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Life at the Mechanics' Institute has been a bit quiet with Tony and Kathy Lakey in Europe for an extended and well-earned break. However, the bookings continue and those of us left in cool Romsey are getting on with the job.

We are fortunate to have such a beautiful facility in our town and, though it is showing its age in some areas, it is still an asset to the town and the refurbishment program rolls on. Yes, we are working on the problem of those lights in the footpath being on during the day.

- **If you are considering hiring the hall, give us a call and we will see if we can help.**
- **Prices are reasonable and the spaces are great for all sorts of bookings.**
- **The old-time dancing night went well and we have other events on the way.**
- **Next month we will touch on some early history of the Romsey Mechanics' Institute.**

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June in the garden

by **Melanie Kinsey**

Every year I marvel at how the plants in my garden don't put on their autumn hues until well after the Autumn Festival. Its mid-May and the weeping apricot is just starting to turn; as is the berberis and the smoke bush. My three favourite autumn colouring plants. As some things slow down others are only just waking up. Many of my succulent collection are coming out of their dormant state and my solitary peony is entering its dormant state! The bulbs are beginning to poke through the soil, the pincushion hakea is in full bloom and the red berries on the nandina are fattening up nicely.

I had the huge pittosporum hedge between myself, and my neighbour pruned last month. It looks so much better with all straight lines and not bulging out over the driveway. A well-pruned hedge is a thing of beauty. I enjoy taking to my conical lophomyrtus with the hedge trimmer and I also have a westringia trimmed to a ball and a correa in the shape of – well – a blob – not quite sure what I am doing with that!



This might be my last column from my current home! In a bid to downsize we subdivided our land into two and built a new house out the back. Hopefully by next month we will be in our new passive home after a very long 4 and a half years! It will be sad to leave the garden after starting it over 30 years ago; but I refuse to look back. A new garden means new opportunities, new plants, a new outlook and eventually more time spent in the garden.

"Into the garden I go to lose my mind and find my soul."

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What Does Your Romsey Look Like?

Twenty years ago, Romsey was just getting used to being part of a wider area called Macedon Ranges LGA. Up to then, individuals from families who lived in the area were both councillors and/or workers, over decades, managing/working the farmland and the town of Romsey, building businesses and houses, running community events.

Growth, when you are within driving distance of Melbourne, is inevitable.

Now, many of us drive/ride to the city to work, either the CBD or in scattered suburbs. Businesses have benefitted from more patrons. Overall, incomes have probably risen as a result, and housing has spread. An explosion of information ... but not more time.

What, to you, does your Romsey look like now? You may have been here 5 years, or 50. We have many people with new skills, now, in our town – and with new expectations and hopes.

What do you value, or enjoy about living here? What do you like most about your local networks?

We would really like to know..... many different pictures of Romsey may be out there. What is Romsey now, to people who have been here a year – 5 years – 25 years?

Paint us a picture, in words or images, of your Romsey – and one thing you would like, for the future. If you agree (and we will ask beforehand) we will publish a collage of your images. The good, the bad and the ugly not quite, but your pictures, and your stories.



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ANIMAL FACTS

A Cornish game hen is really a young chicken, usually 5 to 6 weeks of age, that weighs no more than 1 kilogram

Registrations now open for three and four-year-old kindergarten in 2024

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

Christmas in Romsey 2023 Update

The April Community Meeting to discuss the organisational resourcing of Christmas in Romsey 2023 resulted in the formation of “event teams” for the various elements of the CIR festival. A big thank you is in order for the Romsey Men’s Shed and Lancefield Romsey Rotary Club who will team together to organise the *Main Street Christmas Trees Installation*. The *large Community Tree* will have some “Old Mates” creative flair this year – get excited! Encourage Church will assist with the *Community Carols*’ organisation. Each team will work to an Event Management Plan for their “element”/activity and a notional budget. There is still a vacancy for the important role of festival Marketing Manager for the CIR festival as well as volunteers being required for casual tasks such as flyer deliveries, Christmas tree lights installation etc. If you are able to assist with any of these or other tasks, please contact Jenny Stillman (jennystillman@optusnet.com.au or 0411 700 464).

At this stage, the *Illuminations Nights* are uncertain until further funding/sponsorship can be secured. Watch this space!

RRBATA Strategic Plan Adopted

RRBATA’s Committee of Management has recently adopted its new Strategic Plan (2023-2028) and its year 1 Action Plan. This will crucially address the RRBATA’s “Key Result Areas” - Membership, Advocacy and Governance. Some exciting new initiatives are in development to consolidate RRBATA’s relevance to its members and our Eastern Macedon Ranges region. Stay tuned!

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”.

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C.W.A. 2022 STATE THEMES:

THEME: Sharing, fun and friendship.

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

Country of Study: Malaysia.

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

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

Social Issues Focus: Safe Homes for All.

CWA IS A VOLUNTEER ORGANISATION

Macedon Ranges Heritage Strategy 2023

The saying goes that a picture is worth 1000 words and residents are being encouraged to share what they love about our shire's heritage through photos, to help inform a revised Heritage Strategy.

The shire's heritage is rich, special and unique; this strategy aims to identify the heritage we need to know about and how we are to manage, protect and celebrate it.

In the first stage of consultation for this strategy, the task is simple: tell us what you love about the heritage of Macedon Ranges. Take a picture of the heritage you love – it could be a person, a place, or a thing – and tell us in 25 words or less why you love it, or what you would change for the better about it.

Photos are invited until 23 June. For more information, terms and conditions or to submit your photo, visit www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/your-say

ROMSEY BRANCH OF C.W.A. INC

CWA is a Volunteer Organisation

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Mothers Day stall on such a cold horrible day. Our members were glad to get home and get warm. We hope all the mums, nans, grandmas, omas,yia yai all had an amazing day.

With winter approaching fast and cold not much happens thru these months for us, we still get together and have fun and a chat, feel free to drop in and have a coffee with us and see first-hand what we are all about. It's just not Scones and Knitting. We just attended a High Tea held by one of our groups a fun day was had, not to mention the great food.

How about this for a winter warmer for the family;

Cornish Pastie

Ingredients

- 250g minced beef
- 3 Potatoes, peeled and grated
- 2 Large carrots grated
- 1 Turnip peeled and grated
- 1 onion finley chopped
- 1/3 cup finely chopped parsley
- Salt and pepper
- 4 sheets frozen shortcrust or puff pastry thawed

Method

1. Pre heat oven to 200c. Place all above ingredients into a bowl and mix together.
2. Place one sheet of pastry down cut into shape for a pasty, pile filling in one half ,fold over and seal pinching edges together (with your fingers or a fork)Lightly brush with a beaten egg.
3. Place on a tray and bake for 5 mins at 200 then lower oven to 180 and bake for 15 mins more. Or until pastry browns and juices start to leak from the pasty.

For any further information please call:

President: Dianne Purtill, M: 0409214520

Secretary: Wendy Foster, M: 0409175667 or email: cwaromsey@gmail.com

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.

Romsey and Lancefield

Are you Curious about modern cloth nappies?

Whether for cost savings, reducing waste and helping the environment, or for health benefits for your child, join Leesa from Darlings Downunder to discover the world of modern cloth nappies.

Lisa is a resident of Macedon Ranges, cloth nappy enthusiast and a mother of two toddlers. Her passion for cloth nappies has led her to run the Darlings Downunder store - a local Macedon Ranges business

located in Kyneton. She will take you through everything you need to know to get started with cloth nappies.

Join us in Romsey on Thursday 22 June. Each participant will receive a \$20 gift voucher to spend on reusable cloth nappies and go into the lucky prize draw on the day to win \$200 worth of nappies!

Bookings are essential. Visit, mrsc.vic.gov.au/nappies



Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke

At the moment, I'm reading about the Independence of India - the end of the British Raj - so it's appropriate that I suggest a Bengali spinach recipe.

The trick with this idea is to not overcook the greens. (If you don't have spinach you can substitute kale, rocket, silverbeet or similar.)

The original recipe allows for the subtle flavour of the spinach to come through. If you use a stronger flavoured green you will no doubt find the other flavours more subservient to it.

Anyway, folks, don't use an aluminium or cast-iron pot as they tend to discolour the result. Use stainless steel if possible.



BENGALI SPINACH

Ingredients

- 2 kg spinach
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon cumin seeds
- 1/4 teaspoon fenugreek seeds
- 1 teaspoon chopped seeded green chillies
- 2 teaspoons minced ginger
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon grated nutmeg
- 1 1/2 teaspoons lemon juice

RECIPE

Method

1. Put the spinach into a 5 litre saucepan, sprinkle a few drops of water over it, pop on a lid and cook over a moderate heat until the spinach softens - about 5 minutes. Take the spinach out of the pan, draining off all the liquid.
2. Put 1 tablespoon of butter into the dry saucepan and put it back over the moderate heat. When the butter's melted and hot drop in the cumin seeds and fry them until they change colour. Then sprinkle in the fenugreek seeds and fry them briefly until they darken a little. Next add the chili and ginger and stir them for half a minute before adding the drained spinach. Stir again and lastly add the sugar, nutmeg, lemon juice and the rest of the butter.
3. Cook for another minute, take it off the heat and serve immediately.

Local Law review update

Council's current General Purposes and Amenity Local Law of 2013 is due to expire in September 2023.

Council recently sought community feedback on the proposed draft Community Local Law 2023 during consultation held from 28 March – 30 April 2023.

Council would like to thank everyone who participated in the consultation. The submissions and responses received represent a broad range of feedback for which we are currently consolidating all responses. Next steps will be to consider any emerging issues and make necessary refinements to the draft Community Local Law 2023. This consolidation process will involve council officers, staff from our legal firm, and also Councillors at a future Council briefing.

The draft Community Local Law 2023 (including any amendments made following community consultation) will need to be adopted by Council at a future Council Meeting, prior to any implementation. Details of this process will be made available on our website at mrsc.vic.gov.au/local-laws with Council meeting details also available at mrsc.vic.gov.au/meetings

To stay up to date on the progression of the draft Community Local Law 2023, sign-up to receive project updates on our webpage, email draftlocallaw@mrsc.vic.gov.au or call 5422 0333 requesting to be added to Council's Local Law email distribution list.

Get ready for Plastic Free July

Did you know that over 100 million people worldwide have participated in Plastic Free July?

Council is an official partner of Plastic Free July, a global movement that helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution. Join the revolution and make an impact by pledging to avoid the big four single-use plastics (bags, bottles, cups and straws) or aim to go completely plastic-free for July.

Learn more about Plastic Free July and how Council is taking action on single-use plastics, at mrsc.vic.gov.au/single-use-plastics or contact 5422 0333.

A GAME-CHANGING ADDITION FOR ROMSEY PARK

Romsey Junior Football Netball Club and numerous other user groups at Romsey Park have reason to celebrate with the recent installation of a state-of-the-art electronic scoreboard, made possible through our Community Investment Program. This game-changing addition marks a significant milestone in enhancing the experience for participants, spectators, and the broader community alike.

Beyond the immediate impact on sporting events, the electronic scoreboard's benefits extend to fostering a stronger sense of community pride and engagement. Romsey Park has long served as a central gathering place, and the addition of this scoreboard further cements its role as a hub for recreational activities.



COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM


Congratulations to the following community groups who were successful in their applications to our recent Community Investment Program for Events.

Community Organisation	Project	Funding
Lancefield Bowling Club Inc	Sponsorship of Fours Tournament	\$1,000
Bolinda Hall	Bolinda Hall Australia Day Breakfast	\$1,100
Romsey Bowling Club Inc.	Sponsorship of Open Fours Tournament	\$1,700
Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizen Club Inc	Bendigo Bank Monthly Bus Trips	\$2,232
Lancefield Cricket Club Inc	Pink Stumps Day	\$2,852
Romsey Playgroup	RPG Family Fun Day 2023	\$3,239
Lancefield Romsey Lions Club	Romsey Market	\$5,150
Romsey Neighbourhood House Inc.	2023 Community Events	\$10,000
TOTAL		\$27,273

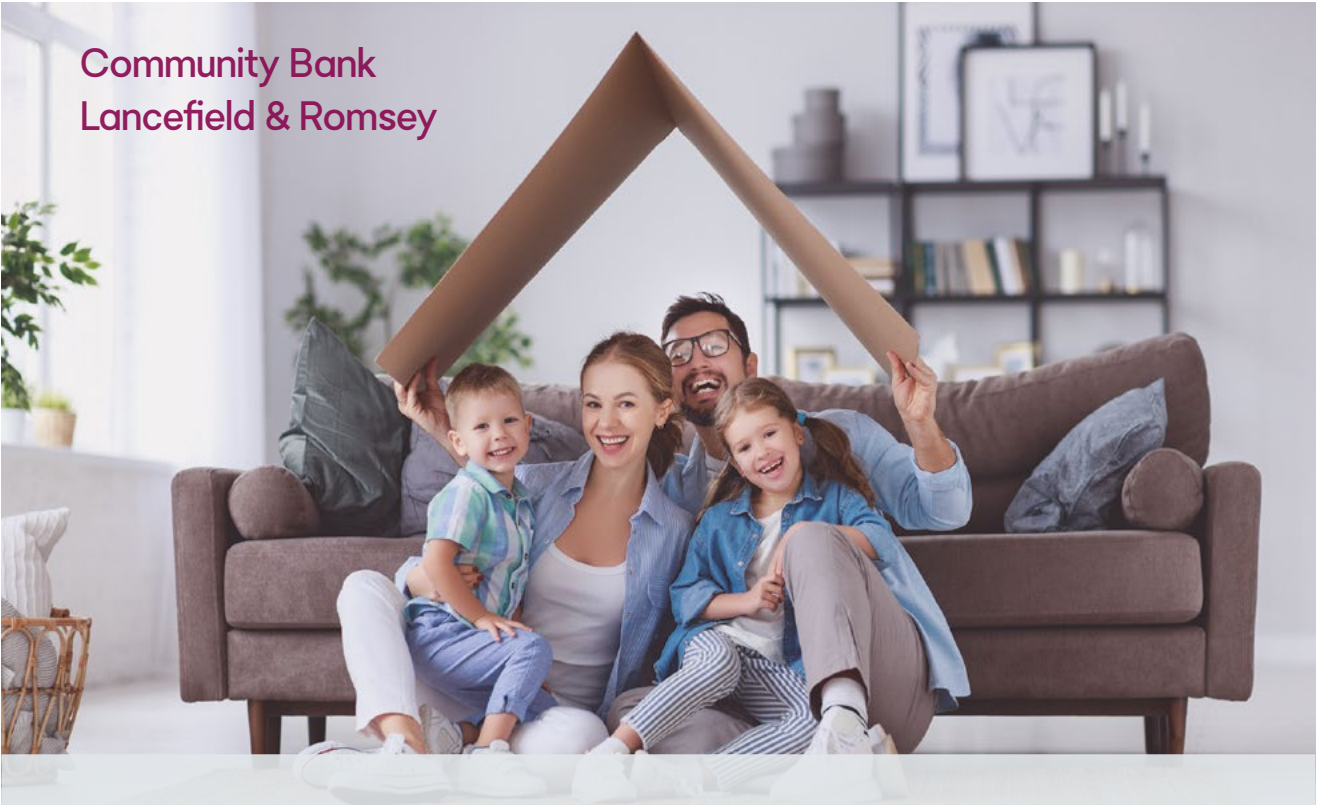
Our next Community Investment Program round will open mid-July and we welcome applications for grants and sponsorships both large and small. Be sure to follow our Facebook page facebook.com/CommunityBankLancefieldRomsey or email cip@lrcfsl.com.au to be added to our notifications list.

TEAM NEWS

Since the last edition, we've farewelled Rebecca Healey. Her bubbly and outgoing nature has brightened our branches and left a lasting impression on both our staff and customers. We would like to thank Rebecca and wish her every success in future ventures.

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Report on Residents Event



On April 30th the Romsey Neighbourhood House, and Community Hub, opened their doors for this year's Residents Event. With over 40 stalls from local businesses, organisations, groups, clubs, and societies, as well as food trucks, and entertainment, the day was all about celebrating connectedness, and showcasing what our wonderful community has on offer for Romsey residents.

Special thanks go out to the Romsey Library for use of their space, Doughnutters for their fresh doughnuts, Kim's Coffee for providing hot beverages, The Lost Watering Hole for offering free beer tasting, the Lancefield Romsey Lions Club for putting on a free sausage sizzle, all of our stallholders and community groups/clubs, our volunteers, and of course the Romsey community who supported the Residents Event.

With uncertainty about what the weather would be on the day, we were elated that the rains held off, and the sun shone down on our event. This made the atmosphere even more pleasant with quite a few hundred in attendance. Many groups had the opportunity to recruit much needed members and volunteers.

Michelle Balthazar, Manager of Romsey Neighbourhood House, mentioned that she has hopes of the event getting bigger and reaching more residents in the years to come. "We intend on making our Residents Event an annual occasion for the people of Romsey and surrounding



areas, as our mission at Romsey Neighbourhood House is 'Connecting, Growing, Community', to ensure that isolation is kept at a minimum, making sure that no one falls through the gaps. By connecting the community with the various groups, clubs, societies, organisations, and businesses that Romsey has on offer, we aim to stamp out social isolation, and the mental health issues that coincide with that, by building networks of people with similar interests."

To register your interest, and to receive updates on our next Residents Event, please contact Romsey Neighbourhood House on (03) 5429 6724, to be added to the database.

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Romsey Golf Club Report

2023 Club Championships: The RGC Club Championships have been held in the more consistent weather of May for a few years. The first round was played on a damp course under coolish conditions. Four players broke their handicaps, Simon Donovan (6 shots), Mitch Atlas (5 shots) Mick Squire (2 shots) & Mal Mottram (1 shot). Current scratch leaders are A Grade; Mitch Atlas & Mick Squire – 74, B Grade; Simon Donovan - 82 & C Grade; John Freestone – 101. The women's championships; began on Wednesday May 9th. At the end of the 1st round current club champion, Jenny Hartley, has a one-shot lead over Darlene Baker.

2023 Algie Mitchell Shield: After two tough semi-finals; Mal Mottram D Luke Lyons and Davey Kenney D Mick Nicholls Jnr. The final was set. It was a hard fought affair with Mal giving Davey four shots. No-one was able to get more than two holes up before the other player brought the match back to all square. It remained so going up the 18th, the course's hardest hole. Both players pared but with Mal giving a shot the shield was Davey's

New green: With disease taking its toll on the 18th it was decided to re-build that green rather than extend the 2nd/10th. After seeking expert advice a plan was drawn up and then put into action. The existing green was completely removed, drainage was put in place then a layer of ~100mm screenings, ~150mm of washed sand and 300 – 400mm of turf sand. The new area was "wacked" and then contoured. Everything was seeded and fertilised and the irrigation sprinklers put back in place. With a spot of luck there will be some growth before the continuous cold of winter hits and the new green will be in play come spring. Great work by Mitch, Sevi, Tyler, Harry, Carl and Mal. Just goes to show what a dedicated group of volunteers can accomplish

2023 Pennant Golf: The men's pennant season finished in late April. Our two teams played the final three rounds far better but not well enough to make up for the damage done in weeks one and two. After four rounds the women's team was sitting on top of their division. The final round will be all important in seeing if they can bring home a third flag in four years.

Romsey Golf Club



Established 1922

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Mitch sorts the drainage on the new green.

The Mount Players Happenings

The Mountview Theatre was buzzing at the gala night of our 2nd production, *Buried Child* on Friday 12 May. A full house enjoyed the debut performance of this intense drama which is the company's entry in this year's Victorian Drama League Awards.

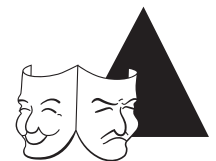
The stage was transformed into an old, run down farmhouse set in Illinois in the mid '70's, creating a macabre, tense atmosphere from the moment you sat down. The cast and crew are to be congratulated on the acting, set design, sound and lighting which, after months of hard work, culminated into a production we are incredibly proud of.

Looking ahead, we will see the return of our One Act Play Festival on the weekend of 8/9 July and a very funny Shakespeare production in August.

For full details on everything happening at the Mountview Theatre go to www.themountplayers.com

See you at the theatre!

| by Karen Hunt.



The Mount Players



Time for Macedon Ranges youth to shine

Nominations are now open for the 2023 Macedon Ranges Youth Awards to help recognise the amazing achievements of young people in the shire.

The awards are open to young people living in the shire who are aged between 12- 25 years and have made a significant contribution to the community.

Award categories this year include:

- Willpower: young people who show real character and perseverance, especially in the face of adversity.
- Good deeds: young people who give their time and energy to activities that support the wellbeing of another individual, group or community.
- Pure imagination: young people pursuing their passion for creativity through the arts.
- Nicely played: young people kicking recreational and physical activity goals.
- Skilling it: young people excelling in a mentorship program, workplace or business.
- Well aware: young people who shine a light on important issues/social causes, and raise awareness in the community.

Director Community Maria Weiss said Council was excited to once again showcase the incredible achievements and hard work of the shire's young people through the awards program.

"These awards provide a unique opportunity to bring all members of the community together in a really positive way and celebrate the immense contributions that young people make in our society," she said.

"We encourage everyone to get involved to make this a true community event. If you know of a young person you feel should be put in the spotlight for their achievements, make sure you visit the website and nominate them."

Young people in the Macedon Ranges are encouraged to nominate their peers, along with families, friends, teachers, neighbours, employers or colleagues.

Winners will be announced at a live event to be held on 10 August at Kyneton Town Hall.

Nominations close Friday 30 June. For information and to nominate, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/youth-awards

Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens

June Monthly Bus Trip



Our next bus trip will be held on Tuesday June 6th.

We will be heading up to **Bendigo** to visit the **Great Stupa of Universal Compassion**. A Stupa is the most sacred building in Buddhism, symbolising the enlightened mind. The stupa was completed in 2020.

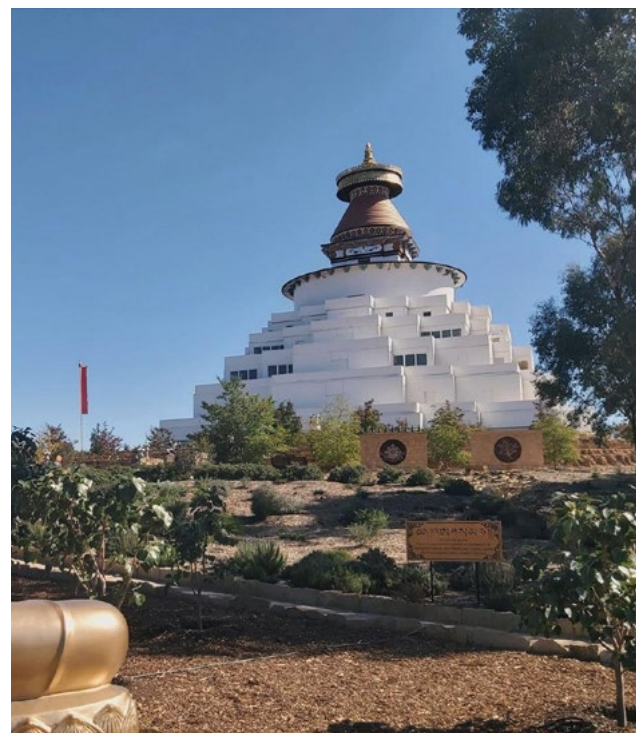
For more information on pick up times please contact Helen or Jan (phone numbers below).

- 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.

For further information please contact Helen on 0409 064 303 or Jan on 0408 371 755. Hope to see you soon.



One Generation Doesn't Plan... Another Gets Cooked



The front page of the Romsey Rag May edition attracted my interest with a lovely photo of a tree lined street and the caption "Old Chinese Proverb says... One generation plants trees, another gets the shade." For Landcare groups like us, planting trees and looking to leave the place livable for future generations is in our DNA.

I have often written about the importance of planting indigenous trees, shrubs and native grasses to the environment but right now I wish to focus on the value trees give in providing summer shade.

There is a lot of angst about the suburbanization of the Macedon Ranges that is echoed right around the country in similar locations. A drive around the new developments in the outer suburbs of Melbourne or almost anywhere will quickly reinforce those fears. The allotments are small (relative to house sizes), the residential streets are narrow and nature strips are almost non-existent; contrast this to many of the older streets in Lancefield and Romsey. I understand the reasons behind the trend, a rapidly growing population and a dire need to build affordable housing but at what cost? I am worried that if one generation doesn't plan, another gets cooked!

Trees cool the environment by providing shade and through transpiration, an air conditioning effect. This cooling impact can help alleviate the urban heat island effect. Trees also provide important habitat and improve air quality by removing fine particles from the air. Leaf canopies also reduce erosion caused by heavy rain. The heat island effect in many new developments is exacerbated by the removal of trees and the sheer volume of bitumen, concrete, brick and dark roof tiles that absorb the heat and run the risk of making them unlivable as global temperatures continue to rise.

Heatwaves are deadly, in Australia, heat accounts for more deaths than all other natural disasters combined. Increasing green spaces, ensuring bus stops and parks are adequately shaded, and providing affordable access to air conditioning are all important measures that have been identified but an increase in tree canopy is vital. The Victorian government recognizes the heat island issue. "Our goal is to plant 3000 trees in Melbourne every year to increase the resilience of the urban forest and to cool our city by 4°C."2 It is also pleasing to see initiatives such as Greening the West. "A core driver for Greening the West is improving community health and wellbeing."3

For a solution, we can't look back. The quarter acre block (1011.7 m2) with a yard big enough to kick a footy or play cricket will increasingly become a rarity. The average new house allotment in Australia is down to 467 m2. We need higher density housing in appropriate locations, clever house designs, green spaces, urban forests and shady, tree lined streets to maintain the livability of our suburbs and towns.

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.

The Conversation Feb 17, 2022 - Cooling our City - City of Melbourne - Greening the West Strategy (2020-2025)



Romsey - Lancefield Probud - Welcome to friendship

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

The Romsey/Lancefield Probud Club is for active retirees or semi-retired people to meet, relax and enjoy the welcoming company of those at the same stage of life. There is a regular monthly meeting with guest speakers, morning tea and time to socialise with the other members. Each month there is a regular outing for lunch held at different venues around the region as well as short and longer trips throughout the year. This year the club is visiting Western Australia in October. There is a coffee morning at 10am every Friday at the Lancefield Corner Store where members meet for a chat and a bit of fun.

- In April members presented personal ANZAC Day stories with another being presented next month. Our outing for lunch in April was to Castello's in Gisborne and in May we are off to the Pig and Whistle in Trentham,

- The June meeting of the Romsey/Lancefield Probud Club for 2023 will be on Thursday, 22nd June, at 10.00 am in St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall Main Street Romsey.
- Speaker: A member sharing a personal ANZAC story

We are a friendly, welcoming group from diverse backgrounds with a variety of interests and we'd love to meet you! Feel free to attend a meeting as a visitor.

Contact:

President: **Noreen 0401 579 180**

Secretary: **Betty 0409 359 048**

Visit our website: www.rlprobud.org.au

Fun, Fundraising, and Learning: A Roundup of Bolinda Primary School's Recent Activities

I would like to introduce myself as the new principal of Bolinda Primary School. This is only my second term at the school, and I can confidently say that our little school is a gem in the Macedon Ranges. It has been a busy few months for Bolinda Primary School. We recently held a successful Bunnings BBQ fundraiser, raising over \$2800 for the school with the help of amazing staff, parent volunteers, and local businesses.

On the sporting front, the school participated in an interschool soccer event, cross country and an Aqua Aware program aimed at promoting water safety. Each Wednesday, students participate in a sport coaching session run by a trained professional. This term the students are learning how to play basketball and are given expert advice on how to develop their skills. As part of ANZAC Day, the school held its own service during assembly, where students learned about the history of ANZAC Day and honoured the sacrifices made by service men and women. The school's student leaders also attended the ANZAC Day service in Lancefield.

Bolinda Primary School has recently selected its student leaders for the school year. The selection process was rigorous, with a record number of applicants submitting letters outlining their skills and reasons for wanting to be a leader. The school is pleased to have selected outstanding student leaders for various leadership roles, including School Leaders, Sustainability Leaders, Sports Leaders, Wellbeing Leaders, and Junior School Council.

In terms of professional development, the school recently had a successful learning day focused on numeracy, led by Senior Classroom teacher Leighann Bloomfield. The staff learned about Number Talks, a strategy for teaching mathematical problem-solving that encourages collaboration and critical thinking, and worked together to develop an instructional model for teaching numeracy that takes into account the diverse needs and learning styles of their students.

Overall, the school community demonstrated a strong commitment to working together, sharing ideas, and improving teaching and learning practices for the benefit of their students. The students also had a ton of fun.

Jordan Chamerski
Principal

Discover Bolinda Primary School

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Romsey Mens Shed

Working on Friendships



Romsey Mens Shed - Building on friendships!

Members have a range of backgrounds. Most are retired or semi-retired, but there may be some men who work shift or part-time and could come along on their break days. New members are welcome!

For those wanting “hands on” we have woodwork, wood turning, metal/welding and automotive workshop activities. And can make some training available. Donations of tools and machinery mean we are now quite well-equipped. Want to know something about a project or hobby? Almost certainly there is a member with answers.

We encourage social interaction and friendships. Many members just enjoy the company, a coffee and a chat and the occasional excursion.

We participated in the *Romsey Neighbourhood House Community Event* on Sunday 30 May and were grateful for our new marquee from Peter Newell at Romsey Off Road and Outback.

We welcomed our local State member Mary-Anne Thomas and Federal member Rob Mitchell to a roundtable coffee and snacks chat on Friday 5 May, where members were able to have an informal chat on funding and community engagement issues.

Our Thursday 12 o'clock BBQ/lunches are provided by our member “caterers”.

We make some novelty items, usually using recycled materials. These can be advertised on Facebook with some for sale at the Romsey Co-Op at the corner of Murphy and Main Streets.

Our *1925 T model Ford Restoration Project* is progressing. Donations are welcome and someone in the community may be able to help with extra skills and advice. And may even have some spare parts languishing in a backyard shed. On completion it will remain in the community.

We have a \$5 barbecue/lunch at 12 on Thursdays. It is open for members guests. Shed times are Tuesdays 9am -4pm and Thursdays 10 am - 2pm. We will have an Open Day courtesy of the Bendigo Community Bank when our mezzanine floor is finished.

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.



Members with our parliamentarians.

Staying Strong - strength training sessions for over 55s

Council runs a number of older adult strength training sessions at Romsey Recreation Centre.

Staying Strong is a circuit-based class designed to improve muscular strength, aerobic fitness, flexibility, balance and coordination in a safe and social environment. Experienced instructors provide exercises that cater for a range of exercise abilities.

For information on how to get involved, contact your local centre or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/leisure

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 Friday 2 June and 7 July. Meet at 9:45am at Barry Doyle Memorial Rotunda, 2 Campaspe Crescent, Kyneton.

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.

- **Scrabble** - Friday 23 June, Lancefield Neighbourhood House – The Townhouse

- **Backgammon** - Friday 28 July, Romsey Co-op Café

Events run from 10:30am-12pm, followed by light refreshments.

Registration is for Pathways for Carers and board game events are essential. Call the Village Connect team on 5422 0333 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/village-connect

Environment News

Winter sustainability tips

Winter can often mean a spike in our energy usage – heaters running a little longer or spending a few extra minutes in that hot shower. It can all add up to high energy usage and unfortunately higher bills.

Here are some tips to help you keep warm during those colder months while helping the environment and keeping those bills down:

Let the light in

If the sun is shining, open the curtains and blinds to let that valuable warmth in. This means less energy is needed when we turn our heaters on during the evening. Just remember to close those curtains once the sun disappears.

If your gas heater is on its last legs, start researching energy efficient electric alternatives so you're ready to make the switch.

Keep the heat in

Block door draughts with door snakes, use thermal film or secondary

glazing to create retrofitted double glazing, or simply close doors to unused rooms to help retain warmth in the areas that are being used in your home. We can lose up to 25 per cent of our heat to door draughts and almost 40 per cent to windows.

Stay within the limits

You can save money by having a programmable thermostat. Keep the internal temperature of your heating set to between 18°C and 20°C. Every degree you increase your heating can add up to 10 per cent on your energy use.

Get cosy

Have a cosy blanket on hand before you crank up your heater. Remember, every degree increase counts to higher bills.

For more winter energy efficiency tips, hire a 'Sustainable Home Kit' from the Gisborne or Woodend Library (soon to be available from Romsey and Kyneton Library too).

For more tips, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/sustainable-living

Environment events

As June brings cooler weather, Council has launched its winter calendar of events, including webinars covering the weeds and birds of the shire and field studies of large trees and hollow identification.

Join us too for our World Environment Day celebration:

- Fauna and Fungi of the Mount Saturday, 3 June, 2-4pm, Woodend

Celebrate World Environment Day with the Macedon Ranges Field Naturalists. Come along to find out what they discovered during their recent surveys of small mammals and fungi on Mount Macedon. Nature enthusiasts of all ages will enjoy short presentations from William Terry and Greg Boldiston, followed by an afternoon tea.

To register visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events

Stay up to date with all the environmental news and happenings across the shire, sign up to Council's monthly environment news via our events page.



Bank Updates

Community Bank · Lancefield and Romsey

It's time to say thank you!

We love celebrating all the great things your better banking has done for our community.

One of the highlights this year has been working with **Romsey Junior Football Netball Club** to install an electronic scoreboard at Romsey Park.

Supporting our local clubs is just one of many reasons why we do what we do – deliver exceptional banking to you that creates positive impact in our community.

Don't worry Lancefield, you've got a scoreboard on the way too, thanks to LFNC and LJFNC!



A message from our Chair

As we adjust to normality after COVID, with rising costs and inflation, many banks are closing branches. We pride ourselves on our ability to service our communities and offer the products of the larger banks, whilst providing individualised service. We offer a unique point of difference; we reinvest our local banking profits back into our community - **\$2.5m to date with more to come.**

To enable us to do this, we rely on our communities to bank with us so that we can continue to offer this level of service and to make these vital investments, some examples of these investments are included within this update.

Thank you to our branch teams, led by Angela Dickins, who have been busy delivering exemplary customer service. We appreciate the continued support of our customers and shareholders, allowing us to declare a dividend of 10 cents per share, payable on June 16th, 2023. I also express gratitude to our volunteer directors for their passionate service to the board and community.

- **Suzie Ewart**

Your better banking has helped support the clubs, projects and organisations at the heart of our local community.

Where else can great banking create such a positive impact -

\$2.5 million and counting!

Here's who benefited in Round 1 of our Community Investment Program:

Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association Inc
RRBATA Business Breakfast - \$1,500

Working Equitation Lancefield Districts
WELD Obstacle Purchase - \$2,200

Macedon Rangers Soccer Club
Club Equipment - \$2,850

Safe Space Performances Ltd
Australian Way of Life Romsey Lancefield Community Participation Project - \$3,000

Lancefield Kindergarten Inc
Cooking with Kids - \$3,141

Deep Creek Landcare Group
Native Botanic Garden Planning Project - \$4,800

Macedon Ranges Photographic Society Inc
New 4K Graphics Laptop Computer - \$4,900

Lancefield Football Netball Club
150 Year History Book 1873-2023 - \$5,000

Deep Creek Landcare Group
Junior Landcare Environmental Showbags - \$5,905

Lancefield Tennis Club
Outdoor Upgrade - \$6,219

Romsey Neighbourhood House Inc.
Romsey Neighbourhood House Feed It Forward Foodbank - \$6,262

Cancer Council Victoria
Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay for Life - \$7,550

Lancefield Bowling Club Inc
Renovation of Toilet Amenities - \$8,000

Lancefield Cricket Club
Veranda Extension - \$49,760

Romsey Junior Football Netball Club
Electronic Scoreboard for Romsey Park - \$50,000

Lancefield Football Netball Club & Lancefield Junior Football Netball Club
Electronic Scoreboard for Lancefield Park - \$50,000

Director comings and goings

Thank you to our volunteer Board of Directors for another year of service. At last year's AGM, we farewelled Steve Thorogood, our Treasurer. We thank him for his valued input and wish him and his family all the best.



We would also like to extend a warm welcome to Amanda Mullins, who joined the Board this year. She brings with her a wealth of experience and great community spirit. We asked Amanda to answer a few questions to get to know her in a light-hearted way...

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

My partner's family have had a small farm in Nulla Vale since the early 70's. We took on the farm as a bit of project in 2011 and love living here. I was working in the city and doing the weekend farmer's wife thing till I moved up here full time in 2019, taking on the role at Nexus Primary Health in Broadford.

Why did you want to join the board of LRCFSL?

I really like the community model of reinvesting in the local community, and it has allowed me a chance to give back to the community that looks after us.

What is your favourite thing about your career?

My background is Nursing - I love people and have always enjoyed helping others. In my current role, I really enjoy working with my team to upskill and bring out the best in them.

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

Audrey Hepburn ... Queen Elizabeth II ... George Michael ... my Dad (RIP 2015)

Are you related or distantly related to anyone famous?

Not that I know of

What are your hobbies?

Keeping active - tennis, skiing & swimming

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

Never say never...



Branch Team Updates

There have been a few team changes this year, as we have said farewell to Jodie Dobbs, Leanne Hammond and Rebecca Healey. We wish each of them all the best in the future. We also welcomed our new Customer Relationship Manager, Chris Smith to our team, who will work out of both Lancefield and Romsey. You'll also soon see some new faces in our Lancefield branch, so be sure to pop in and say hello!



Local scholarships

We are committed to investing in our youth, and in 2023, provided three year scholarships for five local students starting university to help with the cost of studying.



Community Leadership is so important for our towns, so we've sponsored a local participant in the Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program.

Plus, we're sending two local youth to the **Magic Moments Youth Leadership & Business Summit** in Sydney this July.

It's a win-win when you bank with us. Banking convenience for you creates community support for all.

Your better banking, big impact

We helped bring to life the **Water Play Area at the Romsey Ecotherapy Park**, a space for our next generations to come together, explore and play.



Working with L2P, we've brought **free driving supervision for young learners** without access to a supervising driver or vehicle, to the Romsey, Lancefield and Kyneton area.



Follow us on Facebook to find out more about the ways Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey supports the community - @CommunityBankLancefieldRomsey

Branch Manager's Update

With rising interest rates, now is the perfect time to review your home loan rate to ensure you are getting the best deal possible. We are delighted to introduce our new lender Chris Smith, who brings with her extensive experience in home lending.

Chris will review your current rate and help you explore options that may better suit your financial goals. Chris is available for in-home and after-hours appointments for those that find it difficult to get into a branch during business hours.

For those that are on the market for a new home, don't forget to book into our Home Buyers Seminar to learn about the government grants available.

In addition to our residential lending services, we are pleased to welcome Matt Crawley, our business banker. Matt will be working closely with our business customers, providing tailored solutions and expertise.

- **Angela Dickins**

Lancefield and Romsey Community Investment Program

The better banking of Community Bank customers, returns profits to the people and communities it serves, so that great local initiatives get funding. Our next grants program will open in mid-July. To find out more or to be notified of future grants programs, email cip@lrcfsl.com.au to be added to our Community Investment Program mailing list.



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Home Buyer Seminar

Whether you're buying your first home or ready to purchase your next property, this free information session will have something for you.

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The Romsey Lancefield RSL would like to thank the Community

The Romsey Lancefield RSL would like to sincerely thank all community members who attended the Anzac Day commemoration services at the Romsey and Lancefield Cenotaphs on Tuesday April 25th, Anzac Day.

Approximately 40-50+ people attended the wreath laying service at Romsey, while close to 1,000 attended the service at Lancefield.



White Crosses complete with Australian National Flags in memory of fallen digger during war surrounding the flower bed at the Lancefield Cenotaph during Anzac Day.

One of the highlights of the Lancefield service was the vintage aircraft fly-past from the Kyneton Aero Club which was led by a World War two vintage deHavilland Tiger Moth.

The service was ably supported by the Romsey Encourage Church Paster Tim Emonson, and Bridget McAuley with the delightful rendition of the 'Last Post and Rouse'.

The Lancefield Neighbourhood House supplied the now traditional post service light refreshments. Well done everybody.

To cap of a traditional Anzac Day the Gorman family from the Lancefield Hotel hosted the obligatory Two-Up game in the Beer Garden during the afternoon with the proceeds being donated to the RSL.

On of the highlights was that instead of a guest speaker, we invited 3 student from St. Mary's, Romsey and Lancefield Primary Schools to read a letter which were sent from diggers serving on the front line in World War 1 and Vietnam. Well done, and also a thank you to the teachers who made it possible.

And last but not least, thank you to the Bendigo Bank for providing the RSL with a new PA system that actually worked this year, and no complaints from the attendees for not being able to hear the proceedings.



ROMSEY Neighbourhood House

Romsey Neighbourhood House offers a range of classes and workshops. For more information, visit the House or Romsey Coop for term brochure, call 5429 6724 or visit <https://romseynh.corsizio.com>



ShareRide Social Morning Tea & Shopping

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Thursday 15 June 2023



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Cost \$15 (Food & drinks at own cost)

Bookings close Monday 12 June at 5pm

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ShareRide Social Bendigo



Friday 14 July 2023

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Leaving around 9.30am and returning around 2.30 pm

The cost \$40 includes entry

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Contact RNH to find out more.

Feeling the cold? So is your water meter, so keep it cozy.



Did you know your water meter can freeze in very cold temperatures? Luckily, Greater Western Water has the tips you need to keep your water flowing throughout winter.

The secret is to keep your meter covered. That traps the air inside and stops the water from freezing, so cover it with a blanket, container or bucket.

Cover any pipes above the ground too. Most hardware stores sell materials that work well as pipe insulation.

Otherwise, when the temperature drops below zero, your meter or pipes could freeze, leaving you without water or with split pipes.

Make sure anything you put on can be easily removed, so your meter can be read and maintained properly.

If your meter freezes, just wait. It thaws naturally as the temperature rises. This is the best way to avoid damaging anything.

If you can't wait, pour lukewarm water over the frozen area. Don't use hot or boiling water as that can damage the pipes.

If your water meter splits or breaks, call Greater Western Water on 13 44 99 to arrange a replacement.

For more information, gww.com.au/frozenmeters

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SELL
We are always interested in purchasing excellent quality fresh produce. Make some money by selling us your homegrown produce!

TAKE
If you are struggling at the moment, we are here to help. Register with us to receive the support you need.

BE PART OF IT!!

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

ROMSEY Neighbourhood House

A small act makes a big impact.

Put glass bottles and jars without lids in your glass bin, remember **no** ceramics, Pyrex, light bulbs or other glass. Take a moment to update your recycling knowledge.

Visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/bins

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ROMSEY/LANCEFIELD RSL SUB BRANCH

The Romsey Lancefield RSL will this year revive the “Spirit of Anzac Award”, which invites the community to submit a person(s)/community Group for the award for their/it’s contribution to the community.



The Spirit of Anzac Award was initiated by Mr. Wayne Smith in the early 2010’s and is presented by the Romsey Lancefield RSL to recognise any outstanding effort or deed by a citizen or group of people residing in our district, who has promoted the concept of ‘Mateship’ in our community.

The Spirit of Anzac Award is presented to recognise the efforts and/or achievements to those who have given to their fellow community member(s) in a positive, selfless and compassionate manner during 2023. The recipient of the Spirit of Anzac Award is to have their name inscribed on a perpetual trophy, pictured below.

The award will be presented by the RSL at a presentation to be held at the Romsey Hub function room on the 8th November 2023.

Nomination Forms must be received by the RSL no later than **Friday 27th October 2023**. The judge’s decision will be final. Please post your application to:

- **The Secretary**
Romsey Lancefield RSL Sub-Branch
PO Box 315 Romsey, 3434

Nomination Forms will be available from the Lancefield ‘Corner Shop’, Lancefield and Romsey Post Offices, or by contacting President Reinhard Goschiniak on 0419 375 060.



Come and join us at the rear of Romsey Mechanics Institute hall (off William St)

About Us
We are a recently formed Ukulele group taking members from across the Macedon Ranges. We meet on Saturday mornings at 10am for an hour then a cuppa and chat.

Contact for more info
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New members
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Cheaper Regional Fares Saving Victorians Millions

Victorians saved millions of dollars on public transport fares last month after the Andrews Labor Government's regional fare cap came into effect, transforming the way people travel across the state.

Passengers have saved more than \$4 million since the cheaper fares were introduced on March 31, with the average V/Line passengers paying 50 per cent less for their trip. More than 1.5 million people took a trip on public transport across regional Victoria in the first month of the new fairer fares, including over 210,000 passengers on Bendigo line.

The first week alone saw more than 420,000 passengers travel across the state, making it the busiest week on the network since before the COVID-19 pandemic. V/Line patronage data shows more passengers are taking advantage of cheaper fares to travel to and from major events like the Grand Prix, AFL matches and Groovin' the Moo, as well as tourism destinations across Victoria, with an uplift in patronage on weekend and special services.

Daily fares are now capped at the current metropolitan fare of \$9.20 or \$4.60 concession, while on weekends or public holidays, fares are capped at \$6.70 for a full fare of \$3.35 for concession per day. As Victorians continue to embrace travel on V/Line thanks to the fairer fares, the

Labor Government will upgrade and boost the regional public transport network, including progressively adding new trains and more services to the network.

Since 2014, an extra 800 V/Line train services have also been added – with a record 2,200 regional train services now operating every week. Almost 200 extra weekend services are set to be added to the V/Line timetable from 2024 – with a further order of 23 VLocity trains to meet the demands of a growing network.

For more information or to purchase tickets visit ptv.vic.gov.au or vline.com.au.

Mary-Anne Thomas MP

LABOR MEMBER FOR MACEDON



News from the Shire



Finding Freedom: Real Stores of Human Survival - featuring Tom Ballard

1-4pm, Sunday 18 June, Kyneton Town Hall

Internationally-acclaimed comedian, Tom Ballard, will be host and keynote speaker at Kyneton Town Hall on Sunday 18 June. The event, to be staged with assistance from Macedon Ranges Shire Council and generous financial support from major sponsor Bendigo Bank, will mark the beginning of *Refugee Week 2023* – a program whose theme this year is 'Finding Freedom'.

Appearing with Tom will be Hazara photographer and human rights activist Muzafar Ali, as well as four refugees of varying backgrounds, each of whom will give a brief account of their quest for safety and freedom. Other eagerly-awaited features of the afternoon will be the launch of the student writing competition and the drawing of MRRAR's major raffle whose five prizes, donated by local businesses, total some \$2,500.

- Tickets: Adults \$35, Students \$10. To book visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/refugee-week, call 1300 888 802 or email: comedevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Cool-ER Changes update

Council has successfully hosted six themed workshops to inform the shire's first Climate Emergency Response Plan. With 'collaboration' at its core, these workshops have had Council representatives, local and regional agencies, State Government and community members sitting alongside one another discussing local solutions to the global issues of climate change. The workshops have proven to be inspiring, energising and proactive for all involved.

- For workshop notes, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/Cool-ER-changes

The draft Climate Emergency Response Plan will be available for further community comment later this year. For information contact Justin Walsh, MRSC Sustainability Officer at juwalsh@mrsc.vic.gov.au



Romsey Primary School May 2023

On Friday 5th May, Mary Anne Thomas made a visit to Romsey Primary School to meet the new Principal, Melanie Stewart, visit our Foundation students and talk with our school captains regarding her budget commitment to upgrade the Romsey Skate Park. She also enjoyed a meet and greet with our friendly school support dog, Ollie.





It's been a busy start to Term Two but as always the students have adjusted well to being back at school. There are many great opportunities for students and their families this term and we look forward to sharing our learning journey with our community.

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea & Liturgy

On Friday 12th May we invited our mum's, grandma's and significant others along to a special Mother's Day Liturgy & Afternoon Tea. The hall was set, tables all ready for our special guests, with our students seated in the middle of the hall. We began with a beautiful liturgy that all students in the school participated in. Our school choir started proceedings with a gorgeous song for the mum's; they sang their hearts out and melted quite a few hearts along the way! Students from various year levels read and took part in processions then it concluded with the whole school surrounding our special females as they gave them a blessing and sang to them. At the conclusion of the liturgy, students returned to class and our special guests enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea and a chance to catch up with other families as well as enjoy a special video of all students sharing why they love their mum, nan or special friends. This was very well received and brought a tear and a laugh! We had a special door prize of a lemon tree and lime tree with thanks to Ms Kyte (Yr 3/4). These were won by Donna Streader and Pip Foster. We hope our families enjoyed the afternoon tea and liturgy and that all our mum's, grandma's and significant carers enjoyed a lovely Mother's Day and that they know how much they are appreciated by those that love them.



A Good Deed

Back in March our Mini Vinnies visited Willowmeade Aged Care in Kilmore for the first time. These visits will be ongoing and we look forward to visiting again in June to participate in an art activity with the residents. While we were there, we found out that one of their residents; Shirley, was going to be turning 108 on May 10th. Yes 108! Can you believe it? One of the staff thought it would be lovely if Shirley could receive 108 cards for her birthday and of course I said we could definitely look at making that happen! So, our amazing students and staff got together, some came to a special lunch time club, others did it in class but we managed to get a total of 89 cards made for Shirley for her birthday. On Monday 8th May, I dropped into Willowmeade with my daughter Isla who is in 5/6 and part of the Mini Vinnies group, to leave the cards for Shirley. We planned to just drop them off so that they could be given to Shirley on her birthday. However, the staff had other ideas! They wanted us to deliver them straight to Shirley. So off we were taken to Shirley's room where we were introduced and Shirley was told why we were visiting. As well as making Shirley a card Isla had also made her a special birthday bracelet. Shirley unwrapped this and put it on straight away declaring that she would wear it forever! Shirley said to say thank you for all her beautiful cards, she became very overwhelmed by the sheer number of cards and couldn't believe we had spent the time making them for her. We well and truly made Shirley's day and I was so proud of our students for taking the time to make a real difference in the life of someone else. So, thank you to all the students (and staff) who made a card, Shirley absolutely loved them and we hope Shirley had the most amazing 108th birthday on the 10th! We can't wait to catch up with her in June.





Environment Group - Dung Beetle Excursion

On Monday 8th May the Environment Group travelled to Midhill Vineyard in Romsey to learn about and search for Dung Beetles. Hugh and Di from Midhill Vineyard are very well informed about dung beetles and were more than happy to share their knowledge with us and for us to visit their vineyard and search for dung beetles. Learning about the Dung Beetle fits in with our Earthwatch Kids Teaching Kids topic of the importance of insects for biodiversity. We have decided to make Dung Beetles our main focus as they are such an interesting insect who play a significant role in agriculture and our ecosystem. The students learnt about what the Dung Beetle does, how vital they are to the soil and the environment and what to look for in a cow pat to see whether dung beetles are active. Dung Beetles are useful ecosystem engineers because they bury the dung of livestock. This means it is not lying around in paddocks, which reduces the number of parasite eggs and pasture fouling. If buried, the dung also becomes a natural fertiliser which supports pasture growth and soil health and can prevent nutrients from the dung polluting waterways.

After we'd found out some information and observed a couple of live dung beetles that Hugh & Di had dug up earlier, we went searching through the paddock for cow dung, looking for the telltale signs of holes. We then proceeded to dig up the dung to see if we could find the

dung beetles. We had a very successful afternoon, the students were so engaged, they had a wonderful time. Who knew you could have so much fun with cow dung!! We found many dung beetles, lots of *Onthophagus taurus* (Bullhorned dung beetle) and one *Onthophagus vacca* which our hosts were very excited about! We collected all the dung beetles we caught and Hugh and Di said they would let them loose with the cows in the next paddock.

Over the coming weeks we will be learning more and more about the dung beetle as we prepare for the KTK Conference in Term Three. We thank Hugh and Di for their time and the wonderful opportunity to learn about and see dung beetles.



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From the Desk of Pastor Tim

Encourage Church

Encourage Church is an amazing church (yes, I am biased), so this month I am going to describe who we are and some of the things we do.

We are a group of Christians who follow Jesus in our everyday life. From a recent new-born, to those who have retired, Encourage Church even has three generations of a couple of families attending. Church is each Sunday at 10am, with amazing music and singing – we have a modern band with guitar, drums, keyboard and singers. The service includes communion, someone speaking from God’s word and is followed with a scrumptious morning tea and barista coffees. It is not only Sundays that we are active. During the week there is mainly music on Wednesday mornings at 10am for pre-school children and their carers, the before- and after-school care (& vacation care) program Kidzone for primary school aged children on weekdays, on Sunday mornings Encourage Kids have a program during our service for primary school children and Encourage Youth is held on Saturday evenings for those of secondary school age.

Life groups (think bible study) are held every second week, plus a weekly and monthly prayer meeting. You may have also seen us in the community, from the Relay for Life, providing the band for the Romsey Christmas Carols, helping with collecting for the Royal Children’s Hospital Appeal and I had the privilege of bringing a prayer and bible reading at the Anzac Day service in Lancefield.

Why do we do this? As we like to say we are “Encouraging one another to be ALL that we can be in Life and in God”, and that includes you.

If you would like to know more about Encourage Church, come along to one of our activities! You can also check us out on our website www.encouragechurch.com.au or email us at office@encouragechurch.com.au.



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- Church Lancefield Thursday 9:30am
- Bible Study: Christ Church Lancefield Thursday 10:30am
- Enjoy a cuppa while spending time pondering Revelations.
- Monthly Parish Community Lunches are held each 2nd Saturday of the month at Christ Church Hall, Lancefield. Next Lunch will be on Saturday, 10th June @ 12:00 noon. The day is free to all and everyone is very welcome to join us with good homemade food and a great time to meet new people and chat up with old friends.

St Paul's Op Shop 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 weeks specials.

Your valued donations of clothing, bric-a-brac, craft items, books & good quality working toys can be left Friday afternoon and Saturday Mornings. These items are very much appreciated but unfortunately some donations were left outside of the Op Shop open times. These items are either wet or damaged owing to the weather conditions and unfortunately as a result, need to be sent to the tip.

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HOME HINTS FROM HERALD SUN - January 1995

- Charcoal pieces mixed with soil at the base of plant pots keep soil sweet and help with drainage.
- You can boil cracked eggs if you wrap them tightly in foil.
- To keep cauliflower white try adding a strip of lemon peel or two tablespoons of milk when cooking.
- Use celery tops as a basting brush when barbecuing.
- Onions are useful -if you get grit in your eyes chop an onion and let your tears wash it away.
- To brighten an aluminium pan, boil citrus peel in it.
- Rub lemon peel over your chopping board to clean and deodorise it.
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| LOVE CANNOT WAIT Mark 3: 1-6

Again he entered the synagogue and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see if he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man "come forward". Then he said to them "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill"? But they were silent. He looked at them with anger, he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man "stretch out your hand". He stretched out his hand and was restored. The Pharisees went out and conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

The opposition now goes a stage further; they watch Jesus 'so that they might accuse him' (verse 2). The Sabbath law allowed acts of healing if there was an emergency, but clearly there was no emergency here - the man was not going to die suddenly because of a withered hand. Jesus had only to wait until the Sabbath ended at sunset and then healing the hand would be within the law.

Jesus knows that they are watching him, but love cannot wait. The rules may say 'Wait until sunset' but if this man has a need that Jesus can meet, then in his love he will do it now.

In 2:1 to 3: 6 Mark has incorporated a collection of stories of increasing opposition, which was probably put together before he wrote his gospel. When the story of the death of Christ was told, people would ask, 'Why was he crucified?' These stories give the answer that he was crucified because he would not be deterred from loving action. The cross is the climax of his life of love, love for ordinary people, love that would not be put off by threats of death. Jesus was crucified because he loved people, people like us.

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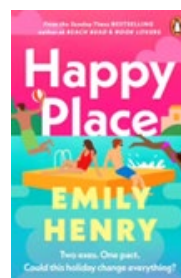
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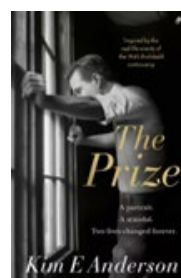
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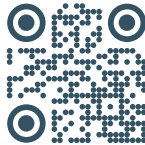
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