 February, 10am-12pm, Riddells Creek Community Centre

Bookings are essential – contact a member of the Healthy Ageing Engagement Team on 5422 0333 or [HealthyAgeing@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:HealthyAgeing@mrsc.vic.gov.au)





# Notice of Special General Meeting

**A Special General Meeting of Romsey Ecotherapy Park Incorporated will be held on**

- **Monday 20th March 2023 @ 7.30 pm.**  
**At Romsey Community Hub**

For the purpose of considering the following Special Resolution:

*"To seek approval to request, from Consumer Affairs Victoria, the cancellation of the incorporation of Romsey Ecotherapy Park Incorporated."*

**Enquiries: to the Secretary**  
**[romseyecotherapy.com@gmail.com](mailto:romseyecotherapy.com@gmail.com)**



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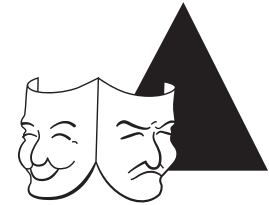


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The play runs from Friday 24 Feb – Sunday 12 March.

50% of takings from our Thursday night performance will be donated to Gisborne Foodbank. We will also be accepting cash and food donations in the foyer at each performance so please consider this when attending.

A play reading/information night for our 2nd production "Buried Child" by Sam Shepard and directed by Robert Wallace will be held at the theatre on Friday 3 Feb with auditions running over the weekend of 11/12 Feb.

For full details on the plays and to book tickets go to [www.themountplayers.com](http://www.themountplayers.com) or call 5426 1892 for assistance.

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## Local artists invited to enter the 2023 Landscape Prize

Are you a landscape artist or photographer living in the Macedon Ranges? The Gallery Mount Macedon invites you to enter the 2023 Landscape Prize.

- There are two exhibitions/competitions, in April for non-photographic works, and in May for photographic and digital works.
- 1st prize \$750, 2nd prize \$500 and people's choice award \$250, in each section (sponsored by Bendigo Bank).
- Work is to be 2D. It is to be smaller than 40x50 cm (landscape or portrait), due to limited gallery space. Landscapes can be from anywhere, not restricted to the Macedon Ranges. The Gallery Mount Macedon will exhibit short-listed entries.

**Entry forms and terms and conditions are on [www.thegallerymountmacedon.com.au](http://www.thegallerymountmacedon.com.au)**

- Application for either exhibition, which includes an online entry form as well as an image of the entry, open on Monday March 6, and close on Sunday March 26.
- The artworks featured are examples only - a landscape painting by Lesley Rosochodski and a landscape photograph by Ron Weste.

**For more information, contact Jo Hoyne 0418 488 582, or email [thegalleryexhibition@gmail.com](mailto:thegalleryexhibition@gmail.com)**



Lesley Rosochodski.



Ron Weste.

## Environment and Healthy Landscapes events over summer

### Rabbit control workshops

Are you having problems with rabbits on your property? You are not alone. In this field activity, we will listen to a rabbit control expert where we explore potential control techniques.

- Bunnies in my backyard, Sunday 5 February, 9:30am-11:30am, Magnet Hill, New Gisborne

Bunnies on the farm, Sunday 12 February, 9:30am-11:30am, Lancefield Closed Landfill (Approx. 500 metres along Baynton Rd, heading north from Three Chain Road).

### Grazing and Farming Discussion group

- Friday 24 February, 6:30-8:30pm, Romsey

Jason McAinch, our Private Land Conservation Officer, will discuss how the Romsey property owner is grazing within their context as a trading cattle operation. You will learn from each other and discuss the current situations on your own property.

### Pollinators on your farm. Who, where and what do they do?

- Tuesday, 28 February, 7:30pm-8:30pm, online webinar

We will discuss which insects (and some other animals) pollinate flowers and provide other ecosystem services that keep your farm healthy and productive. Find out who they are, where they live, what they like to feed on and what they need to survive. This event is partnered with a farm walk on 5 March in Sedgwick.

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# Party in the Park

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