

THE Romsey Rag

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Old Chinese proverb says One generation plants trees, and another gets the shade

| Main Street Romsey

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As your local Member of Parliament I am keen to hear from the community and assist with any State Government matter.



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Romsey/Lancefield Red Cross

Thankyou to all who participated in the Easter Raffle and to those who donated to the Red Cross. We raised \$810 . Congratulations to the winners, Carlie, Wendy, Beth and Sue.

We welcome new members. We meet the 1st Monday of the month in the CFA Building in Stawell St@ 1pm. We would love to see you there.

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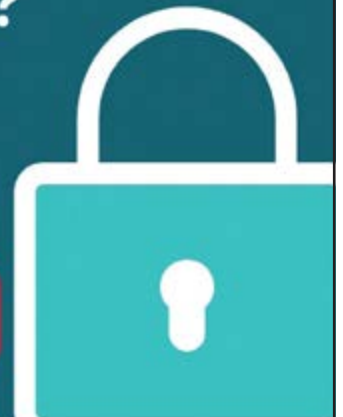


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- **Old Time Dancing:** Friday May 26th, music by JNB Productions. There is an \$8.00 charge for the band and a country style supper. Our 2nd Old Time Dance promises to be a great success. Whether experienced dancers or beginners, there will be plenty of people there to teach the dances and to help you enjoy the evening. Why not come along, as a couple or an individual?
- **2023 Antiques Fair:** our figures show that we had slightly more people visit the 2023 Antiques Fair than last year. All stall holders were pleased with their results and many were discussing booking a stall for 2024. One of the big successes of the day was the new menu put together by the CWA. Everyone enjoyed the "real" coffee and the range of toasties.
- **Defibrillator:** We installed the "defib" unit in early April. It is located on the eastern wall of the Supper Room. There is an adult and a children's unit. While we hope it never has to be used it is reassuring to know that it is there.
- **Fund Raising:** Two fund-raising activities at the RMI for Bolinda P. S. are in the planning stages. Please keep an eye out for these and, if possible, support one of our smaller local schools.



The Defibrillator in the Supper Room.

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May in the garden

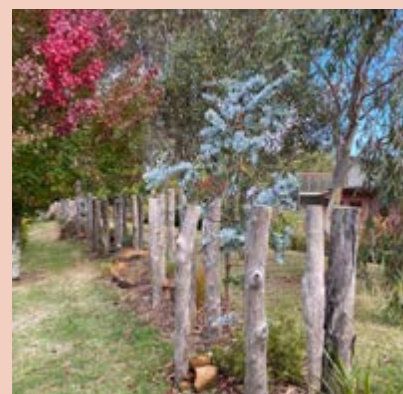
by **Melanie Kinsey**

Autumn is such a great time to get out and about and visit nurseries and gardens! So far we have paid a visit to Lambley Gardens and Nursery in Ascot near Creswick. In case you didn't know, this premium destination for garden lovers is on the market. I thought I had better pay a visit in case it was my last! The gardens were amazing as always and we came away with five Virginia creepers (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*) destined for our new pergola to provide summer shade and winter sun to the deck beneath.

We also visited the Secret Garden nursery in Daylesford which was crammed full of delightful plants and many different types of garden art. In Trentham we dropped into

Autumn Joy nursery– this has a good range of cool climate trees in rocket pots. Gardens visited included two open gardens in Trentham. At the first we admired an interesting front 'fence' made of vertical bush poles sunk in the ground (designed to let kangaroos pass through) and at the second we thought the outside bath (with hot and cold water!) situated under a creeper clad arbour was pretty amazing. That's the beauty of garden visiting – it gives you all sorts of exposure to new plants to admire and landscaping ideas to implement in your garden.

Down in town recently, I visited two stationeer gardens in Northcote. These are gardens around railway stations under



the auspice of the Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria organisation and maintained by volunteers. There are over 50 stationeer groups across Victoria! I have recently set up the Riddells Creek Stationeers group to maintain the gardens around the station and our happy band of three are looking for more people to join us! Get in touch if you would like to join the fun. My number is 0455 754 220.

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ANIMAL FACTS

All pet hamsters are descended from a single female wild golden hamster found with a litter of 12 young in Syria in 1930.

Lancefield Romsey Community Support Team

3 years ago they started delivery for our community support program



In 2020, Lancefield and Romsey Neighbourhood Houses partnered to start our "Lancefield Romsey Community Support Program" with the goal of supporting our community throughout the pandemic.

Three years on, we have modified our program, due to a lack of funding. Our program now has come to an end, with over 10,000 meals having been produced by our local volunteers, filling an incredible need.

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers who raised their hands (paws) to help us. Anna Quigley and Rob Good, together with Charlie, have been delivering meals, providing much needed support, an ear to listen, a shoulder to cry on, supporting those who are doing it tough, or in isolation.

From the bottom of our heart, thank you for your contributions, and for the wider community who have supported this initiative.

If you know of someone struggling, you can still refer people to either Neighbourhood House (RNH - 5429 6724, LNH - 5429 1214), or Foodshare, for assistance.



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Why does RRBATA exist and what does it do?

Many community members only know RRBATA (Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association) for the events it has organised over many years (Christmas in Romsey Festival, annual Breakfast and Dinner events, the 150th Anniversary Dinner, Light up the Sky etc).

However, RRBATA is so much more than an “event organiser”.

RRBATA’s overarching vision is for a vibrant, collaborative and prosperous eastern corridor community which enhances liveability in the region. RRBATA is committed to actively collaborating with business, community and government to advocate for initiatives that foster regional prosperity.

The Business Breakfast and Dinner events, as well as the bi-monthly After Work Business Catch Ups provide forums for discussion and exchange of ideas. RRBATA’s advocacy to Macedon Ranges Shire Council (both directly and with its seat at the Business and Tourism Industry Stakeholder group – BATI), State and Federal government bodies, Daylesford Macedon Tourism (the regional tourism board) and Tourism Macedon Ranges is ongoing in order to promote eastern corridor economic development and the visitor economy. This includes promotion of member businesses to the local community and regional visitors.

For the past two years, RRBATA received State Government funding to support professional social media marketing of our region and its businesses.

RRBATA has previously worked in partnership with MRSC in the Romsey streetscape enhancement initiative which actively engaged the broader community. It was supportive of the Romsey Ecotherapy Park project (especially as a regional attraction) as well as providing input to the Barry Street roundabout project some years ago. Later this year, the Digital Interface Historic Plaques project will be completed for Main Street landmark sites.

Very soon, RRBATA will launch its new website which will showcase our wonderful “eastern corridor” and its businesses.

RRBATA’s membership is always growing with member businesses spread between Lancefield, Romsey, Darraweit, Monegetta and Chintin.

This year is a “stock-take” one for the organisation from which RRBATA will emerge with an even stronger focus on its members and the region’s prosperity, whilst also being an ongoing great community supporter more generally.

Facebook: Romsey and Lancefield Region - Business and Living
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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.

ANIMAL FACT

On average, pigs live for about 15 years.





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

ROMSEY BRANCH OF C.W.A. INC

CWA is a Volunteer Organisation

**DON'T FORGET OUR MOTHERS DAY STALL
6TH MAY OUT FRONT OF IGA 9-2PM**

It is with great pleasure that we welcome our new member Lorraine, it is so nice to have a new face and ideas. Welcome.

March was busy for us with the Antiques Fair catering and then a special day where we were joined by the CWA Essendon branch for a tea demonstration from



Tea of Earth - Kyneton

It was a wonderful day with tea tastings and learning so many things about tea. Rebecca from Tea of Earth had so many little facts about tea.

Did you know that you should not re boil your kettle as you take the oxygen out of the water when you do that.

I Purchased some Kyneton Breakfast tea, it is very refreshing. Rule of thumb is;
1 Teaspoon per cup, water at 100c, and let sit for 3-5 mins for the perfect tea.

I bought her Green tea for Hubby 1 teaspoon per cup,80c for water 1-2 mins for the perfect cup.



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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.

G'day



Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke

G'day,

My Mum was an intelligent, charming and beautiful woman. So much so, she didn't need a special day for me, or others, to remember her.

I'm not against Mothers Day, mind you. I'm all for it as long as I don't have to buy a washing machine - or an expensive kitchen appliance which will live its whole life in the back of a kitchen drawer together with all the other useless, save-time appliances which we can't do without.

My Mum was a practical person who used a knife to cut carrots, or a hand grater to grate enough for our family meal. If she was going to feed 100, she'd not use grated carrot.

She also had an understanding of how to read a recipe. If the recipe called for an avocado and she didn't have one, she'd use a banana, so the recipe would then taste of banana instead of avocado. She'd adjust one or two other ingredients, if necessary, but she believed in the integrity of the original recipe.

She didn't add other ingredients for the sake of 'owning' the recipe, in fact she was memorable for her Bread & Butter pudding, which she pinched from her Mum, who nicked it from her Mum and so on. No doubt I'll pass it on - in fact here it is. Good on yer Mum!

PS. Lemon Curd was what I was called at the footy the other day - or I think I was!



BREAD & BUTTER PUDDING

Ingredients

- 3 eggs
- 1 1/2 tablespoons castor sugar
- 1 3/4 cups milk
- 1/3 cup sultanas
- 2 tablespoons lemon curd
- 2 1/2 tablespoon butter
- 5 thin slices of bread
- pinch of cinnamon.

RECIPE

Method

1. Cut the crusts off the bread, spread the slices with butter then lemon curd and cut them into quarters. Butter an oven-proof dish and fill with layers of bread, sprinkling each layer with sultanas and some cinnamon.
2. Make a thick custard using the eggs, milk and sugar, and pour it over the bread. Sprinkle with more cinnamon, pop it in the oven at 160 deg.C and cook for half an hour or until it's firm and golden.

LEMON CURD

Ingredients

- 125 g butter
- 1 1/4 cups castor sugar
- 2 large eggs
- juice and finely grated rind of 2 large lemons

Method

1. Put the butter and sugar into the top of a double boiler, then pop the double boiler on top of the base filled with boiling water. Or you can use a large basin sitting in the top of a saucepan of boiling water. But don't let the boiling water touch the bottom of the basin because that'll make the mixture too hot or it might even crack the basin!
2. Stir the butter and sugar together until the butter is completely melted, then stir in the eggs which you've lightly beaten together with the lemon juice and rind. Keep stirring until it's thick enough to coat the wooden spoon or whatever you're stirring with.
3. Pour the Lemon Curd into hot sterilised jars, put on airtight lids and let it cool till it's ready to eat. Keeps for about 3 weeks in a dry, cool place.

Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society may be forced to close its doors!

The Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc. was formed in April 1979 to preserve all written and photographic items relating to the former Shire of Romsey. This Shire existed from 1862 until it was amalgamated in 1995 to become part of the Macedon Ranges Shire.

The former Shire covered 628 square kilometres and included the townships of Benloch, Bolinda, Cherokee, Chintin, Clarkefield, Darraweit Guim, Kerrie, Lancefield, Monegetta, Mount William, Riddells Creek, Rochford, Romsey, Springfield and Tantaraboo. Our rich pre-history includes the Aboriginal Greenstone Quarry at Mount William and the Archaeological Megafauna site in the old swamp at Lancefield Park.

Our collection of documents, artefacts and photographs of Romsey, Lancefield and its surrounding districts are a great asset to the area. This collection informs us about the lives of the traditional owners of the land as well as our pioneering families, our businesses and the society we have become.

The Society's collections include family trees, manuscripts, town histories, church histories, school histories, club histories, businesses and many more. Today the Society continues to document our history, adding to existing papers relating to its earliest history through to the twenty-first century.

When the Society began in 1979 – and up until the last few decades – locals with a passion for their township's history, volunteered regularly and began to collect documents, photographs and artefacts. In the early 1980s, Sidney Seymour Cottage was bequeathed to the Society and restoration and work on the cottage was maintained until the last two decades. In 1983 the society moved into the former Lancefield Courthouse where it remains today. Originally established as a Museum, the Courthouse has operated only as an historical society since the 2000s.

Residents of the two largest townships, Romsey and Lancefield, have been involved in the Society for many years. However, over the past decade, fewer and fewer members of the public have maintained an interest in the Society; fewer and few currently volunteer their time for the ongoing collection of material and maintenance of the existing collections. In the past five years the number of members and of volunteers has dwindled further. In 2023 there are only around 40 members of the Society, and only a handful are actively involved. The current committee struggle to fulfill the roles of President, Secretary, Treasurer and general committee.

With these statistics, it is clear the Society cannot continue to operate.

If you want to see the very valuable asset to the local towns that IS the historical society – we need action from the community now! We need local residents who feel passionate about their township to come forward and support the Society. For example, we desperately require volunteers to collect and file documents – such as weekly newspaper clippings. We need people to file family history documents. We regularly receive photographs of local people, houses and businesses and they need to be sorted and filed.

Without volunteers, without enthusiasm and eagerness to maintain the Society and therefore the history of Lancefield, Romsey, Newham, Darraweit Guim, Bolinda and the smaller surrounding villages – we will be closing our doors!

If you don't care about your history and heritage – do nothing. If you DO value and care about your town's history and heritage – and wish to see it maintained – you can do something! Contact the Society and offer your support: lancefieldcourthouse@gmail.com.

| Dimity Reed (President)

Rainbow tie dye activity

There is a free activity taking place this Saturday 6 May at the Romsey Hub where community members of all ages can make their own tie dye tee-shirt. Organised by Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health and Macedon Ranges Shire Council, the event is being held as part of the IDAHOBIT celebrations.

Held on 17 May each year, International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexphobia and Transphobia raises awareness of the discrimination LGBTIQ+ people face and gives the whole community the opportunity to celebrate and show their support for those who are sex and gender diverse.

Attendees of the workshop will be able to learn about the importance of IDAHOBIT and gain a deeper understanding of what it means to LGBTIQ+ people to be acknowledged and to see people coming together in a display of unity.

The tie dye workshop is on Saturday 6 May, 10.30am to 12.30pm at the Romsey Community Hub, 96 Main Street. Morning tea provided.

To book your place go to;
www.surveymonkey.com/rlrainbowtiedieromsey

Premiership Success for Romsey's Cricketers

After 40 years Romsey Cricket Club won its first McIntyre Cup premiership having last won in 1982/83 season, also in dramatic circumstances.

After a season long build up all three senior teams played off in Grand Finals for the second season in a row cementing Romsey as one of the strongest cricket clubs in the region. In 2021/22 the cricket Gods assessed it was the turn of the Second & Third Eleven to salute and now in 2022/23 the First Eleven had a much deserved victory based on the team ethos with contributions from all players during the finals series.

After winning the toss captain, Ben Way elected to bat and after an early solid start things became more concerning at 4/55 after a couple of run outs early in the day. At this stage Ben was joined by Taylor Stevenson and on an extremely slow outfield at Sunbury United they staged a match shaping partnership of 109 which was only broken late in the day when Ben was dismissed for 67 looking to increase the run rate. A flurry of late wickets amongst some lower order runs left Romsey all out for 199 with Taylor top scoring for a patient 68 off 156 balls.

Having bowled out ladder leading Gisborne in the Semi Final for 123, led by fast bowler Louis Moor's brutal 5 wicket haul, there was a genuine sense of destiny as the club enjoyed Senior Presentation Night together after the first day of play. A true sense of this being our time circulated in the room, highlighted by a compelling speech from the unlucky Darrin Jewell who was the unfortunate player to miss out in finals as 12 simply can't go into 11, having been a critical piece of the puzzle in the development of the recent success of the club.

Day 2 commenced with Adam Frost ball in hand and the early wicket of fast scoring Ramaweera, when caught behind by Chris Burkett off Aaron Paterson was a significant start to now make run rate critical in the game. A steady build took Sunbury United to be 3/126 with Edwards making his half century and United captain Fernando looking solid at the crease. However, belief remained, and the dismissal of Edwards by Jamie Taylor meant the game was very alive. Impressive bowling spells and regular rotation of the bowling group saw four wickets fall over the next 14 overs to have United at 7/172 needing 27 runs for the title from 32 balls with the key Fernando still at the crease.

Showing faith in the team based attitude that has served the team all year Ben turned to Corey Day for his third spell of the day having picked up 2 wickets from his earlier 4 overs. Corey prized the wicket of dangerous keeper Watts, caught by Tim Dale and the following over Taylor removed the big wicket of Fernando – caught at long on by Nathan Hoy. The next ball saw the ball skied and as it pouched in the hands of Matt Milne, United finished up all out for 172. The 40 year wait was over and celebrations erupted. With his all round performance of 68 runs, 3 for 43 off 21.3 overs and two catches, Taylor Stevenson was awarded the Gary Sanders Medal as player of the match.

In a true team performance, both during the season and on the big stage itself the 12 that will go down in Romsey Cricket Club history are:

Ben Way (C)

Chris Burkett (VC)

Matt Milne

Nathan Hoy

Tim Dale

Taylor Stevenson

Adam Frost

Corey Day

Aaron Paterson

Jamie Taylor

Louis Moor

Darrin Jewell (12th Man)

Mothers Day Remembrance And Open Day At Lancefield Cemetery

SUNDAY MAY 14TH BETWEEN 10.00AM & 1.00PM

Many people mark this day by visiting their deceased mothers or special women in their lives who are resting within the Lancefield Cemetery. We would like to offer refreshments and share information about the Cemetery with you and any other interested persons who might like to visit on the day. Trust members will be in attendance to assist with information and the history of the Cemetery and identities who are interned within.

Also to provide some exciting updates of long-term planning and works the Cemetery Trust intend to carry out in the future at this special community asset.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Enquiries: Ph: 0477 092 946, Email: lancefieldcemeterytrust@gmail.com

TEAM NEWS

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Leanne Hammond for over 11 years with Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey. We'll miss her helpful nature and seeing her smiling face in our branches daily and wish her all the best for her next endeavor.

HOMEBUYER SEMINAR

Join us on Tuesday 13th of June, 7pm - 8pm at the Romsey Community Hub 96 Main St, Romsey for our free Home Buyer Seminar.

Whether you're buying a new home, looking to invest, or are ready to purchase your next property, our free information session will have something for you, with a focus on all current Government Home Buyer Schemes. With industry experts available to answer your questions, you will hear all about how to achieve your property goals.

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

It is with great pleasure we announce the recipients of Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey 2023 Tertiary Scholarship program. We awarded five tertiary scholarships, totaling \$45,000 over the course of the 3-year scholarships.

3 Year Tertiary Scholarship

- Elizabeth Quigley - Bachelor of International Studies at Deakin University
- Madeline Ryan - Bachelor of Nursing at Victoria University
- Michael Steele - Bachelor of Engineering (Electronic and Computer Systems Engineering) at RMIT University
- Musetta Choi-Hatcher - Bachelor of Communication (Journalism) at RMIT University
- Priya Stern - Bachelor of Fine Arts (Visual Art) at Deakin University

Congratulations to all the above recipients and we wish them every success for the next step in their education.

In addition to these 5 scholarships, we will also be awarding our two Rebecca Harrison Memorial Bursaries this year, in memory of our late staff member. And, for the first time in 2023, we will also be awarding scholarships for two local youths to participate in the Magic Moments Youth Leadership & Business Summit being held in Sydney from Saturday 1 July to Wednesday 5 July.



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When Tuesday 13th of June

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Romsey Golf Club Report

Work Shed: The Shire has again contacted us to say that;

- The Shire expected the tender to be let by mid-April.
- The Insurance Company will be managing the construction process.

So, things continue to move forward.

Romsey Challenge Bowl: Heavy overnight rain on Tue/Wed put a scare through the club but by Thurs everything had dried out, the heavy overnight dew soon burned off as the sun came out making for a beautiful day. The course was in top condition. 14 teams from Dalhousie and other local clubs assembled for the event. There was the usual catching up that always accompanies these activities but once the women teed off it was down to some serious golf. On a wonderful day to be out on the course the winners were Kilmore Golf Club; Helen Dennett (15) 32 pts, Jill Banon (29) 38 pts & Sophie Banon (25) 30 pts -100pts were presented with their trophy by Kelly Scott, T. J. Scott & Son, the day's sponsors.

2023 Algie Mitchell Shield: The club's oldest shield, 1965, is now played over four weeks, qualifying, quarter-finals, semi-finals and final. By mid April the field had been whittled down to the final four, Mal Lottram Vs Luke Lyons and Davey Kenney Vs Mick Nicholls Jr.

2023 Pennant Golf: Our pennant golf season did not get off to a great start with the two men's teams going down on the opening rounds. However, despite the losses the matches were much closer and we could easily have won all of them. Women's pennant begins on Monday April 17th

New green: At the end of May, immediately after the 2023 Club Championships the Greens' Committee will begin construction of a figure-8 green on the 2nd/10th. While these two holes have played to the same green they play from very different tees. The new section of green will be around 400mm lower than the existing green. Once completed there will be two flags one for the 2nd and one for the 10th on a much larger green.

Romsey Golf Club



Established 1922

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2023 RGC Bowl Winners.

The Mount Players

Our 2nd production for 2023, **Buried Child** written by **Sam Shepard**, was first presented in 1978 and won the 1979 Pulitzer Prize for drama launching Shepard to national fame as a playwright.

The play is an intense drama set in an old farm house, in mid-century Illinois. A macabre look at an American Midwestern family with a dark, terrible secret. Heavily atmospheric and challenging, the play will entrance its audience with questions of morality and its take on the disintegration of the American dream. Although dark in many respects, it is delivered with humour and pathos. There is hope however, as the final moments of the play suggest salvation with a surprise ending.

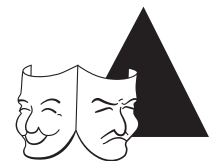
With a superb cast, brilliant set and one hell of a script, the audience will be taken on an emotional journey under the experienced eye of director, Robert Wallace. This is our 2023 Victorian Drama League entry where The Mount Players have received many accolades for their productions over the years.

The season runs from Fri 12 May – Sun 28 May with only 9 performances so book early to avoid disappointment at www.themountplayers.com

Or call 5426 1892 for assistance.

See you at the theatre!

| by Karen Hunt.



The Mount Players



Rehearsing a scene in the Buried Child. Jason Triggs (left) with director Robert Wallace, Gary Dover (couch).

Register your burn-offs as Fire Danger Period ends



The Country Fire Authority (CFA) has announced that the Fire Danger Period for the Macedon Ranges was lifted on Wednesday 12 April.

Residents wishing to conduct a burn-off after that time must ensure they are abiding by Council local laws, which prevent burn-offs on land less than 4000 square metres (one acre) without a permit.

All burn-offs must also be registered online at www.firepermits.vic.gov.au or by calling ESTA on 1800 668 511.

Residents are also reminded to check for wildlife which may be nesting in burn piles. Wildlife officers recommend using a torch and a broom, or pole, to carefully check the centre and bottom areas of the pile. A spade or fork could cause serious injury to an animal.

CFA's North-West Region Manager Community Safety, David Allen, said it was important residents registered their burn.

"Registering your burn-off ensures that if smoke or fire is reported, the incident is cross-checked with our register, which prevents firefighters from unnecessarily responding," he said.

Mr Allen said that, if possible, landowners should also notify their neighbours and others nearby who may be sensitive to smoke, so they can take necessary precautions.

Green waste disposal is free at Council's resource recovery facilities (transfer stations) for ratepayers and tenants in the Macedon Ranges. For information visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/transfer-stations

For detailed information on burning off and permit requirements, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/burning-off or call 5422 0333

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TAKE
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Donate your Time, Goods or Fresh produce to keep this initiative going for our Community.

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A small act makes a big impact.

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Visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/bins

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Wow what a busy few months we have had at the Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club!

On the middle weekend of March several of our teams travelled to Avoca for the weekend, to play in the Pyrenees Doubles Petanque Tournament (played with 2 people and 3 boules) which is held every year at this time.

They also have a Triples (played with 3 people and 2 boules) tournament in November.

The Pyrenees Petanque Club put on a great weekend of play with lots of opportunities for prizes as well as a fabulous raffle of several hamper baskets.

Our teams did well, with Louise and Clive Potter playing in the consolante and winning prizes of bottles of wine.

Members Ruth Giddings and Rod Gell came 13th out of the 45 teams overall. Despite the dreadful weather!

The next two weeks brought several of our team to Nagambie for a beautiful sunny day of petanque, on Sunday 2nd April all our teams played well, with Ruth Giddings and Rod Gell, coming 8th.

It's always a good day with and we all enjoy the company of other teams who come from all parts of the state.

Easter, then brought us up to the National Petanque Tournament which, this year was held in Adelaide.

One of our club members Shirley Marshall, along with her team made up of members of the Camberwell club. came in 2nd in the National Ladies Triples over 60s.


We are currently organizing our President's Cup, in honour of Marilyn Steel, for May 4th with a delicious dinner, and fun and prizes to follow a few games of petanque, of course.

Furthermore, we are asking anyone who has ever been involved in our club over the last 20 years or so to join us to celebrate the work and dedication of our long-standing president Chinka Steel, who will soon be leaving Woodend for the sunny climes of the Mornington Peninsula!

Our members do travel far and wide for our wonderful game, some members will join in with members from other clubs to make a team to travel to various country towns, all in the name of the game!

So please if you have a spare Monday afternoon come and join us at the racecourse in Forest Street, Woodend at 2pm and give it a go!

Our season is closing down soon for the winter, but we are always trying to find the day and time to put a game, picnic or lunch together including some petanque. Any enquiries or if you want to be included in any of our activities please email vicepresidentatpetanqueattherock.com.au



Romsey - Lancefield Probus

Welcome to friendship

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 May meeting of the Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club for 2023 will be on **Thursday, 25th May, at 10.00 am in St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey.**
- **Speaker:** Bri MacPherson - Meteorologist

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

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

Contact:

President: **Noreen 0401 579 180**
Secretary: **Betty 0409 359 048**
Visit our website: www.rlprobud.org.au



Council's Health Unit update

Staying safe from mosquitoes

The Department of Health has recently detected mosquitoes carrying Murray Valley encephalitis virus (MVE) and Japanese Encephalitis Virus (JEV) in some parts of Victoria and is advising visitors to these areas to be diligent and take precautions to protect themselves from mosquito bites in these areas.

Mosquitoes can carry diseases that may be passed on to people through mosquito bites, which can lead to serious health problems for some people. Recent wet and warm weather has increased mosquito breeding.

As at Sunday 29 January 2023, the following local government areas (LGAs) are considered high-risk for mosquito-borne disease: Benalla, Buloke, Campaspe, Gannawarra, Greater Bendigo, Greater Shepparton, Hindmarsh, Horsham, Indigo, Loddon, Mildura, Moira, Northern Grampians Shire, Strathbogie, Swan Hill, Wangaratta, West Wimmera, Wodonga and Yarriambiack.

The best way to prevent mosquito-borne diseases is to avoid mosquito bites. If planning a visit to a high-risk LGA, you're advised to: use insect repellent that contains picaridin or DEET on all exposed skin if outdoors when mosquitoes are observed, from October to March – families should always follow the instructions on the repellent to ensure it is appropriate for young children wear long, loose-fitting clothing if mosquitoes are around and cover exposed skin as much as possible limit outdoor activity when mosquitoes are active.

For further information visit www.health.vic.gov.au/infectious-diseases/disease-information-and-advice

2023 Council grants to support community opening in May!

The next round of the Community Funding Scheme and Events and Festivals grants will be opening on 1 May 2023.

If you have an idea for an event or a project that will benefit the community in the Macedon Ranges, we would love to hear from you. There will be a trouble-shooting clinic on Wednesday 24 May, 10am-12pm at the Romsey Hub – an opportunity to bring in your partially completed applications and seek support on any sections you may be struggling with. This is a free event – but bookings are essential.

To register for an information session or view guidelines for either grant program, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/grants or contact the grants team via grants@mrsc.vic.gov.au or 5422 0216 (Melissa Telford, Community Funding Scheme) and 5421 9521 (Nicole Pietruschka, Events and Festivals Grants) to discuss your project ideas.

Kindergarten registrations now open for 2024

Online registrations for 3 and 4-year-old kindergarten in 2024 are now open.

Give your child the best start to their learning journey at one of Council's eight kindergartens in the Macedon Ranges. Our kindergartens have highly qualified and experienced early childhood teachers and educators and, with their beautiful natural features and outdoor play areas, are rich in nature-based and creative learning experiences.

- For information on when your child is eligible to start kindergarten, and guidance on making an informed decision about which year is in the best interest of your child to start their learning journey, go to mrsc.vic.gov.au/childkindergarten
- For further advice on whether your child is ready for kindergarten, please book an appointment with a Maternal and Child Health Nurse on 5422 0281 or mchadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Register online by 30 June 2024 at; mrsc.vic.gov.au/kinder-rego or call our Enrolment Officer on 5422 0239

Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens

Monthly Bus Trips

Our next bus trip on Tuesday May 2nd has unfortunately been cancelled.

Keep an eye out next month to see where we will be going on Tuesday 4th of June.

However we will still be meeting at our rooms out the back of the RMI every Monday.

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.



Let's Keep the Macedon Ranges Beautiful



The Macedon Ranges are not only a great place to live –they are beautiful. Let's keep it that way but unfortunately there are a few things working against us. Litter is one of them, rubbish dumping is another.

As part of our commitment to the Keep Australia Beautiful campaign, our Deep Creek Landcare Group does a roadside clean-up, twice a year, between Doggetts Bridge and the crossroads in Lancefield. We generally pick up about 14 bags of litter but on Sunday, March 26 the final tally was 22 bags plus an assortment of large items such as tyres. Well known fast food outlets were well represented in our collection as well as the paper, cardboard and plastic packaging from many fast food products. In addition, we are still picking up many cans and bottles. A big thank-you to the 7 Landcare members who gave up a couple of hours of their time on Sunday to pick up the litter. Also, special thanks to the residents along the Lancefield/Kilmore road who keep the roadside along their boundary litter free. Mostly, they pick up the litter before mowing which is better than breaking up glass bottles, chopping plastic into small pieces and ripping up metal cans. In an ideal world people wouldn't throw out litter as they make their way along our roads, ignoring the environmental hazards they create, the work they create for others to clean up their mess and the damage they do to the aesthetic beauty of our countryside.

The dumping of rubbish along country roads is also an issue for us and in many other parts of the state and I fear that it will get worse in the Ranges as our population increases. I don't know the solution. We have a terrific four bin system and waste collection centres that take virtually anything. The Romsey Transfer Station will take plastic bottle top lids, soft plastics and most garden waste free of charge. We are even able to take home free mulch for the garden! Other items incur a charge but that is not a surprise given the cost of running the transfer stations and rubbish tips. Users should pay at least part of the cost but unfortunately the cost of cleaning up the selfish dumping of rubbish falls on ratepayers and the environment.

The environment can also suffer from the dumping of garden waste. Many garden plants, most of which are still available in nurseries, have the capacity to be a weed if they escape onto roadsides or into the bush. They often out-compete indigenous plants and take over large areas which have a domino effect on our insect population and native animals. Plants to watch include: agapanthus, english ivy, cotoneaster, crocosmia, privet, broom, angled onion, arum lily, castor oil plant, cape tulip, evening primrose, gazania and periwinkle. Grasses like bent grass, kikuyu and various forms of couch as well as trees such as sweet pittosporum, radiata pine, sycamore maple and cootamundra wattle can also spread quickly. We need to be aware of the capacity of plants in our garden to become weeds, dead head such plants to prevent seeding and dispose of the seeds and plants responsibly. We are fortunate that garden waste can be put in our FOGO bins which will be composted at a sufficiently high temperature to destroy their capacity to regenerate.

Our beautiful district has enough challenges from climate change and a growing population without us adding to them unnecessarily. Let's do the right thing, encourage others to do the same and keep the Macedon Ranges beautiful.

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.



LANDCARE AND JUNIOR GRANTS NOW OPEN

The Victorian Government is providing a \$4.4 million funding boost to volunteers and young people across the state, including in Macedon, to help them protect and restore the natural environment in our area.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas said the 2023 Victorian Landcare Grants and the 2023 Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants are now open and aim to help volunteers and kids care for the state's precious environment and biodiversity.

Through the Victorian Landcare Grants, environmental volunteer groups can apply for up to \$20,000 for on-ground works and community education projects that protect or improve the natural environment in Macedon.

Support grants of up to \$500 are also available to help with group administration and running costs. The Victorian Landcare grants are open to environmental volunteering groups, including Landcare groups and networks, Friends groups, Conservation Management Networks, Committees of Management and First Nations groups to support the important work they do in protecting and restoring our land and environment.

Grants of up to \$5000 will be available for projects that provide childcare centres, kindergartens, primary and secondary schools, Scouts, Girl Guides and youth groups in Macedon with opportunities to participate in hands-on projects including planting Indigenous gardens, building habitat to attract native insects and birds, collecting data about nature and excursions to wildlife sanctuaries. For more information about how to apply, visit environment.vic.gov.au/grants

Mary-Anne Thomas MP LABOR MEMBER FOR MACEDON

Romsey Mens Shed

Working on Friendships



Romsey Mens Shed - Building on friendships!

We welcome new members from the Romsey/Lancefield area and have a cohesive membership with a wide range of industrial and employment backgrounds. A Management Committee is elected annually and is committed to providing the best opportunities for members to enjoy the shed environment.

And if you want to find out something about a project or hobby, almost certainly there is a member with the answers. We are already among the largest sheds in the Macedon Ranges Shire and enjoy good relations with the other sheds in the shire and meet about three monthly at "cluster meetings" to exchange views and ideas to improve membership services.

Most members are retired or semi-retired but there may be some Romsey men who work shift or part-time and could come along on their break days. There is no requirement for a fixed number of attendances per year.

For those wanting "hands on" we have woodwork - including wood turning - metal/welding and automotive workshop activities. Generous donations of tools have been received

since opening about three years ago so we are now quite well-equipped.

We encourage social interaction and friendships and many members just enjoy the company, a coffee and a chat and the occasional social excursion to points of interest within a bus ride.

Our Thursday 12 o'clock BBQ/ lunches are catered in-house with our team of volunteer caterers. We have a small loan library and when we get our new mezzanine floor, we will be able to provide more presentations and short-term training sessions - using our AV facility - on matters of interest to men.

For those seeking new skills, we have mentors to train new members on tools, welding, wood turning and machine skills. We occasionally run small specialist training sessions; on tool sharpening, wood turning or even smaller hobbies like glass cutting.

We also make a number of novelty items, usually using recycled materials. These will be advertised on Facebook with some for sale at the Romsey Co-Op.

Our 1925 T model Ford Restoration Project is progressing and it has been displayed at local events. We would love to receive some donations and

the Romsey community may be able to help with some extra skills and advice and may even have some spare parts languishing in backyard sheds. On completion it will remain in the community.

Our weekly \$5 barbecue/lunch is at 12 on Thursday and open for members guests. Shed times are Tuesdays 9am -4pm and Thursdays 10 am - 2pm. On finishing our mezzanine floor, 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.

For membership applications or enquiries: Secretary: romseym@gmail.com or call at the shed in Barry Street, Romsey Park.



Sorting out tools provided by a generous community.



Curiosity, Connection & Creativity!

6.30 – 8.30pm, Thursday 18th May.

We're inviting adult women to come together to connect and explore their curiosity in a creative way. Try out some new arts and crafts just for fun – no special skills required!

In May simple drawings will be passed around the group for everyone to add to. The results will be a creative, collaborative art piece!

Supper is provided, and beginners are 100% welcome.

Bookings essential. For more information please email romsey@ncgrl.vic.gov.au or phone us on 5429 3086.

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Dates for Your Diary

- 4 May - Star Wars Day (May the Fourth Be With You)
- 4 May -7 May – Bendigo Writer’s Festival
- 14 May – Mother’s Day
- 15 – 21 May – National Volunteer Week
- 17 May – IDAHOBIT Day (International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Lesbophobia and Transphobia)
- 18 May – A Curious Circle, Pass the Picture
- 26 May - National Sorry Day
- 27 May – 3 June - National Reconciliation Week

New Book Releases to Watch Out For!



Becoming Mrs Mulberry
by Jackie French



A Secret Garden Affair
by Erica James



Fire With Fire
by Candice Fox



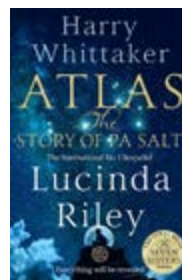
The Leonard Girls
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I Will Find You
by Harlan Coben



A Winter Grave
by Peter May



Atlas: The Story of Pa Salt
by Lucinda Riley and Harry Whittaker



Worthy Opponents
by Danielle Steel



Romsey Primary School



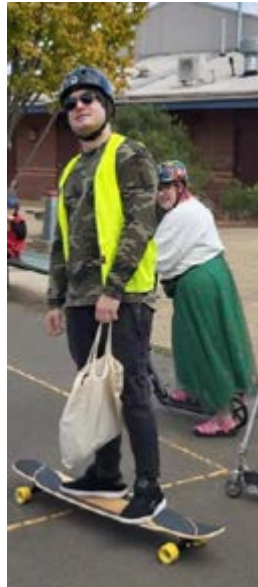
The end of this term it was 'Wheels Day' at Romsey Primary School, and what a day it was!

Students received a special 'Celebration Day' for earning 4,000 school wide positives. This means that collectively our students were showing positive behaviour in class and in the playground throughout the term. All staff can acknowledge a students' positive behaviour and when 4,000 positives are achieved school wide our students receive a special celebration day.

For 'Wheels Day' students & teachers could bring to school anything with 'wheels' and engage in activities with these items during recess and lunch time.

What an amazing day everyone (students and teachers) had. We saw scooters, bikes, skateboards, roller blades, roller skates, remote control cars, prams, tonka trucks, toy cars and drifters (green machines) at school. There were designated areas where students & teachers could use their 'wheels' items, and it was great seeing everyone adhere to these areas and enjoy the fun at recess and lunch time.







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From the Desk of Pastor Tim

Sorry

It is Mother's Day this month, which has made me think back to Mother's Day last year and the special service that we had on that day. You can watch that service on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AMnrTAPedM8>.

Not only was the focus of the service on mothers, in my short talk (from about the 59th minute of the video) I also spoke to women as a group. I spoke about how Jesus was towards women.

I mentioned that you cannot find any instance in the bible where Jesus disgraces, belittles, reproaches, or stereotypes a woman. The gospels show how Jesus liberated and affirmed women. Jesus did not discriminate in any way against women. By word or deed, He never encouraged the disparagement of a woman.

Jesus, in all His interactions with people, always honoured women, showed the worth and dignity of women and recognised the intrinsic equality of men and women.

I also made an apology to all the women present and I want to extend it to any woman who reads this article.

If any church has treated you in any way that was discriminatory, they put you down because you are a woman, limited how you served, made any reference to you being a female in the negative, used unfavourable stereotyping, hurt or abused you in any way, whether mental, physical, sexual or any other form of hurt or abuse, on behalf of the church I am sorry. I am sorry and ask for your forgiveness on behalf of the church.

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| Regular weekly

- Romsey Church Service 9:00am each Sunday
- Lancefield Church Service 10:30am each Sunday
- Prayer Meeting at St Pauls Romsey each Monday 7pm
- Bible Study Christ Church Lancefield Thursday 10:30am

Our thanks go to the community for attending the East Family Fun Day held on Easter Saturday at St Pauls Romsey. The day was a great Success and was lovely to see all the children enjoy the face painting, animal nursery and the Easter egg hunt.

- Monthly Parish Community Lunch will return to the usual venue of
- Christ Church Hall, Lancefield on Saturday 9th May @ 12:00noon
- The day is free to all and everyone is very welcome to attend.

St Paul's OpShop Open Times: - Friday 12:30-4:30 & Saturday 10:00-1:00pm.

The Op Shop is now on the Parish Web site for viewing the week's specials.

Your valued donations of clothing, Bric & Brac, craft items, books & good quality working toys can be left Friday afternoon and Saturday Mornings, these items are very much appreciated, unfortunately some donations were left outside of the OpShop open times. These items are either wet or damage owing to the weather conditions and unfortunately as a result, consequently need to be sent to the tip. Please note that owing to regulations we cannot accept electrical goods, prams, baby cots, furniture or mattresses. Your ongoing support and donations is much valued and appreciated.



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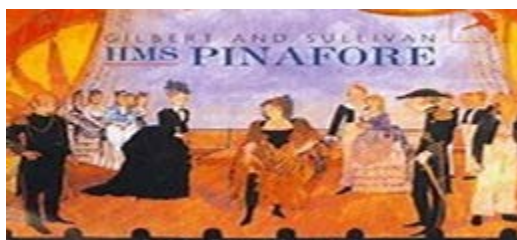
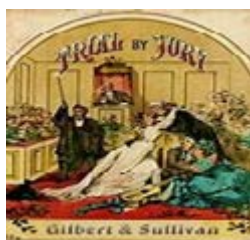
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God bless you every day.

Romsey Uniting Church

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- 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. 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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- **Brotherly Love** – Every true Freemason will show tolerance and respect for the opinions of others and behave with kindness and understanding to all people.
- **Relief** – Freemasons are taught to care not only for one another, but for the community as a whole, through charitable giving and voluntary efforts
- **Truth** – Freemasonry strives for truth and requires high moral standards of its members

It offers good men an opportunity to contribute to their local communities, join a network of like-minded individuals, and improve themselves in the process.

Making the world a better place, one man at a time

- Macedon Ranges Lodge Meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm at 73 Main St, Romsey

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Bindi-Lee Byrne wins Landscape Prize at The Gallery

Congratulations to Gisborne artist Bindi-Lee Byrne, who won the inaugural Landscape Prize at The Gallery Mount Macedon, sponsored by Bendigo Bank.

Her delicate rendition of snowy Mount Macedon, "August on the Mount", was universally praised. The charcoal has a light green tinge, adding to the atmosphere.

Judge, Phillip Edwards, of Bullarto Gallery, commented, "The charcoal on paper is a beautiful, delicate rendering of a snow dusting on the mountain. It is subtle and executed with mastery."

Second prize went to Rebecca Leahy for, "Sunset at Hanging Rock", which "captured the very central Victorian dusk colour with evening pinks low to the horizon."

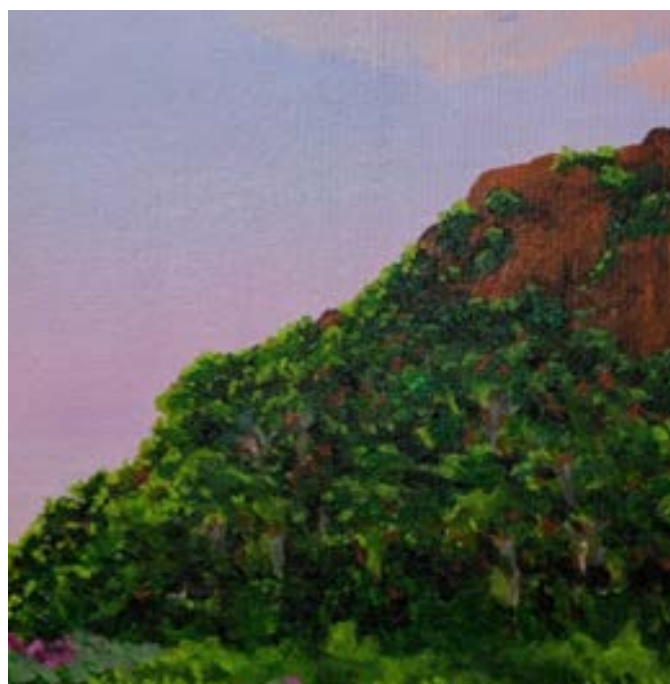
The Gallery is impressed by the quality and range of mediums. Landscape is open to interpretation. Our response to a sunset or a river or a snowy landscape is quite different to our response to fire in a landscape.

The Gallery will again be hosting an art prize next autumn, this time focusing on portraiture. Look out for further details soon but start thinking about who you might like to portray.

Speaking of portraits, Jo Hoyne has created a portrait of Gisborne Gazette editor and Bendigo Bank Community Engagement officer, Corinne Shaddock. Using red pencil, Jo has captured Corinne's energy and vision. Have a look when you are next in the Gallery.

The Gallery opens 10am to 4 pm Friday to Tuesday.

Sue Anson 0413 581 632
Jo Hoyne 0418 488 582



Sunset at Hanging Rock, second prize, by Rebecca Leahy.

On Sunday 2 April 2023, 14 members of the Romsey Fire Brigade were recognised for their deployments during the 2019/2020 Black Summer Bushfires.

The members were recognised by being awarded the National Emergency Medal and relevant clasp.

The members recognised were:

- Group Officer Ralph Hermann
- Captain Nic Needham
- Ex Captain Ron Cole
- LT Kyle Cozens
- FF Richard Barclay
- FF Richard Brooks
- FF Chris Diwell
- FF Michael Envall
- FF John Freestone
- FF Murray Hannah-Jones
- FF Damian Issom
- FF Ian McMillan
- FF Geoff Neil
- FF Paul Wallworth



This recognition was part of a State and National recognition of emergency service workers who provided support to the nation during a challenging fire season.

The Romsey Brigade members deployed to areas in both New South Wales and Victoria. Our deployment to New South Wales saw the brigade respond one of our firefighting tankers which spent close to eight weeks away from the local area. During this time the Brigade's capability and capacity to respond to local incidents was not diminished.

The brigade would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our members as well as the other recipients of the National Emergency Medal.



Orkestra Llektriq
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Woodend, VIC, 3442

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Bookings & Details:
<https://rangesevents.com.au/LLEKTRIQ>

Macedon Ranges musician and educator **Shaun Evans** is assembling some of the best local talent for a special home-grown show. The 14-piece **Orkestra Llektriq** will present **THE BEAT** over two performances -- coming to life in Romsey & Kyneton in May.

The *Orkestra* is a fun and fanciful take on the traditional Orchestra, incorporating Strings, Harp, Woodwinds, Brass and Percussion into it's lineup. The *Llektriq* portion comes through a Rock rhythm section (Guitars, Drums, Keyboards) plus 3 powerful Vocalists.

Further putting the concept on it's head is the 14th member of the ensemble -- Macedon Ranges DJ & Electronic Artist **DJ Stamp**.



THE BEAT Producer & Musical Director
Shaun Evans



DJ & Electronic Artist **DJ Stamp**

THE BEAT is a multi-sensory experience bringing to life the story of The Beat from the 'Big Bang' to the Internet age. Told through music, video & multi-sensory light, sound and projections the experience will be unlike anything the Ranges has seen.

The show will be presented in two formats, with a 45 minute daytime presentation (for the Public and School groups) and an evening, 3-hour non-stop extended dance party show. **THE BEAT** will come to life on Friday, May 12th at the Romsey Mechanic's Institute & Friday, May 19th at the Kyneton Town Hall.

The production is brought to you by Ranges Events & The Ranges Music Network with support from Macedon Ranges Arts & Culture and Creative Victoria.





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