

# THE Romsey Rag

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Romsey

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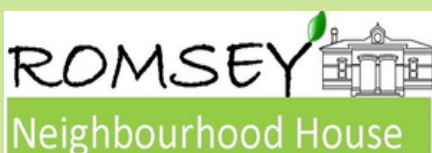
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## Get voting on your favourite Autumn Festival veggie dish!

Will your favourite dish be a mixed mushroom cannelloni with cauliflower bechamel sauce? Little Vic's in Riddells Creek have entered this dish, as well as a Carciofi Pizza. Spices and Pestle are also in this competition to find Macedon Ranges' best plant-based meal.

### The Edgy Veg Awards 2023 run from April 1st – 30th.

A whopping 42 dishes entered across 26 cafes, pubs and restaurants in the Macedon Ranges. You can eat a casual meal at a café or pub, or splash out at a winery like Kyneton Ridge Estate. Veg Action encourages people to eat more veg – for our health, and the planet. Less meat and dairy intake helps to cut methane gas and nitrous oxide emissions.

The Edgy Veg Awards is the perfect opportunity to try new dishes made by the best chefs in the Macedon Ranges.

Voting is easy. Each venue displays the competition QR code. Scan this to rate your dish online. Find out more at the competition website: [veg.mrsg.org.au/edgy-veg-awards](http://veg.mrsg.org.au/edgy-veg-awards) or scan the QR code below. MRSC funds the Edgy Veg Awards in the Sustainability Group's Sustainable Living Festival.



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# Romsey Mechanics' Institute



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- **Old Time Dancing:** Two Old Time Dancing nights will be held at the RMI this year. They will run from 8.00pm until midnight on;
- **Friday April 28th:** Music by John Zutt and Friday May 26th, music by JNB Productions. There is an \$8.00 charge for the band and a country style supper. If there is enough interest these nights could become a regular event at the RMI. Everyone, experienced or novice dancers, are welcome, so why not come along for a wonderful evening of music and movement?
- **2023 Antiques Fair:** Our Antiques Fair was held on Sat March 18th. We had a great turn-out and most people left with something to treasure, be it a beautiful teddy bear, a hand felted animal, a wooden box for those precious jewels or a great memory of a wonderful Devonshire Tea from the CWA in the Supper Room. The CWA again excelled providing a wonderful morning/afternoon tea.
- **Refurbishing the Main Hall:** While we have quotes for restoration and painting works and the replacement of all curtains we are still looking for a heritage builder who can assist us with quotes for the repairs/ replacement of some of the windows. As soon as we have some figures for this element of the works, we can actively set about seeking funds for the project.



9.00am and people were rolling in.

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## April in the garden

by **Melanie Kinsey**

This month I took a photo of the front garden from the verandah. The golden rod (*Solidago* sp) is looking fantastic now. Its swaying yellow flowers are adjacent to the emerging plumes of a miscanthus. They both contrast with the globular heads of the giant garlic and spiky forms of the cordylines. In the foreground, the ethereal white butterfly (*Gaura lindheimeri* now called *Oenothera*) wafts about in the breeze. It makes a pleasing picture.

As the weather cools many of my summer dormant succulents are beginning to wake up. It's a good time to repot some of these and take cuttings. I can also begin to ease back on my watering regime as the plants don't dry out as quickly. Soon it will be time to move them further under the verandah so the frost can't get them. I enjoyed a surprise flowering of my *Orbea* sp (a type of stapeliad) the other day. This succulent which comes from South Africa, produces flowers the colour of meat/carrion and it smells just the same so as to attract flies which is its pollinator. It's



a bit of an oddity and certainly not a plant I am going to bring into the house while it is flowering!

My one cucumber plant has produced lots of cucumbers so I have been pickling them like mad! I love a good pickled cucumber. The important thing to remember is that they need to be sliced and mixed with some salt for 24 hours before bottling; in order to remove a lot of the moisture from them. Then I simply add vinegar that has been boiled briefly with mustard seeds and garlic. Yum! The tomatoes have been a bit of a fizzer. Three plants have offered barely a handful of fruits. This seems to be a widespread outcome this year after the slow, wet and cold start to summer. Oh well there is always next year!

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# Romsey Rag April 2023

**Volunteering is part of our country's nature. Without it, so many things that we all take for granted would simply fall over.**

The ongoing activities of two groups who are dedicated to the health and well-being of everyone rely on heavily on volunteers.

**The annual "Relay For Life"** (RFL) events that are run all over the country. In the months before a RFL individuals and groups organise a wide variety of fundraising activities with all monies raised going to cancer research. Our own RFL began at Lancefield Park in **2003**. It has been run every year, bar 2021 - Covid-19, and has so far raised over **\$1,700,000**. Research projects funded by this money will have helped many people in their battle with cancer.

**The Red Cross Blood Bank** similarly relies on volunteers. Volunteers turn up every three months for blood or every two weeks for plasma, they give their donation, grab a snack and a cuppa and are on their way. Many people would not be alive today but for the donations of these individuals. In the past there were friendly competitions between clubs or towns to see who could organise the most donations. With the coming of Covid-19 the mobile donation vans have been in the garage but, hopefully, they will be back on the road soon and it will be so much easier for us to donate to help others.

There is no doubt that both these organisations have saved and/or improved many hundreds of lives and that they deserve our support.

## ANIMAL FACTS

**Sharks apparently are the only animals that never get sick. As far as is known, they are immune to every known disease including cancer.**



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## Don't forget to 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 re-homed 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](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/pet-registration) or call 5422 0333.

## RRBATA – Committed to Building Capability

The efficient and sustainable operation of organisations such as RRBATA is critical to it fulfilling its purpose and obligations to its members. RRBATA (along with other similar stakeholder groups such as Business Kyneton, Macedon Ranges Vignerons Association, Macedon Ranges Accommodation Association etc) is currently involved in a Capability Building Program being run by Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Economic Development and Tourism unit.

A series of workshops is assisting the RRBATA Committee to review RRBATA's Statement of Purpose, Vision, Mission, strengths and weaknesses ahead of formulating a new Strategic Plan. This will further enhance RRBATA's capability to support its advocacy for the region and its members, as well as ensuring it is a sustainable organisation into the future.

### Christmas in Romsey 2023 – WILL IT HAPPEN?

"Sustainability" is the buzz word this month as RRBATA's committee has decided to re-frame its Christmas in Romsey festival (CIR) role. The very successful CIR has been managed "on the ground" by RRBATA since 2016. The entire festival (Main Street Christmas Trees, Lights and Decorations Competition, Main Street Illuminations, Community Carols) is currently organised by just three volunteers.



RRBATA has made the decision to step back from its overall event management and on-the-ground and there is now a need for the festival to be managed and organised by others.

RRBATA is still willing to be the auspicing body and is currently proactively seeking funding to support CIR 2023. However, it sees this as an opportunity for CIR to benefit from fresh ideas and new energy.

Unless there are community members or groups willing to get on board, CIR 2023 WILL NOT HAPPEN.

A community meeting to discuss CIR's future organisation and seek interested working group members will be held on Thursday 27th April at the Romsey Community Hub (Monegeetta Room) commencing at 7pm. For enquiries, please phone Jenny 0411 700 464.

**Facebook:** Romsey and Lancefield Region - Business and Living

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### Romsey Region Business & Tourism Association (RRBATA)

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

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

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

## Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens

### Monthly Bus Trips - Mica Grange



We had a lovely trip to Daylesford last month and this month looks even better.

Our next bus trip will be held on Tuesday April 4th. We are heading to Mica Grange in Sutton Grange. A beautiful garden with sculptures. As the website states:

"The expansive gardens are designed to fit the natural contours of the land and are an oasis of fragrance, colour, tranquility and charm. Pebbled paths lead you through rose walks, rockeries and shrubberies across treed lawns to the orchard and raised vegetable gardens.

"Mica Grange gardens are a place to meander, relax and enjoy the beauty of gardens, the wonders of art and spectacular views."

We will be having lunch in Castlemaine. Remember the bus trips are open to everyone.

**Depart: Romsey Mechanics Institute – out the front. Lancefield Post Office.**

Remember, we meet every Monday at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute for lunch, for either \$5 or \$10 depending on what we serve – 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.**





### 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.

## CWA IS A VOLUNTEER ORGANISATION

For any further information please call:

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## ROMSEY BRANCH OF C.W.A. INC

### FUN FACT = Did you know that New Members are needed to Bridge the gap.

#### Fresh Ideas will ensure our traditional and caring association continues

Our Friendly Monthly Meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each Month from 10am to approx. 12 noon. At the Mechanics Institute Main Rd Romsey.

March is always a busy month. Once again, we catered for the RMI Hall's Antiques Day. We were lucky to have such a lovely day and the kitchen was quite busy with our new menu. Thank you to those who supported us.

On the same day our Central Highlands Group had their annual meeting held at the Riddles Creek Seniors Hall. The meeting was chaired by our State Vice President Jenny Nola with all branches in our group attending. Welcome to the new committee and hope they have a successful year ahead.

Don't forget to put in your diaries our Annual Creative Arts Exhibition. To be held at the Lancefield Mechanics Institute, High St Lancefield on the 29th -30th of April. Come along and see the amazing work our members create.

Lastly our annual Mother's Day stall will be held on Saturday 6th May outside IGA. There will be lots of goodies for sale.

## THIS MONTH'S RECIPE - NANA'S TOMATO RELISH

### Ingredients

- 3 Kilos Peeled tomatoes
- 1 kilo onions
- handful salt
- 2 level tbsl curry powder
- 3 tbsl mustard powder
- ½ tsp cayenne pepper
- 4 tbsl plain flour
- Malt vinegar
- 1 kilo of sugar

### Method

1. Cut tomatoes and sprinkle with ½ salt in a bowl. Cut onions and sprinkle with ½ salt in another bowl. Stand overnight.
2. Drain all the fluid off the next day. Combine together in a saucepan with just enough vinegar to cover. Add sugar boil for 5 mins.
3. Mix dry ingredients with just enough vinegar to make a sloppy paste. Add to other ingredients and boil for approx. 1 hr. Stirring often.
4. Pour into sanitized bottles whilst hot.

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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.

## ANIMAL FACTS

*Lassie was played by several male dogs, despite the female name, because male collies were thought to look better on camera. The main "actor" was named Pal.*

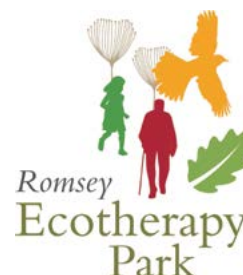
## Notice of Special General Meeting

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

**Monday 1st May 2023 @ 7.30 pm.**  
**At Romsey Community Hub**

For the purpose of reporting the completion of wind-up procedures prior to the cancellation of the incorporation of Romsey Ecotherapy Park Incorporated.

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



# G'day



## Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke

As Easter bunnies are about to lay their eggs, I thought we should know about what they're made of. (The chocolate not the bunnies.)

**CHOCOLATE.** Produced from the cacao bean which is a native of Mexico and was introduced to Europe in the 16th century. The cacao tree produces oval pods that contain many seeds which are picked then roasted and ground until the fat in them liquefies. The rich, dark liquid is then cooled in moulds to become slab chocolate. Usually, sugar is added.

According to a doctor who was president of the Orthomolecular Medical Association, people who eat chocolate are likely to be ratbags. They're nervy, twitchy, mentally disordered whackers. I don't believe him for a moment because that describes me.

But a bloke called Brillat-Savarin, who was the trump food fellow in France in the late 1700s says "Chocolate is one of the most effective restoratives. All those who have to work when they might be sleeping; men of wit who feel temporarily deprived of their intellectual powers; those who find the weather oppressive, time dragging, the atmosphere depressing; those who are tormented by some pre-occupation which deprives them of the liberty of thought; let all such imbibe a half-litre of chocolate and they will be amazed!"

And I reckon Brillat-Savarin must be right, because chocolate contains small amounts of the alkaloid theobromine which resembles caffeine in its properties and is, therefore, a stimulant.

During the 18th century, cocoa houses were at every fashionable resort, but real chocolate as we know it today wasn't used until Queen Victoria took to the throne. That must have been when she put on weight.

Now, for culinary purposes, black chocolate is what you should use, and this chocolate is obtained by cooling the crushed cocoa beans and removing the fat from the hard block. Unfortunately, a lot of cooking chocolate has only some of the fat removed and sugar added. This is not good news as it gives a mawkish flavour so try to use chocolate which has had all the fat completely removed.



## Melting chocolate:

1. In a double boiler: Break the chocolate up into squares and put them in a bowl that fits snugly over a saucepan. Fill the saucepan a quarter full of water and heat it almost to the boil. Take it off the heat and place the bowl of chocolate over the top. **DON'T LET THE WATER TOUCH THE BOTTOM OF THE BOWL.** Stir from time to time till the chocolate liquifies.
2. In a heavy saucepan (use this method when combining the chocolate with other ingredients such as butter or liquid): Chop the chocolate up into small pieces and put them into a heavy-based saucepan. Gently heat, stirring.
3. In the oven: Chop the chocolate up into small pieces, put them in an ovenproof bowl and put them into an oven that has been pre-heated to 150 deg.C (no higher) and then turned OFF. Leave them in the warmed oven till the chocolate's melted.
4. In the microwave oven: Chop up the chocolate, put into a small microwave-safe bowl and put into the microwave on MEDIUM (50%) - 2-3 minutes for 100g chocolate. When the chocolate becomes shiny (it won't change shape) take it out of the oven and stir.

## Storage:

- Chocolate has a shelf life of about 12 months in a cool, dark, dry place. Milk chocolate will keep for 6 months. Don't keep it in the fridge.
- To make chocolate curls: Hold a block of chocolate over a plate then draw the blade of a vegetable peeler towards you along the thin edge of the block.

# 2023 Lancefield Macedon Ranges Relay For Life Raises Over \$50,000



**Those little flames, those candles placed with such care and love are the memory I cherish from the Relay for Life (from the poem by Robyn Poletti)**

To all those participants in our local Relay for life held in the Lancefield Park for our 20th year on Saturday, 4th March, 2023 you can be rightly proud of the wonderful sum of money raised for the Cancer Council. Over the 20 years we have raised over \$1.7 million.

Without you, our volunteers and of course our generous donors, these funds would not be available to fund researchers and clinicians to keep up the fight against cancer.

The day opened to a forecasted 32 degrees and the Lancefield oval looked a picture. Under the shade of the trees, we put up our marquees and chairs and raised our team banners.

Walking began in perfect sunny and warm conditions. 14 teams registered with countless walkers in each team.

As we closed to the beautiful young voices of the future, in the Newham Primary School choir who together with the Gisborne Singers' performance of Amazing Grace and Ave Verum brought to an end the day as we watched those little flames around the oval each one placed with care and personifying an individual loved by us.

To all those involved including the volunteers, the sponsors, the Teams, the participants and the donors a sincere thank you.



## Autumn Festival 2023

Gather friends and family and experience autumn in your own backyard from 1–30 April. A month-long program of curated trails and itineraries, foodie experiences, artisan workshops, autumn gardens, farmers markets, and events is on offer across the shire.

Follow the popular Autumn Pie & Tart Trail, or vote for your favourite plant-based dish on the Macedon Ranges Edgy Veg Trail. Wet your whistle on a variety of Tipple Trails, where you'll get a taste of local wine, craft beer, gin and cider served up in our country pubs, distillery doors and breweries.

There will be so much to see and do across the shire during autumn! To plan your itinerary go to: [visitmacedonranges.com/autumn-festival](http://visitmacedonranges.com/autumn-festival)

### ROMSEY RAG - Youth event Open Air Cinema in Romsey

The Macedon Ranges Youth Team have recently been spending quite a bit of time in Romsey, and this is ramping up with an Open Air Cinema night on 28 April at the Romsey Ecotherapy Park. The night will feature food trucks and other entertainment and kicks off at 4:30pm.

The movie is to be confirmed but keep an eye on our website for information, and if you have any movie requests please email them to us.

Youth Services will assist with transport of young people from Lancefield to Romsey for this event. Bookings are required. For information, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/youth](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/youth) or contact [youth@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:youth@mrsc.vic.gov.au)



# Can You Act on This Bridge?

**Do you use Five Mile Creek or walk your dog here?**

**Do you use the wooden walking bridge at the end of Wrixon St?**

THIS HAS NOW DISAPPEARED ... removed as 'unsafe' by MRSC (To as casual observer, it was not as level as it was, after last years' flood.)

We take the opportunity to thank very much, the person or persons unknown, who 20 years ago (approx.) built this bridge. There is only the concrete floodway much further west now, not good for our oldies or families in the wet.

In 2018, for the Five Mile Creek Master Plan, MRSC engineers inspected the bridge and said "To be replaced when funds permit"... No funds in 2019 ... nor 2020 ... nor 2021 ... nor 2022 ... 2023 ??

After 5 years of no priority ... was that written and then forgotten, for bridges in other towns?

Romsey MRSC councillors are Cr Geoff Neil, Cr Bill West, and Mayor Annette Death. Emails etc are on website [www.mrsc.vic.gov.au](http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au)

***If you care about or use the creek, could you consider emailing or contacting a councillor or two, to ask that our bridge be replaced in the MRSC 2023 budget?***



## Village Connect events for over 55s

### Pathways for Carers

This initiative offers carers of older people, people with a disability or mental illness a chance to attend free walking events in Victoria together, and to learn more about news, services and supports available to them.

The next dates are Fridays 14 April and 5 May. Meet at 9:45am at Barry Doyle Memorial Rotunda, 2 Campaspe Crescent, Kyneton.

This is a free event. Registration is required. Contact Abbey on 5422 0262 or visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/village-connect](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/village-connect)

### Share coffee and a chat with Village Connect

Village Connect is a service for older people provided by Macedon Ranges Shire Council. As part of the program, free 'coffee cup' events frequently held for older residents, their families and carers.

Come along to hear about how Village Connect can help you stay socially connected. Enjoy a chat with others in the local community and a free cuppa and cake.

- May coffee cup events will be held from 11am to 12noon:
- Tuesday 9 May, Malmsbury Bakery - 77 Mollison Street
- Thursday 11 May, Macedon & Mt Macedon Community House - 47 Victoria Street
- Tuesday 16 May, Kyneton Social Foundry - 86 Mollison Street
- Thursday 18 May, Tylden Springhill Nursery - 1 Trentham Road

- Tuesday 23 May, Gisborne Gisborne Golf Club - 25 Daly Street
- Thursday 25 May, Woodend Maison Maloa - 95 High Street
- Tuesday 30 May, Riddells Creek Dromkeen Gallery - 1012 Kilmore Road

Registration is essential. Call Abbey on 5422 0262 or email [villageconnect@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:villageconnect@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

### Board games and cards for over 55s

Meet, gather and keep connected with like-minded individuals in your community who are aged over 55, with casual rounds of cards and board games.

- Mahjong - Friday 28 April, Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House
- Chess - Friday 26 May, Gisborne Community Centre
- Scrabble - Friday 23 June, Lancefield Neighbourhood House - The Townhouse
- Backgammon - Friday 28 July, Romsey Co-op Café

From 10:30am-12pm, followed by light refreshments. Registration is essential. Call Abbey on 5422 0262 or email [villageconnect@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:villageconnect@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

For more information about all of the above events and the Village Connect program, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/village-connect](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/village-connect)

## RELAY FOR LIFE

Once again, our Branch Team and volunteer Board of Directors enjoyed participating in the Cancer Council's Relay For Life at Lancefield Park with our "Community Bank Carnival" team. This event is such a significant occasion for cancer survivors, carers and the community in general and Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey are honoured to support such a great celebration of life. As a team, we raised \$4,385, which will go a long way in supporting the Cancer Council's efforts. Thank you to all those involved who contributed to such a wonderful fundraising outcome.



## COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM FOR EVENTS

Thank you to all who have participated in our current round of grants for events – we had a fabulous response. Keep your eyes out for the next edition of our Community Bank Connections to see the full list of recipients. Don't forget, email [cip@lrcfsl.com.au](mailto:cip@lrcfsl.com.au) to be kept up to date on future grants programs.

## TAC L2P PROGRAM

Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey are helping young locals get driving experience. The TAC L2P program helps young learner drivers access a volunteer mentor and a car to get the driving experience they need for their P-plates. As part of our 2022 Community Investment Program, a grant was provided towards the purchase of a TAC L2P vehicle that will service the Kyneton, Woodend, Lancefield and Romsey communities. If you, or someone you know, would like to become a volunteer driving mentor, or are interested in participating in the program, please call Denise Sibenaler,

**L2P Program Coordinator on 0409 246 416.**



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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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## Romsey Golf Club Report



The team gets the drain at the 6th green moving.

## Romsey Golf Club



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**Work Shed:** The Shire has recently contacted us to say that; Structural drawings and cost estimation are with an engineer to design a structure "as was". Works are underway estimated completion date 15/03/2023. Surveyor is also being engaged to factor in upgrades needed to bring structure to code.

So, things are moving ahead.

**Romsey Challenge Bowl:** This annual women's golf tournament is on Thursday April 13th. It is a team, Stableford event. Clubs or individuals enter teams of three golfers; these teams do not play together. At the end of the round all three scores are added, and the place getters are identified. Traditionally you do not enter a team in your own Challenge Bowl. With the irrigation working well and the greens recently cored, seeded and fertilised the course should be in great condition. We hope for a full field and an excellent day's golf.

**2023 Summer Cup:** At the end of the 3rd round it seemed that the top three places were pretty much tied up. It would require a top effort to force a change. Enter veteran Rob Rea. Rob's performance in the February Medal, nett 65 (seven under) was just that performance. The 2023 Summer Cup winners were; 1st – Rob Slade – 28pts, 2nd – Rob Rea – 18 pts & 3rd Jenny Hartley – 15pts,

**2023 Pennant Golf:** Romsey Golf Club has entered three teams in this year's Dalhousie District Golf Association pennant season ie.

- **Women** - Division 2 Handicap.
- **Men** - Scratch Division 2 and Handicap Division 3.

Thanks to **Shannon Wright** and **Justine O'Loughlin** who worked hard to organise and deliver the 2023 RGC Pennant shirts. Your work is much appreciated

**Coring the Greens, March 1st:** After two washouts in late 2022 it was third time lucky. The corers arrived at 7.00am and had their machines working by 7.30. Members were there by 8.30 to whipper-snip drains, weed & mulch gardens, transplant patches of Santa Ana couch into bare spots on some fairways, trim the rough and put in a major drain on the west side of the 6th green. With our little front end-loader destroyed in the fire of October we hired a machine to load the topdressers. It was a little ripper and we certainly got the full day's work out of it. Our thanks to everyone who assisted on both the Wednesday and Thursday..

## Local Law review

**Macedon Ranges Shire Council is reviewing its General Purposes Amenity Local Law No. 10 of 2013.**

From permits, to rubbish, to pets – our Local Law covers a wide range of activities that impact our community. Council has a legislative obligation to review and prepare a new Local Law every ten years.

To learn more about the review and the draft new Local Law visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/local-laws](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/local-laws) or call 5422 0333 to register your interest.



## April- May Happenings at The Gallery

**April and May are extra busy. Members will explore autumn themes, and we will host our inaugural Landscape Prize and exhibition.**

Local artists will display works showing landscape aspects across Macedon Ranges. April will show painting, drawing, printmaking and textiles. May will feature photography. Exciting and thought-provoking.

Most will be for sale - pick up an original work by a local artist. Visitors can vote for their favourite work, and the most popular will have people's choice awards.

- April - 2pm on Saturday 8 April (Easter Saturday)
- May - Saturday May 6 at 2pm.

**The Gallery is open Friday-Tuesday, 10am- 4pm.**

**Jo Hoyne 0418 488 582; Sue Anson 0413 581 632**



Dianne Dawe- Photograph Chile.



Colleen Weste Quilting.



**Romsey - Lancefield Probus**  
Welcome to friendship

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

The Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club is an opportunity for active retirees or semi retired people to relax in the welcoming company of those at the same stage of life.

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

**The April meeting of the Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club**

- Thursday, 27th April, at 10.00 am  
St.Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey.

**Speaker:** Club members present family ANZAC/War histories

Members can enjoy many activities, some 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:**

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President: **Tony 0410 747 616,**  
Secretary: **Noreen 0401 579 180**  
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*'Trial by Jury and HMS Pinafore'*  
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Sunday, 28th May, 2023 at 1.30pm  
in the Romsey Uniting Church Hall,  
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Cost: \$20.00 Concession \$15.00**

**RSVP. Before 12th May, 2023**  
Jeni Clampitt 5429 5480. Mobile 0429 050 184. Carol Toy 0419 350 139.  
Name and phone number to be supplied. Payment may be made on the day  
Afternoon tea will be provided.



## Resource recovery news

### Recycle right and win!

Keep an eye out for your bins on recycling day. Council is thanking and rewarding households who make a big impact by sorting their waste correctly.

If you receive a 'Kerby' bin mascot sticker on your bin between 1 April - 31 July, your household will automatically go into the lucky prize draw to win one of three \$100 gift card vouchers each month.

The good recycling habits program is part of Council's relaunch of the 'Let's get sorted' waste education campaign and is aligned with the state-wide 'Small acts, Big impact' campaign.

To learn more, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/four-bin-system](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/four-bin-system)

### Curious about modern cloth nappies?

Council is bringing back modern cloth nappy workshops in 2023 to help support households in reducing waste and exploring the world of reusable nappies.

Leesa from Darlings Downunder will take you through everything you need to know to get started with cloth nappies. Leesa is a resident of the Macedon Ranges, a cloth nappy enthusiast and a mother of two toddlers. Her passion for cloth nappies has led her to run the Darlings Downunder store in Kyneton.

Each participant will also receive a \$20 gift voucher to spend on reusable cloth nappies as well as entry into the lucky prize draw to win \$200 worth of nappies!

Bookings are essential. For information, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/nappies](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/nappies)

## Council Grant workshops coming soon

Council will be running a series of workshops to support community groups interested in applying for funding through one of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council's grant programs.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Community Funding Scheme or the Small Project Grants programs, this is an opportunity not to be missed.

### Workshop Dates:

- **Session 1:** Grant Information session, Wednesday 26 April, 10am-12pm, Woodend Community Centre
- **Session 2:** Grant Information session Wednesday 26 April 6:30-7:30pm online via Zoom.
- **Session 3:** Trouble-shooting Clinic Wednesday 24 May, 10am-12pm, Romsey Hub.

This will be an opportunity to bring in your partially completed applications and seek support on any sections you may be struggling with.

These sessions will also cover how to use the Smarty Grants platform, as applications for all three grant programs are now through Smarty Grants.

Please note, there have been a few updates to the Community Funding Scheme since the last round, so we recommend everyone interested in applying to come along to at least one session.

Bookings are essential. For more information, call 5422 0333, email [grants@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:grants@mrsc.vic.gov.au) or visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/grants](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/grants)

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## ROMSEY/LANCEFIELD RSL SUB BRANCH

### Anzac Day Service

The committees of Romsey and Lancefield are advised that the following arrangements have been made for the 2023 Anzac Day Commemoration service. A flag-raising and wreath-laying service will be conducted at the Romsey Cenotaph Main Street at 0730 hours (7:30am).



The main commemoration service will be held at the Lancefield Cenotaph, High Street commencing at 0830 hours (8:30am).

It is requested that Veterans wishing to march, form up outside the Lancefield Hotel in the High Street by 0815 hours.

Provisions have been made for the community members to lay private wreaths or floral tributes. Any community organisations wishing to lay a wreath are requested to advise the President Reinhard Goschiniak on 0419 375 060 or John Horan on 0448 279 830 before the scheduled event.

The Lancefield Neighbourhood House is generously providing a morning tea at the Lancefield Mechanics Institute after the ceremony. All attendees are welcomed.

**Reinhard G. Goschiniak**  
**President**  
**Romsey Lancefield RSL Sub-branch**



## Why do we volunteer? Why is there a nationwide shortage of volunteers?

**Growing up, I hardly noticed the volunteers that supported me. I would love now to say thanks for their contribution. Now we have time to contribute, we joined the local Landcare group and got involved in Parkrun.**

Pat, our Secretary.. "When I moved to Lancefield I didn't know anyone. Joining local groups was a sure way to meet local people, and a Melbourne friend said he found like-minded people in a Landcare group. I joined Landcare and learnt about the local environment, plants, and waterways. I enjoy working bees, both social and working to improve the local environment. Since I love gardening, Landcare is a good fit in terms of information about what grows in Lancefield and how it is impacted by the local weather. Next, I volunteered at the Town House 1/2 a day a week, learnt about services groups in Lancefield and surrounds. I met people and kept up my computer skills. Now, knowing lots of people by sight and personally being part of an active social group sustained my mental health through COVID. It is two-way; getting involved with like-minded people doing activities and making friends as well as helping to sustain local organizations."

Jackson, our youngest member ... "I am 21 and grew up in Lancefield. Landcare has felt familiar yet vague. I had grown up around farms and noticed random green plastic tree planting guards on the roadside. Then in Environmental Science studies at RMIT, I got pointed back to my hometown to do 'ecological restoration or rehabilitation' - Landcare. Through my course I was required to complete set hours learning basic methods of restoring native ecosystems; I've well and truly finished those practical hours and volunteer in Landcare, as these Friends of and Landcare Groups are not only expert on our native fauna and flora, but a vital working volunteer group

We would love to have more young members. Through Emma Stevens, our Junior Landcare Facilitator, we will engage children in environmental projects.

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), see us at the April Lancefield Farmers Market or attend our monthly meetings in the Lancefield Mechanics Hall.



## Same Day Crowns

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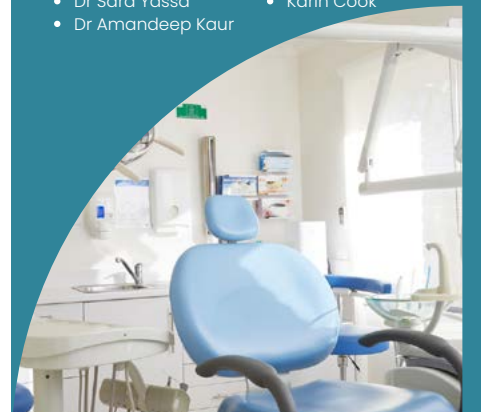
## Our Team

### DENTIST

- Dr Bhavana Bhatia
- Dr Aurelius Sladen
- Dr Sara Yassa
- Dr Amandeep Kaur

### ORAL HEALTH THERAPISTS

- Haylea Wright
- Andrew Massiha
- Karin Cook





# Parent-Child Mother Goose

**Romsey parents are invited to share the joys of storytelling, songs and rhymes with their preschool children at Parent-Child Mother Goose.**

The weekly sessions are run by Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health and the program promotes children's speech and literacy development and socialisation as well as enhancing the parent-child bond through the repetition of fun and engaging songs, stories and rhymes. Emphasis is placed on the interaction between the parent and child, without the distractions of recorded music, musical instruments or props so the skills learnt can be applied in any situation.

As well as increasing skills and confidence, the program also gives parents the opportunity to connect with other families in the community, especially beneficial for those who are new to the community or don't have a support network close by. Parents get to share their parenting challenges and their successful parenting strategies.

Mother Goose Romsey is on every Wednesday afternoon during term time.

**For more details and to register your interest in attending, contact Tracey Thiele on 5421 1666 or email [tracey.thiele@scchc.org.au](mailto:tracey.thiele@scchc.org.au).**



## A small act makes a big impact.

Remember to always put your recycling in the bin, loose. Take a moment to update your recycling knowledge.

Visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/bins](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/bins)



## Living With Electric Vehicles in the Macedon Ranges

The Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group (MRSG) is hosting an E-Vehicle Expo on April 15 as part of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council's growing and popular Autumn Festival.

If you have been exploring the transition to electric vehicles, then the Malmsbury Electric Vehicle Expo at the Malmsbury Town Hall will explore the pros and cons of moving to electric vehicles with a range of EV industry experts presenting on topics such as classic car conversions, preparing your home for an electric vehicle, and new EV's available in Australia in 2023.

Come to the Malmsbury Expo and you'll learn about preparing your home for an EV from local business, Bluegum Electrics. You'll also have the chance to speak with local EV owners on living with an e-vehicle in the regions.

There'll be lots of models to explore including a classic Land Rover that has been converted by guest presenter David Budge (pictured).

Bookings and more information can be found at [mrsg.org.au/slf](http://mrsg.org.au/slf)





# Romsey Mens Shed

*Working on Friendships*



## Romsey Mens Shed welcomes new members!

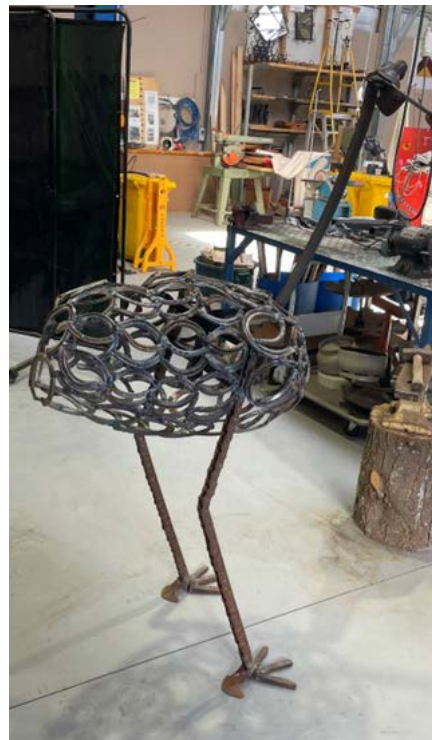
In the past four weeks we have gained four new members, with a new total of fifty, we would like to build up to about sixty members, despite being the largest in the MRSC. We have members with a wide range of industrial and employment backgrounds and if you want to find out something about a project or hobby, almost certainly there is someone among the membership with the answers.

Most members are retired or semi-retired but there may be some Romsey folk who work shift or part-time and could come along on their break days.

- We have woodwork, metal and automotive workshop activities and we encourage social interaction and friendships. We like to see our members who do not necessarily want “hands-on activities” enjoying our BBQ/ lunches, or just having coffee and a chat.
- We have a small loan library and occasional excursions social/community activities. For those seeking new skills, we have mentors to train new members on tools, welding and machine skills. We occasionally run small specialist sessions; on tool sharpening, wood turning or glass cutting for example.
- We have quarterly “cluster group” sessions with other Mens Sheds in the Macedon Shire - Lancefield, Woodend, Kyneton and Riddells Creek – sharing experiences.
- We promote our 1925 T model Ford Restoration Project as a local feature and have displayed it at a number of events. It is a multi-skill project and we would love to receive some donations and support from the Romsey community, perhaps with extra skills or some parts hidden away in sheds that could be donated. On completion it will remain in the community.
- Our \$5 barbecue/lunch at 12 on Thursdays is well attended and open for members guests. Shed times are 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 Mens Shed Inc. We have a GO FUND ME for the T model project and will produce a QR code for convenience, shortly. We also make novelty items, usually using recycled materials. These will be advertised on Facebook with some for sale at the Co-Op.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS OR ENQUIRIES:** Secretary: [romseymys@gmail.com](mailto:romseymys@gmail.com) or call at the shed in Barry Street, Romsey Park.



## Check out the Fungi Town Caravan this autumn

The Fungi Town Caravan is an interactive art installation on wheels that artist Kathy Holowko has been touring through the Macedon Ranges. The Fungi Town Caravan provides a tactile experience for people of all ages, and a chance to learn about environmental and community resilience.

Join Kathy for a fun and creative school holiday workshop. Kathy weaves environmental learnings into a fun and interactive workshop for children aged five and above.

A colourful caravan appears as a magical entry point to view a diorama of a forest floor with fungi as the main attraction. During the workshop, children are introduced to the fascinating life of fungi in our local forests, learning about

the way they grow and their role in ecology. The workshop is followed by a hands on activity of making fungi sculptures out of paper, tape and oil pastel.

- Wednesday 12 April, 10am-12pm and 1-3pm, Kyneton Town Hall
  - Thursday 13 April, 10am-12pm and 1-3pm, Romsey Community Hub
  - The caravan will also be visiting the following local markets:
  - Saturday 29 April - Macedon Village Farmers Market
  - Saturday 20 May – Riddells Creek Farmers Market
- Tickets to the school holiday workshops are \$15. To register for these and to learn more, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/fungi-caravan](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/fungi-caravan)



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regarding up-to-date opening hours in February.



**Healthy Loddon Campaspe Adventure Bingo is coming to Romsey from 20 March.**

The rules are simple:

- Pick up a Bingo card from Romsey Library or online
- Mark off the sites 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!

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



**Our Facebook page is moving!**

**Follow us on Macedon Ranges Libraries to stay connected!**

**New magazine titles have landed at the Romsey Library.**

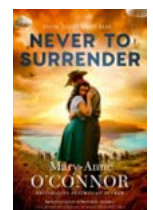
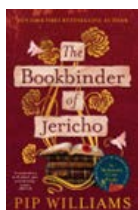
We now have Australian Geographic,

- Lunch Lady,
- Marie Claire,
- Vintage Made and Yarn.

Reserve or borrow some today!



**New Book Releases to Watch Out For!**



**The Autumn school holidays - Friday 7 April to Sunday 23 April - are upon us!**

Romsey Library have two drop-in activities to keep the children entertained.

**• Week 1: Bling Station**

Drop-in activity between 11 – 3

Colour yourself GOLD at the Library's bling station. Pop in to make a crown or beaded creation!

Recommended for 4 – 12 year olds.



**• Week 2: Autumn leave craft**

Drop-in activity between 11-3

Have some creative fun with colourful and crackly autumn leaves. Grab a gold or silver sharpie and doodle on them, write a word or a message and attach to the branches on our tree.



For all ages.

**Pick up a school holiday program from March 24, or visit [ncgrl.vic.gov.au/holidayprogram](http://ncgrl.vic.gov.au/holidayprogram)**

**EASTER HOLIDAY CLOSURES**

**The Romsey Library will be closed on the 7th of April (Good Friday), the 8th of April (Easter Saturday) and the 10th of April (Easter Monday)**



**A Curious Circle, Thursday 27th April 6.30-8.30 PM**

Join our friendly women's craft group and embrace the beauty of Autumn as we make felt leaves to create lovely autumn garlands or bunting. No experience necessary.

Bookings required; PH - 5429 3086 or E - <https://goldfieldslibraries.com/romsey-events/>





## Romsey Primary School March 2023



On Friday 3rd March students and staff have participated in Clean Up Schools Australia Day. We collected lots of litter and are so happy to be taking care our school yard and ensuring that our rubbish doesn't end up in our waterways. You can help us maintain our litter free yard by sending nude food lunches to school with your child.





## 2023 Prep Tours & Information Sessions

2024 Prep tours & information sessions are now open. Please contact the office on 5429 5099 or [Romsey.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Romsey.ps@education.vic.gov.au) to book your preferred session time. Bookings are essential for all sessions.



### PREP INFORMATION SESSIONS AND SCHOOL TOUR DATES FOR 2024 ENROLMENTS



#### PREP TOURS OF RPS

Date : Wednesday 29th March or Thursday 8th June  
Time: 10 am  
Venue: Meet at the office for a tour



#### INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR FAMILIES & PREP CLASSROOM TOUR

Date : Thursday 11th May or Thursday 3rd August  
Time: 10 am  
Venue: Meet at the office then will head to the Prep rooms for an information session with the Prep teachers and school leaders.



REGISTER NOW



Please register your interest for any session by emailing the school on [Romsey.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Romsey.ps@education.vic.gov.au) or phoning 5429 5099  
Bookings are essential for all sessions







**It's been a busy first term at St Mary's. Students have been involved in a number of different learning experiences both in and outside of the classroom. They have all settled in well as we begin the countdown to Easter. Our Year 3's and 5's begin Naplan today and we wish them well.**

### **3/4 Excursion to 'Bounce'**

On Monday 20th February our Year 3/4 's attended 'Bounce' in Heidelberg. Bounce is a place that creates and celebrates joy, fun and self-powered adrenaline. Through a unique blend of fun, freestyle, progression and development, Bounce is a place to develop and harness balance, coordination and agility. Their purpose is to 'Inspire movement, self expression and human connection'. This fitted in perfectly with the 3/4 Inquiry Unit of 'Being our Best'. Students were able to participate in the following activities - Free Jump Arena, Dodgeball, Slam Dunk, Big Bag, X Park, Wall Climb, Foam Pit and Battle Beam. Needless to say they had an awesome time and we thank their teachers for organising this amazing excursion!

### **Feed it Forward**

As we have so many Mini Vinnies this year (15) they have been put into smaller groups of 5 for the different activities that they may attend throughout the year. Our first group of 5, attended the February Feed it Forward lunch in Romsey on Tuesday 28th February. All the girls - Sophie, Milla, Pippa, Millie and Harper were very nervous to begin with, but as has all previous Mini Vinnies before them, they shone very bright on the day, impressing everyone with their exceptional manners, excellent social skills and the ability to make everyone feel very welcome and comfortable. They received very high praise from the attendees and made St Mary's very proud. Well done girls!

### **1/2 Visit to the Lancefield Neighbourhood House**

On Wednesday 1st March our 1/2 's walked down to the Lancefield Neighbourhood House and Op Shop to find out more details about what goes on and the services they provide. The students learnt a great deal on their visit and shared this information with the whole school at our fortnightly assembly. Thank you to the 1/2 teachers for giving the students this opportunity and sharing all the valuable information with us!

### **1/2 Inquiry Unit - 'Super Star Me!'**

As part of their Inquiry unit, our Year 1/2 's have been learning lots of new skills. On Tuesday 7th March, we had some very clever parents and grandparents come and teach our students some words in Italian, French, Spanish, Gaelic, Japanese and Hungarian. This included counting, songs and greetings. We even had two parents zoom in via video link to teach some Auslan - the language for the deaf. We are very proud of our brave and respectful learners who were excited to learn some words in another language.

### **Shrove Tuesday**

On Tuesday 21st February, like many Christians around the world, the students came together to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday is the day before the Season of Lent begins. Traditionally, it was a day when people used up all their flour, milk, eggs and other goodies before they embarked on the forty day period of fasting before Easter. We marked this celebration with students by enjoying some delicious pancakes and jam!



**Cobaw District Tennis - On Wednesday 15th February, Cole, Isaac and Charlotte competed in the Cobaw District Tennis**

Competition at Kyneton. They all played a number of singles matches and had lots of close games and good rallies. Well done to all and congratulations to Cole who made it through to the semi-finals. A great day of tennis was had by all and thank you to Louise Newnham for umpiring.



**Division Swimming**

On Wednesday 1st March, 2023, Cole, Anna, Charlotte and Emmett participated in the swimming championship at Bendigo East. First up was Anna who swam in the Girls 9-10 Years 50 Metre Freestyle and got out of the pool with a 3rd place ribbon. Not long after Anna, Emmett swam in the Boys 11 Years 50 Metre Freestyle and ended up with a second place ribbon, missing out on coming first by a millisecond! Then Cole swam in the Boys 12-13 Years 50 Metre Freestyle. Cole had an excellent swim and came 5th. Lastly Charlotte swam in the Girls 11 Years 50 Metre Freestyle and came 4th. They also participated in the 50m backstroke with Anna coming 4th, Emmett 2nd, Charlotte 5th and Cole 6th in their respective age groups. Overall it was a great day and the results were fantastic.

**Cobaw Summer Sports**

On Friday 3rd March our Year 5/6 students participated in Cobaw Summer Sports at Romsey. Competing against other schools in the area they played mixed volleyball, girls volleyball, boys and girls cricket and T ball. All students had a great day and played to the best of their ability. We congratulate our girls volleyball team who won all of their games on the day!

**Family Welcome Picnic**

On Wednesday 22nd February we welcomed all within our school community for a Family Welcome Picnic. It was great to see so many families join us on a very warm evening and to have our students entertain us with their fabulous dances that they had learnt throughout the day, thanks to Footsteps Dance Company. Thank you to Ms Manski for organising Footsteps for the students. Once again it was clear to see how much the students enjoyed taking part, just as much as we all appreciated watching their performances! It was a great evening, meeting new people and reconnecting with others. We look forward to sharing many more wonderful activities with our school and wider community as the year progresses.

**| Jo Shannon (Community Liaison Leader)**



King Parrot visiting Deirdre Chestney's pottery studio.



Marian Alexopoulos painting abstracts in her studio.

**Open Studios Macedon 2023**

Macedon artists are opening their studios to the public on the weekend 22- 23 April between 10am and 4pm. These studios will open again later this year on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 November.

There are 10 artists in the group who will welcome visitors to their studios, set in their gardens, to share their particular artistic expressions, processes and working environments. There is an amazing range of skills to be shown- pottery, painting, drawing, photography, textiles and printmaking. The studios are within a short distance from each other and marked on the map in the brochure. There is also a display at Top of the Range Tearooms at the summit of Mt. Macedon.

So come and enjoy Autumn in the Macedon area combining art and food from the nearby cafes. All work is for sale. Look for brochures at The Gallery Mt. Macedon, Trading Post Mt. Macedon and local cafes and businesses in the Macedon Ranges. We are on Instagram @ openstudiosmacedon.



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Good Friday is the day we celebrate, yes celebrate, Jesus dying on the cross. Jesus was sinless (1 Peter 2:22) which means that through His dying on the cross the sins for the whole world have been paid for (1 John 2:2).

John 3:16-18 (NIV) says: *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.*

Many people think that if you are 'good enough' you will make your way to heaven. It isn't like that at all, you cannot 'work' your way into heaven. As the verses above say, it is only through believing in Jesus that you will receive eternal life.

After dying on the cross Jesus showed who He is, the Son of God, by rising from the dead. This is what we celebrate on Easter Sunday, or Resurrection Sunday. If Jesus was still dead, then we would serve a dead Saviour and our faith would be dead. However, Jesus rose, so we all have the opportunity to believe in Jesus and receive eternal life.

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**Easter Services 2023**

- Sunday Worship Services in the Romsey Uniting Church are held at 9.30am.
- Easter Services: 7th April Good Friday - 9.30am Worship Service followed by an Ecumenical Walk at 10.30am commencing and finishing at the Romsey Uniting Church.
- Easter Day 9th April, 9.30am Worship Service

**The Empty Tomb. Luke 24: 1-10 by Bill Pugh** - Luke describes the early morning scene on the first day of the week after Jesus' crucifixion. The women arrived to perform the ritual anointing of the body of Jesus as was the custom. They were perplexed. A huge stone, used to close the tomb, had been rolled away and the body gone. A devastating blow in their already distraught state. Nowhere to grieve, no resting place for their beloved master.

How could the stone have been rolled away? Had his body been stolen? So confused were they, that they did not notice two men in dazzling apparel standing nearby.

The men said, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"

Remember how he told you while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise." And they remembered his words.

**Reflection:** Have we become blasé about the Easter message? We should be perplexed, and remember: It is for you and me that he died, in person, by name. Let us read again Luke 24, and on our knees be thankful! We must remember this is no idle tale, as was the apostles' first reaction to the women's discovery, early on the first Easter morning.

**Advance Notice** - Sunday, May 28th, 1.30pm The Singularity Choir will again visit the Romsey Uniting Church to perform 'Trial by Jury and HMS Pinafore', see notice in this edition of the Romsey Rag.

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- 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.

### | Easter Masses

Fr. Arnold will join us to celebrate Easter Masses this year.

- Wed March 29th - 7pm - Lenten Reconciliation – Romsey
- Wed April 5th – 7:30pm – Lenten Reconciliation – Woodend

Both Lenten Reconciliation Services will be with Fr. Martin

- Thursday April 6th – 7pm Holy Thursday – Romsey
- Friday April 7th – 3pm Passion of the Lord – Romsey

- Saturday April 8th – 7pm Easter Vigil – Lancefield
- Sunday April 9th – 9am Easter Sunday Mass – Lancefield

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### | Baptisms

- Baptisms 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.

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The Mount Players

For many years now The Players have also supported the Macedon CFA by collecting donations for programs at every show. At the recent CFA family day in Macedon on 24th February we presented a cheque to them for \$1,181.40! Another thank you to the generosity of our patrons. It's fantastic to know we are all part of a community that supports one another in this way.

Now in full rehearsal their 2nd production, *Buried Child* is an intense drama by Sam Shepard. It takes on a macabre look at an American Midwestern family with a dark, terrible secret. This play brought its author the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. Although dark in many respects, it is delivered with humour and pathos. Heavily atmospheric and challenging, the play will entrance its audience with questions of morality and its take on the disintegration of the American dream. There is hope however, as the final moments of the play suggest salvation with a surprise ending. The season runs from 12 May – 28 May.

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See you at the theatre!

| by Karen Hunt.



The Mount Players President Craig Lenaine-Smith present cheque to CFA Captain Ross Luke.



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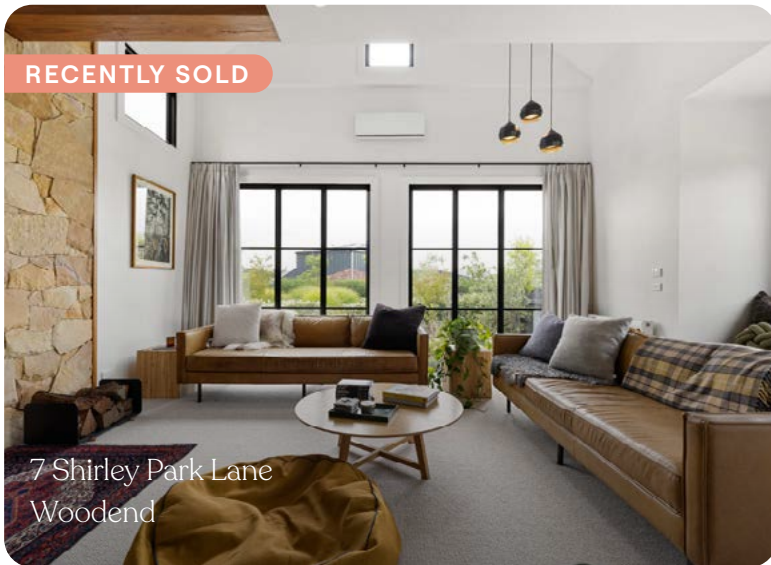
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