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Starting with just \$400 in his pocket and no training in filmmaking, Mangels and his friend John Fields travelled to more than 50 countries to shoot the adventure documentary 'World Safari 1,' which Mangels then promoted himself to audiences across Australia back in 1977.

It became such a hit that Mangels headed out again six years later and filmed 'World Safari 2', which cemented him as a pioneer of the adventure film genre, followed by TV icons like Steve Irwin and Bear Grylls.

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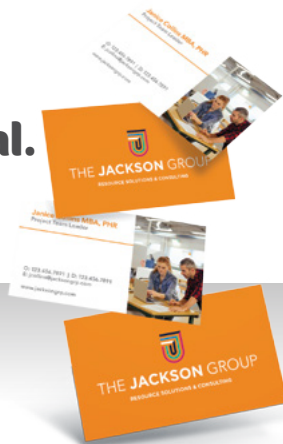


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Romsey Mechanics' Institute



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- **2023 Antiques Fair:** Our Antiques Fair was first held in 2015 and it has grown steadily to now be a very enjoyable and busy day. All stall holder spots have been taken and the CWA will again be looking after morning and afternoon tea. They will provide, as usual, food and refreshments of excellent quality and value. This year the menu will include cappuccinos/lattes, point sandwiches, home made sausage rolls, scones, jam & cream and tea/coffee. The Antiques Fair will be on Saturday March 18th, doors open at 9.30am and close at 3.30pm
- **Defibrillator:** We have received our defibrillator and are now in discussions with user groups as to its best location within the RMI. Again our thanks to Beryl Cole and Wendy Gosden from the local ambulance auxiliary for the assistance with this project.
- **Solar Battery:** A few years ago, the CoM was able to install 30 solar panels on the roof of the RMI. This ensures that our electricity bills will be more than halved. DELWP has now identified us as a location that would benefit from a solar battery. This would allow us to store energy during the day when fewer people and groups use the RMI then use that stored energy at night when the hall is more active. The battery will be 10.24Kw, will cost \$22,000 and it is estimated that it will save the CoM over \$2,000 in electricity bills each year.



2022's Community Lunch.

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March in the garden

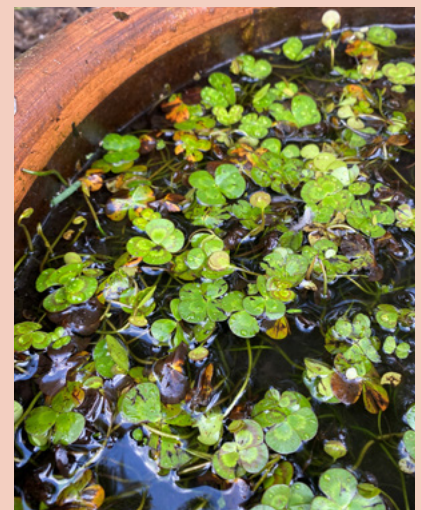
by **Melanie Kinsey**

Fl have a water bowl filled with nardoo (*Marsilea drummondii*) which is a four-leaved water fern. It's the plant with which Burke and Wills tried to supplement their diet: but they still died. The explorers watched the aboriginal people grind the spores to make a flour which was then made into a johnny-cake and baked. My nardoo has never produced spores but the birds like to bathe in the water bowl and each day they splash so much out, I have to refill the bowl once or even twice a day!

The rain has stimulated amazing growth on the smoke bush (*Cotinus Grace*), the giant grass (*Miscanthus giganteus*) and the contorted filbert (*Corylus avellana Contorta*). Have I told you the urban myth about the

last one? Supposedly the contorted filbert and the tortured willow (*Salix matsudana Tortuosa*) and one other plant that I've forgotten; all arose from within 50km of a supposed meteor landing site in England (cue spooky music)! What a great story! They make great dried arrangements with their weirdly twisted and corkscrew stems.

The red cannas are finally making a vibrant display as are the indigo agapanthus cultivars. Also my Geranium Big Red is sensational! Such a brilliant fire engine red. I have to mention that the good old geranium/pelargoniums are great battlers. They get frost bitten over winter but bounce back in spring and are currently covered in flowers. I have been collecting cuttings



from various places and these seem to strike much better than some modern cultivars I recently purchased. I suspect the modern ones might be grown by tissue culture and they don't seem to grow as quickly as the older cultivars and their cuttings take longer to root and grow. They are drought hardy and need very little attention other than a light prune in March.



Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA)

Sunday 12th February was a HUGE day in Romsey! The revamped the Lions' Market was more than 40 stalls - and a large crowd! The market atmosphere was great. Congratulations to the Lions' Club (esp. Angela Heywood) for getting the event up and going.

Afternoon was Party in the Park at Romsey Ecotherapy Park. Hundreds of people enjoyed music, food, story-telling and the sculpture artists' presentations. ROMSEY CAME ALIVE !

The Lions' Market will be monthly and the Ecotherapy Park is open for locals and visitors, as well as special events.

These attract visitors who spend and support the local economy.

"Making things happen" in the eastern corridor!



Romsey Region Business & Tourism Association (RRBATA)

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

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Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens



Monthly Bus Trips

Welcome to our new Treasurer Jan. We thank her very much for helping us out on the Committee.

Our next bus trip will be held on **Tuesday March 7th**. We are heading to **Daylesford** to visit the **Mills Market**. There are plenty of different stalls for you to browse at, hopefully with a bargain or two. The bus trips are open to everyone so grab a friend and come along. Give Helen or Jan a call for further details.

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. Come along and join us for a chat or a game of cards.

For further information please contact Helen on 0409 064 303 or Jan on 0408 371 755.

Hope to see you soon.



Romsey Rag March 2023

Each year many community groups hold activities and events. Often they advertise these activities using road signs.

The Shire has put up metal posts for signs at various points along the roads into all towns.

There is a process for the use of these posts.

- Signs must only be on display for a fortnight before the event.
- Signs must come down within three days after the event.
- VicRoads stipulates that signs can only have four lines of writing
- Once contacted the Shire will stipulate which signs a community group may use
- All signs must be placed at the top of the poles, if not then it may be taken down.
- Only one sign is allowed per set of poles.

Also, it is more than disappointing when one group, who has done all the right things, finds a second group has placed signs on poles already allocated to the first group.

Many of these rules are eminently sensible as we do not want distractions on the roads.

However, to make it simpler and safer to follow the rules surely the Shire is required to make sure that there is level ground at the base of these poles so that people, often older members of the community, can safely use a ladder to place the signs at the top of the poles?



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Please note articles should be restricted to 300-350 words plus/minus a picture. Articles will be edited as required.

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ANIMAL FACTS

A Hindu temple dedicated to the rat goddess Karni Mata in Deshnoke, India, houses more than 20,000 rats.

Nominations open for the Community Choice Awards

Macedon Ranges has a host of outstanding businesses committed to delivering excellent customer experiences. In recognition of this, we're inviting residents and visitors to nominate their favourite in the inaugural Telstra Macedon Ranges Community Choice Awards.

An extension of the Business Excellence Awards program, the Telstra Macedon Ranges Community Choice Awards seek

to recognise and celebrate those who go above and beyond in their day-to-day delivery of goods and services.

Nominations will be decided by popular vote for each of the five categories:

- Excellence in Customer Service – Agribusiness and Primary Production
- Excellence in Customer Service – Health and Wellbeing

- Excellence in Customer Service – Hospitality and Accommodation
- Excellence in Customer Service – Retail and Service
- Excellence in Customer Service – Trades and Manufacturing

You can nominate your favourite business until 24 March. Voting will be open from 1 April.

For more information visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-awards



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.

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ROMSEY BRANCH OF C.W.A. INC

Hi Everyone

Hope everybody had a great Christmas, New Year and all the kids back at school, kinder without any troubles.

CWA Romsey is happy to be back as well doing what we all love.

Romsey is busy on the weekend of March 18th don't forget the Antiques Fair, we will be out the back catering for everyone, we even have a coffee machine now so nice coffee for all.

In April at the Lancefield Hall we will be having our Creative Arts Exhibition, come along and see what talents people have, Raffle Prizes, Lunches and Devonshire Teas.

Sat 29th and Sunday 30th April 10-3.

Its tomato season, if like ours we have lots but they are not turning Red, so here is something you might be able to do.

Green Tomato Pickles. Makes about 8 375gr Jars

Ingredients

- 2 Kg green tomatoes, 1Kg onions, Salt
- 4 cups sugar, 500ml white vinegar, 1 teaspoon curry
- Powder, 3 tablespoons plain flour, 1 dessertspoon
- Ground turmeric, 1 tablespoon mustard powder.
- Cut up tomatoes and onions sprinkle with handful salt stand overnight.

RECIPE

Method

- Drain Liquid and put tomato mix in pot with sugar and vinegar bring to boil for 45 mins.
- Mix the remaining ingredients with a little vinegar to a pouring consistency add to the pot to thicken the pickle. Cook further 5 mins. Put into warm sterilized jars and seal.
- Pickles will keep for up to 2 years.

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.

Would you benefit from seeing a dietician?

The dietitian service at Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health is expanding with appointments now available Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Dietitians Jasmine and Erin can provide personalised guidance on the best foods to eat to optimise your health and manage a range of medical conditions including chronic conditions such as diabetes, heart disease and lung conditions.

Dietitians can also assist with coeliac disease, irritable bowel syndrome, crohn's and colitis. They can help those managing food allergies, weight loss or gain and general gut problems such as heartburn, bloating, and bowel movement issues.

Access to the service is prioritised to those on the National Disability Insurance Scheme, the Commonwealth Home Support Program or who have a Home Care Package. To discuss further call 5421 1666, email admin@scchc.org.au or drop in to 1 Caroline Chisholm Drive Kyneton or 12-28 Macedon Street Sunbury.

G'day



RECIPE

Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke

"Et tu, Brute" or something like that was written by Shakespeare, which he attributed to Julius Caesar uttering after he was stabbed entering the Forum on the Ides of March (which is March 15). The Ides of anything is about the middle but to be more accurate it's the 15th of March and so I've chosen an Italian dish for today's offering.

Spaghetti was the obvious, and spag is what's tied Italia together. Nevertheless, since Julius was stabbed 23 times (60 aggressors were in the mob) they most probably cut up his liver. (And as the English bard was partial to liver, liver it is.

But the Poms eat lambs' liver, as we did (lambs' fry) and the Italians calfs' and pigs' liver. Anyway I digress.

I've chose chicken liver, not because Caesar was chicken but because Brutus and his mates were. It's a VERY simple recipe which could do with some garlic and other additions like a poached egg, Sherry or mustard. But I'll leave that to you to think about - in the meantime remember Julius and the 15th of March.

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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ET TU COQUUS

CROSTINI DI FEGATINI DI POLLO

Ingredients

- 500 g chicken livers
- 6 teaspoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3-4 slices of onion
- 1 sprig fresh sage
- small pinch salt
- 6 slices of bread, halved
- lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese.

Method

- Clean and chop the chicken livers into small pieces. Gently sauté the onion slices in the olive oil and butter in a frying pan until they're golden then add the chicken livers and sage, season with a little salt and cook gently for 10 minutes. Whilst the chicken livers are cooking you can toast the bread.
- Take the sprig of sage out of the pan and discard it, then stir the Parmesan cheese and a little lemon juice into the chicken livers. Spread onto the toast and pour the juices from the pan over the top.



Woodend/Hanging Rock Petanque

Last weekend the Coonawarra Petanque Club in South Australia, finally after seven years, decided to hold their Coonawarra Classic pétanque tournament.

On the Friday, 48 teams from around the country, mainly Victoria and South Australia converged, on the town of Penola, for their accommodation in the caravan park and in various hotels and motels in the area. Then on the Saturday morning we all converged into the vines of the Coonawarra to play 6 games of competitive pétanque. New South Wales and Victorian teams playing South Australian teams.

A great competitive day was had by all. Some winners and some losers, but hey, that's the way it goes in pétanque!

Next morning it was the Social day! The top 16 teams were in the Principale and Complementare and the rest of us in the Sociale. Another competitive day!

Our Woodend Hanging Rock teams all played well and had a fabulous weekend of competition, fun and enjoying all that the region had to offer!

Come and join in the fun and socializing, we travel around our state. Avoca, Nagambie, Ballarat and Apollo Bay are trips coming up, they are just a few of the destinations where we get to play our wonderful game!

The Woodend Hanging Rock Pétanque Club meet at 2pm each Monday at the old racecourse in Woodend and Thursday afternoons at 4 pm at our beautiful Hanging Rock.

Come and join us, we would love to include you in our club.



Clive Potter, Darelle Salathiel, Jill Shaw, Beverley Forsyth, Louise Potter, Bill Salathiel.

Louise Potter

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At Ranges Podiatry we regularly see children from the ages of 2 to 18.

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- Knee pain



Your child goes through significant growth in their childhood and teenage years. Growing out of shoes is normal, but growth shouldn't be painful, so if your child talks about pain in their feet, call the clinic to make an appointment.

Sometimes, parents are just not sure if their child's foot or walking style is developing as it should. If that's the case, book a check-up with us. You can also use this time to ask questions about the right shoes for your child.

TIP: Bring your kids school shoes / runners / footy / netball shoes to their appointment so we can thoroughly assess what is happening with their feet. We don't mind the mud, grass or sand either!

Book an appointment with Andrew at Romsey Medical Centre

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The Year of the Butterfly

According to the Chinese Calendar, it is the Year of the Rabbit; I thought it was the Year of the Butterfly! As usual, we have a few rabbits on our block but butterflies seem to be everywhere. Even when we go for a run along the local roads we are frequently engulfed in a cloud of butterflies. Many are the orange Common Brown males; the lighter coloured female is much less common.

Back in October last year I wrote an article on insects and their importance to the ecosystem; many are beautiful when viewed up close but few have the aesthetic qualities of butterflies. I pointed out that insects "... aerate the soil, pollinate blossoms and control insect and plant pests. Many insects are scavengers, feeding on dead animals and fallen trees, thereby recycling materials back into the soil. It is estimated that without insects for them to eat we would lose most reptiles and amphibians and about half of all bird species. Several species of insects are on the brink of extinction which could have a cascading effect on upper levels of the food pyramid and upset ecological balance."

Butterflies and moths (Lepidoptera) have been part of ecosystems for a long time. The latest evidence shows that they evolved more than 200 to 250 million years ago in the Triassic period. That's almost when the dinosaurs appeared! "Butterflies and moths can be hard to tell apart, but butterflies have clubbed antennae, more slender bodies than the plumper moths, fly more in the day, fold their wings straight up when resting and are often more brightly covered. All moths and butterflies pupate from caterpillars and undergo metamorphosis. Both butterflies and moths are important pollinators, feeding primarily on nectar. Instead of a mouth, these insects have a long straw-like structure called a proboscis, perfect for sucking. Australia is home to 400 butterfly species and 11,000 moth species."¹

Declining butterfly populations have been noticed in many areas of the world, and this phenomenon is consistent with the rapidly decreasing insect populations around the world. These changes have been linked to climate change and habitat destruction. Recently, my sister-in-law and husband walked across England. They noticed a lot of buddleias, commonly known as the butterfly bush, but did not see any butterflies feeding off them. England has an insect problem and is actively re-wilding to address the situation before it is too late.

Many gardeners would have a love hate relationship with butterflies after enduring a "brassica massacre" at the hands of the white butterfly, commonly known as a cabbage moth or cabbage white for obvious reasons. In the past I have used derris dust to control the hungry caterpillars but now I tend to avoid growing vegetables from the brassica family over summer or I cover the plants with fine netting as I have presently done with my pak choi crop.

Attracting butterflies to the garden is easy. Favoured plants include: hardenbergia violacea (happy wanderer), goodenia species, buddleia, verbena, salvia, native grasses, daisies, herbs and "weedy" plants such as nettles. Notably, sweet bursaria flowers are well known for supporting a range of butterflies and moths and it is the only host plant for the larvae of the endangered Eltham Copper Butterfly. Its wingspan is only 2.5 cm and when its wings are closed they are very dull underneath, making it hard to see, however, it has bright copper colouring on the tops of its wings. It was first discovered in Eltham in 1938 and was thought to be extinct by the 1950's but rediscovered in 1987.

Currently, they can be found around Greensborough/Eltham, Bendigo, Castlemaine and in three locations in the Wimmera. Because they have become environmentally isolated the genetic diversity in their gene pool has been reduced, thereby, increasing their vulnerability. No wonder the sweet bursaria is one of our groups' favourite plants!

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



1 Your Guide to the Insects of the Macedon Ranges (MRSC).

TEAM NEWS!

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to Chris Smith, who recently joined our team as a Customer Relationship Manager.

With over 8 years experience in the lending space, Chris is bringing with her extensive knowledge and is ready to help our local customers. Chris will work across both our Lancefield and Romsey branches and will also be available for in-home and after-hours appointments for those that find it difficult to get into a branch during business hours.



Get in touch with Chris on 0411 435 561 and together, you can talk about your goals and work out how to make them happen.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM FOR EVENTS – OPEN NOW

When you partner with us, good things happen.

Your organisation gets sponsorship, and your banking helps support the community.

Applications for sponsorship of local events opened 1st March and will close 5pm Friday 31st March 2023.

Email 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 – click 'Apply for funding', select 'Community Grants – apply now' and search for Lancefield and Romsey). Email cip@lrcfsl.com.au with any questions and to be kept up to date on future grants programs.

RDFNL SPONSORSHIP

Once again, Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey are major sponsors of the Riddell District Football Netball League (RDFNL). 2023 is set to be an exciting season for both Lancefield and Romsey with the Lancefield Football Netball Club's 150 Year anniversary and Romsey Football Netball Club fielding a team in the inaugural Senior Women's Football Competition.

Plus let's not forget the new electronic scoreboards coming to both Romsey and Lancefield as part of our local Community Investment Program – bring on Season 2023!



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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 or follow Macedon Ranges Youth on Facebook and Instagram.



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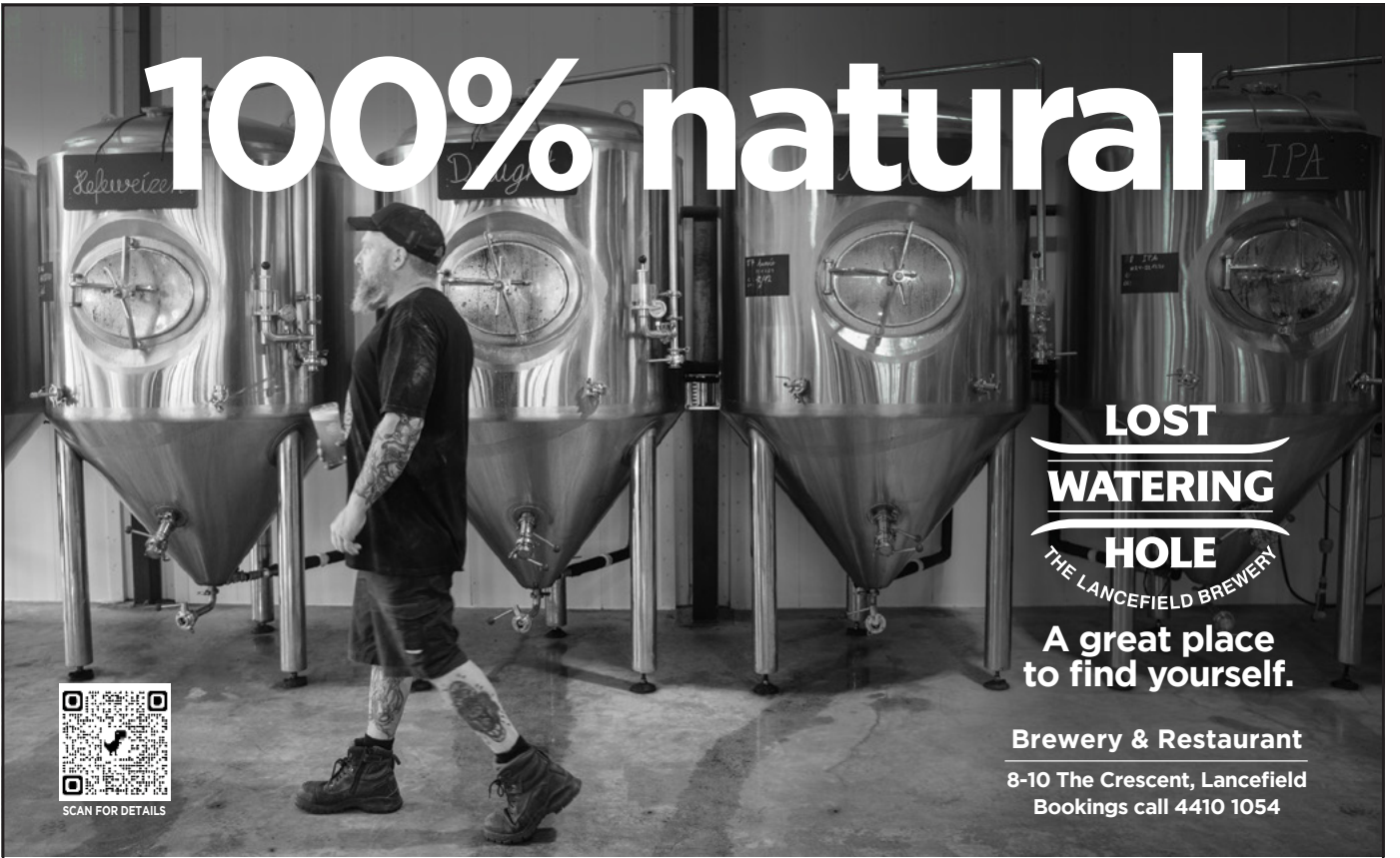
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Romsey Golf Club Report

Work Shed: The club met with Shire staff to look at options to locate a new shed. Relevant MRSC departments will review items discussed and hopefully decide on options. We hope that works can be approved and begin shortly.

Park Bins: Five times each year, club members empty the 20+ rubbish bins around the park (mostly located at tees). Rubbish is tipped into a trailer and sorted. Cans/plastics are separated from glass and placed into large rubbish bins. All other waste, including copious amounts of dog waste, remains in the trailer. We usually end up with two large bins each of glass and cans/plastics and about ½ a trailer of other waste. Everything is taken to the Romsey Transfer Station. The club is looking into other ways for dog walkers to dispose of their pet's waste.

Coring the Greens: Coring will finally go ahead on Wednesday March 1st. Our thanks to all those Wednesday golfers who were happy to support the club and give up golf that day. The greens will be virtually unplayable on the following Saturday. Members are encouraged to play at other clubs.

2023 Summer Cup: This club event -designed to get more people playing more golf - is in its 9th year. There are four rounds and players have the opportunity to play on a Wed and Sat. Their best round score from those two days can be counted. At the end of the month all players' best three round scores are collated and prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. At the halfway mark the top five players are – Rob Slade – 18pts, Darlene Baker – 15pts, Jenny Hartley – 12pts, Elaine Scanlon – 10pts & Clive Mensforth – 8pts.

Bruce Robb Medal: The 2022 medal was a very tight affair. The winner could not be finalised until the final round of the year! Points are awarded to the top six players in each month's Stableford and Monthly Medal rounds. The winner for 2022 was Pat Chisholm, Pat put in a very consistent year and was able to hold off Mitch Atlas and Mick Squire.

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2022 Bruce Robb Medallist, Pat Chisholm
with RGC captain Mal Mottram

SUPERSTITIONS

A horseshoe, hung above the doorway, will bring good luck to a home. In most of Europe protective horseshoes are placed in a downward facing position, but in some parts of Ireland and Britain people believe that the shoes must be turned upward or "the luck will run out."



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Fight cancer by supporting the Lancefield Relay For Life.

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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) 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.



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 Annual General 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!

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Romsey Playdate! Library

Romsey Library Playdate 1.00–3.00pm, Tuesday March 14

Playdates at the Romsey Library are a chance for families with young children to relax and make new connections young and old. Enjoy light refreshments with the other grown ups while the kids have fun with a selection of toys from the Romsey Toy Library.

All welcome – no bookings required

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Refreshments provided

Our next session is Tuesday 14 March, 1.00–3.00pm. For more information, visit the library at 98 Main Street Romsey or phone us on 5429 3086.

Sustainable House Kits – Investigate the energy efficiency of your own home

Have you heard about the Sustainable House Kits we have for loan? Each kit contains a information about home energy efficiency, a power usage meter and, crucially, a thermal camera. This camera allows you to determine the thermal efficiency of every part of your home in exacting detail, helping you to make informed decisions about insulation, ventilation and energy-efficient climate control.

Interested? Contact the Romsey Library today on 5429 3086 or visit us in person at 98 Main Street. These kits are in high demand, so don't delay!



Healthy Loddon Campaspe Adventure Bingo – commences Monday March 27

Adventure Bingo is coming to Romsey from 27 March - have some fun and explore the outdoors with this fun activity!

The rules are simple:

- Pick up a Bingo card from Romsey Library or online
- Mark off the sights from around Romsey on the Bingo card as you see them.
- Once you find all the sites in a straight vertical, horizontal or diagonal line you've got Bingo!

PLUS, complete your Adventure Bingo card online and you can go in the draw to win one of 50 x \$20 sports store gift cards!

Storytime children will have the opportunity to participate at 11am on Monday the 27th of March and 11am on Tuesday the 28th of March. (Meet at the library. All are welcome!)

Come see us at Romsey Library and join in the fun.

New Releases – Order Now!

To reserve a loan of any of these titles, head to www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au or phone the library directly on 5429 3086.



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Puppy Pride

After the success of last year's inaugural Puppy Pride, Kyneton's Botanic Gardens will once again host an event to celebrate all things canine and bring together the LGBTQIA+ community, their friends and their family. The organisers at Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health are putting a call out for puppy superstars, those dogs that love to perform, do tricks or who have a unique feature that needs to be shared.

Puppy Pride, held with support Macedon Ranges Shire Council, is on Sunday 26 March from 12pm. Like last year, the afternoon will start with a group dog walk to the Botanic Gardens where there will be various food and market stalls, activities, competitions and plenty of space to spread out your picnic rug.

The focus will be on gathering together as a community, enjoying the beauty of the natural surroundings and appreciating the many ways dogs improve our health and wellbeing.

"From reducing stress to improving our fitness, dogs can also increase our social interaction and of course provide companionship," says Belinda Brain from Sunbury and Cobaw. "All are welcome - we promise the day will be colourful, vibrant and definitely fun!"

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Timetable 2023

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MON	Sunbury	Lancefield - 8.45 am Romsey - 9.15 am	12.30 pm	\$8 SINGLE \$15 RETURN
TUE	Romsey/ Lancefield	See shuttle times below		\$5
WED	Kilmore	Romsey - 8.45 am Lancefield - 9.15am	12.30 pm	\$8 SINGLE \$15 RETURN
THU	Kyneton	Romsey - 8.45 am Lancefield - 9.15am	12.30 pm	\$8 SINGLE \$15 RETURN
FRI	Special Events	Lancefield - 8.45 am Romsey - 9.15 am	2.30pm	\$12 SINGLE \$20 RETURN

Tuesday Lancefield/Romsey Shuttle

Travels around Romsey	9am, 11am and 1pm for 45 minutes
Romsey to Lancefield	9.45am, 11.45am and 1.45pm
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Lancefield to Romsey	10.45am, 12.45 pm and 2.45pm



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2023 Edgy Veg Awards

Autumn is here, and that means the Autumn Festival is approaching, and that also means the return of The Edgy Veg Awards. This year Spices & Pestle Thai Restaurant in Riddells Creek have submitted an extravaganza of dishes that should be on everyone's list to try!

A Thai Green Curry, Dragon Tofu (entree), Tom Yum (Soup), Pad Thai, and Mango Sticky-rice. Gisborne, Macedon, Kyneton and Woodend are all well represented in this year's submissions for the awards. There are cafes, pubs and restaurants in the competition so you can eat out at any time of the day and try something new. The event will run during the Autumn Festival from the 1st – 30th April, and café patrons will get to vote on every dish they try. Which venue will win the coveted title of most delicious plant-based dish in the Macedon Ranges? Cast your votes to show who you think should win.

Voting is easy, each participating café will display the competition QR code that you can scan to rate your dish online. You can find out more about the Edgy Veg Awards from the competition website - veg.mrsg.org.au/edgy-veg-awards or scan the QR code in this article. The Awards are an initiative of Veg Action of MRSG and funded by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, as part of their Sustainable Living Festival series.



Sue and Thierry, owners of Pausanne Café in Woodend and winners of 2022 Edgy Veg Awards.

DEVELOPMENT APPLIED FOR AT PARK LANE/BARRY ST CORNER

Everyone is aware that Romsey is developing and that new houses, town houses and flats are being built. We welcome all these new community members and hope that they too get to experience life in a small country town. A small country town means space for children to play at home in their backyards, quiet streets where there are rarely more than one or two cars at a time and getting to know the neighbours. Recently a new development application was put forward.

A large, single house block in Romsey is to be replaced with 30 town houses. It will be right next to Romsey Recreation Reserve, home of cricket, golf, lawn bowls, tennis, netball, little athletics, soccer, scouts & cubs Men's

Shed and football. Some quick facts;

- MRSC Planning Department failed to respond to the application in 60 days and so developers fast tracked to VCAT
- There were six objections to the development (note: objectors need to pay to go to VCAT)
- 30 Town houses with an approx. 106m2 footprint
- Mostly 2-bedroom but some 3-bedroom and 4-bedroom options
- Possibly congested access to sporting facilities and events
- Just five visitor carparks
- Not affordable housing

Imagine the scene on Saturday mornings with up to 30 cars coming out of the development onto Barry Rd to go shopping or to drop individuals off at sport.

Do you want this future for the Barry Street / Park Lane corner? If this is of concern to you, please contact "Better Futures Romsey", or "Better Futures Macedon Ranges" on Facebook or contact Councillors Death, Neil and West.

- **Cr Annette Death** - 0427 956 117, adeath@mrsc.vic.gov.au
- **Cr Bill West** - 0400 025 455, bwest@mrsc.vic.gov.au
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RPS Swimming and Aquatic Carnival 2023

Beautiful weather greeted us at Sunbury Aquatic Centre for the first ever Romsey Primary School Aquatic Carnival. Activities included 50m swimming events, games on the grass and in the two small pools. The kickboard relays were a highlight - teachers being the champion team on the day!

The day well supported by staff who did an amazing job on the day. Our team works extremely well together. A special thank you to Jodie Peacock, Brooke Whyte and Susan Vulling for their support with the time keeping and games on the grass. This really helps to make the day run smoothly.

The inaugural champions of the Romsey Primary School Swimming and Aquatic Carnival is (drum roll) SHAW house. This team has not had a lot of success in the history of RPS sport - the sleeping giant may now be starting to wake up!

Congratulations and thank you to all students who attended the day, the behaviour was excellent and attitude to activity first class.



SHAW HOUSE CAPTAINS – Matilda M, Joe M and Cruz K



Even the teachers and new Principal, Mel Stewart got in the pool and had a swim!

New Prep Students

On Monday 30th January, 43 Preps began their learning journey with RPS. There were lots of smiles and only a few tears (from a few parents). It was great to see just how settled they were in their classes. Well done Preps!





Our 1st Romsey Market in over a Decade.

It was more than I had hoped for thanks to the great stall holders with their arts, crafts, plants and much more. I wish I could add each and every photo I took on the day.

Thanks also to the many people who came, bought and ate at this wonderful event. Your support was the icing on the cake as they say.

Our next market, weather permitting will be on the 12th March with even more wonderful items for sale and on display.

For further enquiries please contact Angela Heywood on 0413 065 177



Upcoming School Immunisations

Consent cards have recently been distributed to all secondary schools within the Macedon Ranges for the free school-based immunisation program. If you have a child in year 7 or 10, look out for immunisation information and a consent form coming home with your child.

Students who are eligible for vaccination must return the form to school completed and signed by their parent or guardian. Take time to talk with your child about vaccination – why it's important and how you both feel about it.

If you wish to decline the offer of free, school-based immunisation, you can return the consent section of the form to the school, marked as 'declined'.

If you have any questions not answered by the information provided, please contact your GP or Council's immunisation service on 5422 0333.

Changes to the School Immunisation Program

From 6 February 2023, the routine two-dose HPV vaccine schedule provided to young people aged 12-13 years through the National Immunisation Program (NIP) has changed to a single dose schedule using the same Gardasil@9 vaccine.

The dose change is based on advice from the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) who have considered the international clinical evidence that supports a single dose providing comparable protection to the two doses. These changes simplify the HPV vaccine schedule and will make it easier to vaccinate young people for HPV.

The schedule has not changed for immunocompromised people. A three-dose schedule of 9vHPV vaccine is recommended for people with severely immunocompromising conditions, regardless of their age when they started vaccination.



A new school year has begun and we have eagerly welcomed back our students and their families to St Mary's. We have many new students, families and staff this year and we hope they feel the St Mary's embrace and enjoy their time within our wonderful school community. Everybody has settled well into the new school year and the preps especially have been amazing. We hope that 2023 is an exciting year of wonderful learning opportunities for all and we look forward to sharing them with you!

St Mary's School Leaders

At the end of each year our Year 5's get the chance to apply to be a school leader for the following year. This means they have to come up with a speech which they must read in front of staff and students as to why they would make a good school leader and then votes are taken.

We congratulate the following students on their success, becoming school leaders for 2023. We wish them all the best for the year ahead.

2023 School Leaders:

- Molly Cusack, Cole Newnham, Illianna Way and Maggie Cleve.

2023 Sports Captains:

- Joeys (Green) - Ellie Keenan, Patrick Goodwin and Maggie Keogh
- Goannas (Red) - Mali Mezzatesta
- Wombats (Blue) - Nate Zoch and Jack Matthews.
- Kookas (Yellow) - Max Eames and Naite Hunt.
- Student Achievement - Meg Brundell

Meg Brundell in Year 6 was chosen for the Gisborne Region Representative Girls Cricket over summer with the Under 14 Girls Squad. She was the youngest (at only 11) and was very successful, she was even congratulated on her ability in the upper level by senior cricketers at Gisborne. The Gisborne Squad competed at the Bendigo Country Week and won the grand final! We congratulate Meg on this huge achievement, a mighty effort, well done!



Extra Curricular Roles @ St Mary's

Students in Years 4-6 are able to apply for special roles within the school where they get the opportunity to work within the community and help others. These groups include the Mini Vinnies and the Environment Group. We also have two new roles within our school library as Library Assistants. These are exciting roles for our students and allow them to build confidence within themselves and explore the wider community through different activities and programs.

We congratulate the following students on achieving a position within these groups for 2023 and look forward to seeing how they grow and what they will achieve in the coming year.

- **Mini Vinnies** - Harper Greathead, Sophie McCarthy, Isla Shannon, Kacey Warren, Pippa Awty, Ruby Caton, Milla Willmott, Cohen Bobic, Tanayah Meader, Taylah Lingard, Isaac Gardner, Millie Kilpatrick, Maddie Stocker, Summer Murphy and Edie Portelli.
- **Environment Group** - Charlotte Collins, Emma Donnellon, Ben Goodwin, Ellie Smith, Romina Doria, Sarah Turner, Harper Tootell, Emmett Mahony, Meg O'Meara, Anna Newnham, Matilda Brown, Ella-Rose Murphy, Summer Bumpstead, Meg Brundell, Riley Alderton & Nate Lees.
- **Library Assistant** - Jess Awty and Charlotte McCarthy.

St Mary's Playgroup

We invite all members of our local and wider community to join us at St Mary's Playgroup. It's free and it's for everyone with children aged 0-5 years. You'll find us in the school hall every Thursday during the school term from 8.30am - 10am. Why not join us for a wide range of play experiences and a chance to meet other families? We hope you can join us for this wonderful morning activity!

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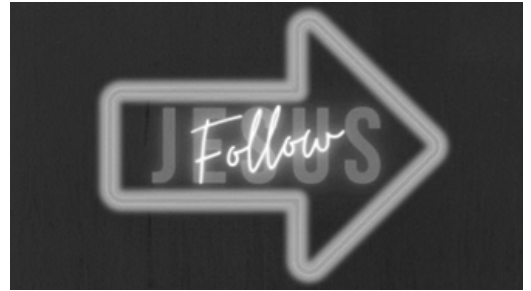
These two words had a profound impact on the disciples. They immediately dropped what they were doing, left it all behind, and followed Jesus. They went on to experience first-hand the amazing teachings of Jesus, the miracles He performed and ultimately to see Him resurrected after being crucified on the cross. It would have been an incredible time to live through.

Yet we too are asked to follow Jesus. He still calls out to each one of us to follow Him. It is still an incredible journey to go on, when we follow Him.

And yes, we are asked to leave our own ways. As Jesus said in Matthew 16:24-26 "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?"

Nope, nothing is worth more than your soul. And the benefit of giving up your own way - you find your real life.

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P: 5429 5509

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Mrs. Jenifer Clampt
P: 5429 5480

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Romsey Uniting Church

Ministers: Pastor Annette Buckley Ph. 5429 5351 / 0457 608 539 - Rev. Rose Broadstock Ph: 0416 805 022
Website: www.macedonrangesunitingchurch.org.au/worship-services

March 2023 Worship Services

Currently only one Minister is available across the five churches of the Macedon Ranges Partnership. Churches are now equipped with IT equipment and Internet technology. Each church has large TV's for viewing streamed services. Sunday Worship Services in the Romsey Uniting Church are at 9.30am - conducted by a Minister and Lay and Worship leaders. We have commenced Streamed Services from other churches in the Partnership. Communion Services conducted by a Minister are streamed on the 1st Sunday in the month, from a different church each time.

The Difference

I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day:
I had so much to accomplish that I didn't take time to pray.
Problems just tumbled about me and heavier came each task.
"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered,
He answered, "You didn't ask".
I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on, gray and bleak:
I wondered why God didn't show me.
He said, "But you didn't seek".
I tried to come into God's presence: I used all my keys at the lock.
God gently and lovingly chided "My child, you didn't knock".
I woke up early this morning, and paused before entering the day:
I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray.

| **Author unknown**

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Current Mass Times:

| Sunday Mass

- Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 9am and will alternate between Lancefield & Romsey.
- 1st & 3rd Sunday's of the month in Romsey, 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday's of the month in Lancefield.

| Saturday Healing Mass

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

| Baptisms

- Baptism's are held at 2:30pm on the 2nd & 4th Sunday's of the month. Please contact the office for the next available date.

| Sacraments

Bookings are now open for parish children to register for Sacraments in 2022. Reconciliation available to Yr3 and above; Eucharist available to Yr4 and above, and Confirmation available to Yr6 and above. Please contact the office if you would like to register your child.

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

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

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



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Parish Secretary

Mrs. Tammie Dalgleish
P: 5429 2130

School Secretary

Ms. Julie McDougall
P: 5429 1359

School Website:

www.smlancefield.catholic.edu.au

Relay For Life Fundraiser at Romsey Golf Club

Players arrived around nine for a quiet cuppa and a chat before teams were sent off to their tees for a shot-gun start at 10.00. The corellas had savaged three greens but one group, Motley Cru, volunteered to head off early and do as much damage control as possible. Play began under fine conditions with nary a breath of wind, good scoring was expected. As is often the case with Ambrose teams picked up one or two birdies before a careless shot resulted in a bogey. The day raised over \$1,600 for cancer research, a top result. Club president Anthony Lakey thanked the event's sponsor - Romsey Mitre-10, this was the 7th year they have sponsored this event, the many members of the Relay for Life Puddle's Team who prepared and served the food and the RGC members who staffed the bar. On a beautiful day to be out on the park, the results were;

- **1st; Class Above - Andrew Clement/Dean Kohler/John Boyce/Pat Chisholm - 39/5.38/33.63**
- **2nd; Wright Stuff - Daniel Wright, John O'Loughlin Mick Squire/Shannon Wright - 39/3.75/35.25**
- **3rd; Motley Cru - Mal Mottram, Luke Lyons, Steve Wilkins/Zac Mottram - 41/5.50/35.50**

RGC Relay For Life Charity Golf Day



Winners "Class Above" Dean Kohler, Andrew Clement, John Boyce & Pat Chisholm.



Runners-up "Wright On" Mick Squire, Daniel Wright, Shannon Wright & John O'Loughlin.

Romsey Mens Shed

Working on Friendships



Romsey Men's Shed operational activities.

– And we welcome new members!

Over the three years that we have been operational we have been building up our activities progressively. As well as the woodwork, metal and automotive workshop activities, we place great emphasis on social interaction and encourage members who do not necessarily want “hands-on activities”, to enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat and access our loan library and social/community activities. For those needing new skills we have an induction program and mentors to train new members on tool and machine skills.

- We participate in a cluster activity with other Men's Sheds in the shire - Lancefield, Woodend, Kyneton and Riddells Creek – to share experiences and promote shed and community activities.
- We hope over time that our **1925 T model Ford Restoration Project** can be a bit of a local feature and on Sunday, February 12 we displayed it at Hanging Rock and hopefully it will also be at Lancefield Truck Show Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 February. This is a multi-skill project and we hope over time to receive some donations and support from the Romsey community, perhaps with extra skills or parts hidden away in sheds. We have joined a state and national T model network.
- As part of our social activities on Wednesday 15 February, a mini-bus load of our members went to the Kiama Museum of Vehicle Evolution.
- **Our \$5 barbecuelunch at 12 on Thursdays** is well attended and open for guests. The shed opens Tuesdays 9am - 4pm 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 Men's Shed Inc. And we have a GO FUND ME for our T model restoration project and will produce a QR code for convenience shortly.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS OR ENQUIRIES:

Secretary: romseymys@gmail.com or call at the shed in Barry Street, Romsey Park.



Why register your pet?

Council pet registrations renewals are due by 10 April 2023.

- There are four important reasons to register your pet:
- Pets found wandering unregistered and un-microchipped make it difficult for rangers to reunite them with their owner. Sadly, some pets are never reunited and end up rehomed or worse yet, euthanised.
 - It's the law. Your cat/dog must be registered with Council by three months of age.
 - The registration cost is much less than the fine.
 - Registration fees assist Council in providing animal management services, education materials, incentives and programs, and welfare assistance for animals in our shire.
- There are a number of ways you can renew your pet registration including in person at a Council service centre, by mail, BPay, or online.
- For information visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/pet-registration or call 5422 0333.**

The Mount Players ensures lots of laughs at “The 39 Steps”



The Mount Players

The 1st production for 2023 opened on 24 February but you can still catch it before it's final performance on 12 March! The 39 Steps is an adaptation of the original film presented as a BBC Radio Play in front of you (the live studio audience).

A classic story with lots of action, accents and comedy with 2 people creating the live sound effects on stage... everything from smashing glass to punching lettuces will have you giggling the whole way through. John Rowland (Too Many Crooks) has created this radio play for the stage and lets you experience just how they were produced way back when. Bring the family as it will appeal to all age groups. To book your tickets go to www.themountplayers.com or call 5426 1892.

At the AGM on 13 February lots of members gathered for a social time as well as being able to reflect on their successful year in 2022. After the hardships of the previous 2 years with Covid lockdowns the theatre was able to pick up momentum and get back to doing what they do best.....bringing a diverse range of shows to life at their Mountview Theatre.

With the line-up on offer for 2023 it is sure to be another successful year. The 2nd production opens in May.....more about that next month.

See you at the theatre!

by Karen Hunt.



Rehearsal for 39 Steps - R Chris Davis, Vishka Davina Haydock, Peter Bevin and Andrew Williams.



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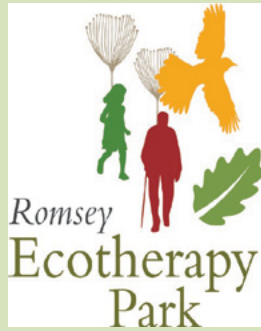
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