

# THE Romsey Rag

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**Local resident and identity Mrs Isa Allan in 1982 subdivided and gifted in perpetuity via the Historical Society to the citizens of Romsey the historic Seymour Cottage and land in Palmer St Romsey. A short story of Sidney & Elizabeth Seymour's establishment in the 1850s of their farm in Romsey then called 5-Mile Creek can be read at <https://www.romseylancefieldhistorical.org.au/seymour-cottage>.**

The Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society as the owner and trustee of Seymour Cottage has spent much of its valuable financial and human resources on the never-ending battle of both the cottage and property upkeep and ongoing maintenance. The 'Friends of Seymour Cottage' community group is an important step to successfully continue the Cottage story.

Everybody is welcome to reacquaint with Seymour Cottage - reading the background material on the Society's Web Site at (<https://www.romseylancefieldhistorical.org.au/seymour-cottage>) and perhaps to arrange a visit to see the Cottage and its famous external walls constructed from pairs of 1850 meranti timber doors imported from Singapore. Also see the unusual Ginkgo Biloba tree first planed at a reunion in 1986 and recently repositioned to the front lawn.

**Contact the Historical Society's Cottage Coordinator John Spring on 0409 861 876**

# Mary-Anne Thomas MP

LABOR MEMBER FOR MACEDON

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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## Old Time Dancing:

Our two "Old Time Dancing" evenings have come and gone. We hope that those who attended enjoyed themselves. The CoM is open to holding these evenings on a more regular basis but we need to know that there is enough support within the community. Please let us know if you would like us to look into running more of these evenings.

## Street Lights:

A few years ago up-lights were placed in the footpath outside the Institute, this was as part of the Main Street upgrade and was intended to highlight the façade at night. These lights were also placed on the old shire offices and the bridge. There have been a number of problems with the lights on the RMI. Bulbs have blown and been replaced and in recent times they have begun coming on in the mid-morning rather than mid evening so all their efforts, and the energy, are wasted. We have been informed that the lights have been repaired and their timer set properly so keep an eye out for the correctly lit facade of the RMI.

## Solar Power:

Earlier in the year we told you that the RMI was being considered for a major upgrade to our solar power system. News has recently come through that we will be receiving additional solar panels and a 7.7Kw battery. Additional panels will see that system expanded to 3.735 Kw. These works will take place over the next few months and should be finished well before the end of the year. Having a greater supply of our own power on hand will again assist us to keep our fees as low as possible and help locals celebrate locally.

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## July in the garden

by **Melanie Kinsey**

The slow slide into winter is complete. The trees are leafless, the ornamental grasses have turned beige and the last few red rose hips wave forlornly in the weak winter sun. On the plus side the bulbs are poking through the soil, the red-hot poker are starting to push their way through the mass of strappy leaves and the catkins are beginning to swell on the contorted filbert.

**Update:** the cordyline layers I did over 12 months ago and removed from the parent plant in February, have successfully produced heaps of roots and then grew well and filled a 200mm pot. I planted them in a garden a few weeks ago and they are settling in well; although I had to stake them as the north

wind kept trying to blow them out of the ground. So, it took over 12 months, but I did eventually get three new big plants for free. Aerial layering looks tricky, but its actually not too difficult and can be done on a variety of plants including figs, rhododendrons, camellias and magnolias. My first aerial layer I ever did at Burnley as a student was on a rubber tree!

Yes, I am still in my current house while we wait for the last few things to be finished on the new house. Over at the new house the soil has been pushed back around the building and I'm starting to get a sense of levels, views and possible microclimates. Now I have to co-ordinate the move of well over 100 pots of various sizes to



The Aerial layer of the purple cordyline before planting.

the new home! Some pots are tiny, but some will require the services of a hand trolley and some strong people. Note to self: don't water the pots the week before the move so they can dry out a bit and be lighter!

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# July

**We are already a month into winter and pretty good by now at grizzling about the cold weather and with good reason. Most of us are working hard at keeping the supply of firewood dry and ready for use.**

We have wonderful things going on in Romsey - starting with our award-winning Ecotherapy Park. If you haven't been there yet, do yourself a favour and find the time.

Our sporting clubs are kicking goals, Community volunteer groups are in need of members but continue to do well. New residents are arriving in large numbers. If you are a recent arrival, consider getting involved in the community. Join one of the organisations than appear in the Rag.

We are running a series on significant buildings in Romsey and their history. We hope you enjoy these.



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## GWW Fined

Environment Protection Authority Victoria has fined Greater Western Water Corporation \$9246 for failing to properly manage a large discharge of sediment to Deep Creek in February this year.

EPA Officers were called to a site on Portingales Lane Romsey to discover a brown-coloured plume of water discharging from a catchment dam from a nearby site, which was being developed by GWW contractors for the future irrigation of reclaimed water to the immediate area.

The GWW contractors operating the dam had pumped sediment-laden water down and into the creek.

EPA north-west regional manager Dr Scott Pigdon said duty holders like Greater Western Water, had an obligation to manage all works undertaken at their properties, whether it was their own staff or contractors directly employed them.

Source: Midland News, 20/6/23, page 5



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**RRBATA's VISION is: A vibrant, collaborative and prosperous eastern corridor community which enhances liveability in the region.**

# RRBATA Submission to MRSC Draft 2023-2024 Budget

**Following its written submission, RRBATA recently presented to Council's Draft 2023-2024 Budget Submitter's meeting.**

RRBATA welcomed the commitment to progression of the *Romsey Town Structure Plan* process and looks forward to a reviewed timeline for this being soon determined. It also welcomes the commitment to road improvements in the eastern corridor.

Whilst RRBATA welcomed the upgrade of the Five Mile Creek footbridge in its submission, it drew attention to the omission from the Draft Budget of any funding for further implementation of the 2019 Five Mile Creek Master Plan (Stage 2) <https://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/About-Council/Our-Council/Strategies-Plans/Romsey-Five-Mile-Creek-Master-Plan> - an item RRBATA lobbied for in its pre-Budget submission. Eastern corridor visitation is well below that of the other zones of the Macedon Ranges (Visitor Economy Strategy 2018) and businesses in Romsey are closing. In addition, Romsey's anticipated population growth over the next decade will increase the need for well developed open space resources such as that dictated by the Five Mile Creek Master Plan (which dovetails nicely with the award-winning Romsey Ecotherapy Park precinct). Even allocating a portion of the (at last estimate) \$365,000 required for Stage 2 implementation could provide leverage for funding from other sources. RRBATA appreciates the financial challenges confronting Council at this time and the need for prioritisation of expenditure. However, RRBATA is concerned that a potentially short-sighted approach in this case will jeopardise Romsey's tourism and community amenity which will further contribute to compromised local economic development. In addition, it would be reasonable to anticipate that the cost of the Master Plan's implementation will only increase the longer it is delayed, thereby further compromising its likelihood of ever being realised.

RRBATA has implored Council to reconsider the budget in relation to this issue.



**Romsey Region  
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## After Work Business Catch Up

Mid June saw yet another RRBATA *After Work Catch Up* event being held - this time at the Lancefield Lodge. Danielle's and Peter's hospitality was most welcomed by those eastern corridor business operators in attendance. These RRBATA initiatives are open to any businesses in the region and are a great opportunity to catch up and trade information, ideas and have general conversation.

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

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## FREE REGO FOR ALL VICTORIAN APPRENTICES

The State Government is backing Victoria's hard-working apprentices, helping to ease cost of living pressures by making vehicle registration free for eligible apprentices from next month. Premier Daniel Andrews and Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne today visited the Kangan Institute in Broadmeadows to meet apprentices who will be eligible for free vehicle registration from 1 July, saving them up to \$865 every year.

The \$10 million initiative is being delivered in the Victorian Budget 2023/24 to put more money back in Victorian apprentices' pockets - and will provide free registration to apprentices like carpenters, joiners, bricklayers, plumbers, electricians and chefs if their employer can verify that their vehicle is an essential part of their work. The initiative adds to a number of measures the Labor Government has already introduced to ease financial pressure for trainees and apprentices across the state.



### 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](http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/your-say)

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

### Yes, winter has arrived, which means some of our members have headed north to enjoy the warmer climate.

However not all our members have packed the suitcases, some of us attended the CWA of Vic State AGM and Conference at the Melbourne Show grounds on the 16th and 17th June. The conference was well attended with interesting speakers on varying subject. It is great to see other members from around the state and enjoy their stories.

Our meetings are in the supper room at the RMI Hall on the 1st Wednesday of the month. The heater will be on so the room is lovely and warm. Come and join us. Visitors are welcome to come along and see what we are about. Not just tea and scones.

### ANOTHER WINTER WARMER –

## CHICKEN AND CORN SOUP:

### Ingredients

- 1 BBQ chicken
- 3 cups chicken stock
- 440gm can creamed corn
- 270gm can corn kernels
- ½ tsp soy sauce
- 2 finely chopped slices spring onion

### Method

- Combine all together in a medium saucepan, mix well. Bring to the boil, reduce heat and simmer gently for 4 minutes. Stir in spring onions. Season to taste.
- 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. CWA is a volunteer organisation.

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### Village Connect events for over-55s

Are you 55 years or older, residing in the Macedon Ranges and looking to connect with others in the shire? Council's Village Connect program has a range of activities on offer for over-55s and carers.

Current events include:

- **Pathways for Carers – Friday 7 July and 4 August. Meet at 9:45am at Barry Doyle Memorial Rotunda, 2 Campaspe Crescent, Kyneton. Free monthly walking event for carers of older people, people with a disability or mental illness. Come together and to learn about news, services and supports available.**
- **July free coffee cup event – Monday 3 July, 11am-12pm, Hanging Rock café**

Connect with like-minded individuals in the community over a free coffee and cake

at Hanging Rock. Registrations essential. Spaces limited.

- **Board games for over-55s: Backgammon - Friday 28 July, 10:30am-12pm, Romsey Co-op Café, 126 Main Street. Gather and connected like-minded individuals in your community over a casual game of Backgammon.**



To register for Village Connect events or find out more about the program, call 5422 0333 or visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/village-connect](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/village-connect)



# G'day

Rocket is known in many other countries as Arugula, a small green leafy plant, which can be said to resemble radish tops and grows wild in the Mediterranean region. It's related to mustard and has a peppery, bitter, acidic taste, nevertheless is a good addition to a salad. For instance, it is often used in a Nicoise of salad leaves and mesclun.

Julius Caesar is said to enjoy it at the odd orgy, where his chef quickly sautéed a handful of the leaves in olive oil and served it with a form of pasta.

Anyway, I'm combining it with pine nuts and Parmesan cheese.



## Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke

### POTATOES, ROASTED IN THEIR JACKETS, WITH ROCKET PESTO

#### Ingredients

- 6 large potatoes
- 125g rocket leaves
- 2 tablespoons pine nuts
- 1 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon olive oil

RECIPE

#### Method

1. Wash the potatoes, don't peel them but bake them in a hot oven until they're cooked through. The time that takes depends on their size - I start the oven at a medium heat (for 20 minutes) then turn it up to 180 deg.C for another 20 minutes or thereabouts.
2. Wash the rocket leaves, drain them then dry them. Roughly tear the leaves then pop them into a food processor with the pine nuts and process them until you have a smooth paste. Add three-quarters of the Parmesan cheese and process again then, with the motor still running, pour in the olive oil until the pesto is well mixed.
3. When the potatoes are cooked, take them out of the oven, make a deep slit in the top of each (lengthways) and fill with the pesto. Serve hot with the remaining Parmesan cheese sprinkled on top.

## Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens

### Monthly Bus Trip

### HO, HO, HO ITS CHRISTMAS (in July)

We will be travelling to **Sunbury Bowls Club** again this year on **Tuesday 4th of July** for our **Christmas in July lunch**. Cost is \$40. It's sure to be a great day no matter what the weather is like. We would love to see you, the more the merrier.

A big thank you to Bendigo Bank for sponsoring our bus trips again this year. Their support is greatly appreciated.

Our trip last month to the Bendigo Stupa was wonderful with everyone enjoying themselves.

Remember, we meet every Monday at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute for lunch, for \$10 – everyone is more than welcome. After lunch stick around 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.**



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# St Vincent de Paul Society Expands its Helping Hand

## The Gisborne Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society commenced crisis support for residents of Gisborne and surrounding townships in the southern area of the Macedon Ranges in November 2022.

The Conference is extending its support to residents of Romsey, Monegetta, Heskett, Newham, Woodend and Woodend North. The volunteer group has been formed to address a growing need for compassionate support in the area, with more families and individuals reporting difficulty meeting significant financial challenges.

Conference President Neville Spiers said the group can help any person or family reaching out. "We provide support to individuals and families to help them overcome personal hardship and regain control of their own destinies; we call this giving a 'hand up'. We do not discriminate against any person asking for help in any circumstance"

All St Vincent de Paul members hold a current Working with Children Check and a National Police Check. The organisation receives no government funding relying solely on community support to fund its compassionate work. Residents requiring support or after more information can contact the St Vincent's support line on 1800 305 330.

The Gisborne Conference is also looking for new volunteers to continue its vital work and anyone interested can contact the above number.

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## Community Bank Connections Bendigo Bank

### LOCAL STUDENTS OFF TO SYDNEY FOR YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

We are thrilled to announce that two local students, Emily Bonnici and Charli Laity, have been awarded scholarships to attend the highly anticipated 2023 Magic Moments Youth Leadership & Business Summit. This prestigious event, catering to young individuals aged 14-17, will be held in Sydney from July 1st to July 5th. A new scholarship for 2023, this investment reinforces our dedication to investing in and fostering connections with our local youth.

### GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIP APPLICATIONS OPEN SOON!


We are pleased to announce that **applications for Round 1 of our Community Investment Program 2023/24 will open on 17 July 2023** via the Community Enterprise Foundation [www.bendigobank.com.au/foundation](http://www.bendigobank.com.au/foundation). Our Community Investment Program comprises both grants and sponsorships for projects large and small. It's a win-win when you bank with us, banking convenience for you creates community support for all – to date we've invested over \$2.5 million and counting!

To assist community groups with their applications, we will be hosting an information evening on the 12 July. We invite representatives of all local community groups to attend. Refer to the accompanying invitation or email [cip@lrcfsl.com.au](mailto:cip@lrcfsl.com.au) for details. Make sure your community group is registered to receive our CIP information and program updates – send your name, organisation and email address to [cip@lrcfsl.com.au](mailto:cip@lrcfsl.com.au)

**APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE AT 5PM FRIDAY 25 AUGUST 2023.**

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## Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey



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We'll also share our tips to assist you in your application and give your community group the best chance of success.

**When** Wednesday 12 July

**Time** 7.00 – 8.00pm

**Where** Lancefield Mechanics' Institute Annex, Corner of High St and The Crescent, Lancefield

**RSVP** By Monday 3 July 2023 to Lauren Harrison via email [cip@lrcfsl.com.au](mailto:cip@lrcfsl.com.au) or phone 0418 456 112



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## Fighting Parkinsons

Parkinsons Disease affects people in a range of different ways and symptoms vary widely between individuals. Because of the nature of Parkinsons, and the difficulties individuals face when diagnosed, community support groups can play an important role.

One group in the Macedon Ranges, based in Lancefield, has increased attendance at its monthly meetings over the past few months. The group, meets on the Second Wednesday of the month at the Lancefield Bowling Club at 1-00pm and has a general focus of helping people with Parkinsons through education, support and advice from specialist services. Anyone can attend and family members of people with Parkinsons are very welcome.

Join us for a tea or coffee. A gold coin donation is appreciated.

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## Romsey Golf Club Report

2023 Club Championships: Men; at the end of the second round only a few shots separated the three leaders. In the end A, B and C Grade in the men's were all closely fought affairs with B Grade coming down to a layoff. Our champions for 2023 were –

- **Club Champion** – Mick Squire – (74, 81, 75) 230
- **B Grade** – Luke Lyons - (88, 81, 84) 253 Def Simon Donovan – (82, 82, 89) – 253 in a playoff.
- **C Grade** – John Freestone - (101/100/105) - 306
- **Women;** club captain, Darlene made up for her slow start with two great rounds. The final results were;
- **Club Champion** Darlene Baker – (101,92,92) 285
- **Women's nett.** Jenny Hartley 301/244

**2023 Relative Pairs Shield:** This shield is open to all golfers who have a familial relationship with their playing partner, aunt/neice, father/daughter. partner/partner , etc. In recent years the Freestones the Laings and the Newnhams have been regular winners. This year the Squire boys, Mick & Josh, took out the title with an astounding score of 49 stableford points. A great efforts gents

**New 18th Green:** All work has finished and everything is looking good for this green to be back in play in early spring. There is a good cover on new Bent grass and this will strengthen once the warmth returns. Another great effort by the volunteer members who help keep our club moving forward.

**2022/23 Medal of Medalists:** After a lengthy period away from golf with an injured foot Shannon Wright returned to play in the Medal of Medalists. His round of 78/9/69 was enough to take out the MoM The women's MoM was Kath Jekabsons; 112/37/75, her round highlighted by just 11 puts on the back nine.

**2023 Women's Pennant Golf:** the team entered the final round on top of their division and hoping to make the final but things did not go to plan. In a tight match Romsey went down to Lancefield 4/1. It was much closer than the final score. Well done and thanks to all who represented the club during the 2023 Men's and Women's pennant season.

## Romsey Golf Club



Established 1922

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## JOKE

*My neighbour  
banged on my  
door at 2 a.m.  
this morning. I  
didn't let him in.  
I mean who turns  
up to a party in  
their pajamas  
and slippers.*



RGC Club Champion, Darlene Baker, with Life Member Helene Newnham.



Mal Mottram with RGC Men's Champion, Mick Squire.

# Romsey Ecotherapy Park named “Park of the Year”

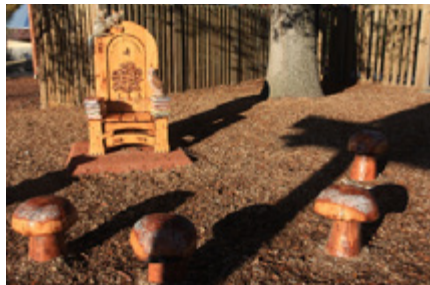
**In very exciting news for Romsey and the Macedon Ranges generally, the Romsey Ecotherapy Park has been declared the Victoria/Tasmania winner of Park and Leisure Australia’s “Park of the Year”.**

This award celebrates and promotes vibrant, successful well-designed and managed new or significantly revitalised parks/ open spaces by recognising and rewarding exceptional examples of best practice in terms of design and management. The award was open to parks of all shapes, sizes and location-types. As everyone is aware, Romsey Ecotherapy Park was built on the previously derelict grounds of the former Romsey Primary School site.

The award is testament to the vision and persistence of all of the major players in the concept development and delivery of Romsey Ecotherapy Park – the community-based Romsey Ecotherapy Park Inc, Macedon Ranges Shire Council and the architects at ACLA.

Romsey Ecotherapy Park will now compete against other State finalists for the National title in October.

**Romsey Ecotherapy Park – a place for EVERYONE**  
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From left to right - MRSC's Maryanne Mocnik (MRSC Business Support Officer), Simon Finlay (MRSC Manager Open Space and Recreation) and lead landscape architect Michael Black (ACLA Consultants).



## Romsey - Lancefield Probus – Welcome to friendship

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

The Romsey/Lancefield Probus 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 May the club purchased a large screen T.V. enabling speakers to use a range of media in their presentations. Another member presented a personal ANZAC Day story of his father who was captured and remained a prisoner in Germany for 5 years before returning home. Our outing for lunch in May was to the Pig and Whistle in Trentham and in June we are off to the Olive Tree in Sunbury. The club is presently organising a 1 day bus trip for August details to be announced in the next edition.
- The June meeting of the Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club for 2023 will be on Thursday, 22nd June, at 10.00 am in St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall Main Street Romsey.
- Speaker: Cori White who runs a Succulent Nursery at Benloch.

*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.rlprobus.org.au](http://www.rlprobus.org.au)

# In our young... we trust



**We know that our First Nations people were the custodians of what is now known as Australia for 60,000 years and that the early settlers from abroad inherited a tough, but pristine land. So pristine in fact that the land was defined as “terra nullius”!**

A lot has changed. My grandfather used cross-saws, axes and wedges to cut railway sleepers in the foothills of the Great Dividing Range then used draught horses to haul them out of the bush. He then spent some time hunting whales in nearby Twofold Bay with his father in law, George Davidson. With a crew of 6 in the row boats and using only hand held harpoons and lances to kill the whales, the Davidson family continued whaling until the death of Tom in 1930. Tom was the last of a pod of killer whales that included Jackson, Cooper, Hookey, Humpy and others. The skeleton of Tom now resides in the Whaling Museum in Eden where the unique story is told of the role played by the killers in the Twofold Bay whaling industry.

Fast forward to the present day; just around the corner from Davidson's small whaling station is a huge pile of woodchips ready to be shipped off to Japan. Since opening in 1970 large swathes of forest have been irreparably damaged and yet the woodchip industry continues despite the devastating impact of the 2020 bushfires. "In 2020, 97.5% of trees logged in the Eden region become woodchips or firewood".<sup>1</sup>

Whaling may have ceased in Australia in 1978 but not before the use of modern technology made whaling so efficient that many whale species were over-exploited and came very near to extinction. Our modern logging industry bears no comparison to the work done by my grandfather and risks the same consequences as whaling. In recent times, much of the logging has been taking place up in the remote high country where the sought after Mountain Ash and Alpine Ash grows. The method of clear felling is clearly unsustainable given that in reality the forests and their unique eco systems cover such a small part of Australia.

Environmental groups are doing what they can to arrest the damage, to educate the public and do what they can to rehabilitate damaged areas. After decades of campaigning to protect Victoria's native forests from state-funded logging, it was great news to hear that the Victorian Government is bringing forward the end of native forest logging from 2030 to January 2024.

There are encouraging signs, yet many challenges remain and we trust that the kids of today will take up the challenge. They and their offspring have the most to gain or lose from the decisions we take now and into the future. Education is important; recognition of First Nations people's knowledge and an understanding of our complex ecosystems are essential.

Emma Stevens took on the role of Junior Landcare Facilitator at the beginning of the year and has hit the ground running in her work with our local schools. With funding from the Queens Jubilee Tree Planting fund, she organized and coordinated the planting of indigenous trees and shrubs in parkland near Lancefield Primary School on May 19. The activity involved members from the Parks Committee, our landcare group and students from Lancefield P.S and St Mary's P.S.

Emma is working with kindergartens, primary and secondary schools from across the Macedon Ranges and has been met with an enthusiastic response from teachers and students. The activities include: environmental story times, dung beetle projects, plantings of indigenous trees, shrubs and wildflowers, guest speakers, nest box building and the removal of gorse at Barrm Birrm by students from Alice Miller/Candlebark working with Riddells Creek Landcare.

Old, young or somewhere in between if you are concerned for the environment and want to be part of the solution we would love to hear from you. We would prefer to pass the baton to the next generations rather than pass the buck!

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 Bush Telegraph 28/10/20



## Bolinda Primary School

What a month it has been for Bolinda Primary School! Our student Sustainability Team recently had the amazing opportunity to present at Newham Primary School, where we showcased all the fantastic initiatives we have in place to protect our environment. It was a gathering of several schools from the Macedon Ranges region, and each one shared their remarkable sustainability efforts.

Our students couldn't be prouder to represent Bolinda Primary School with such enthusiasm and pride. We highlighted the various projects and actions we've undertaken to reduce our ecological footprint, from waste reduction and recycling programs to energy-saving initiatives. It was also a chance for us to learn from other schools in the region and gather a range of innovative ideas that we can adapt and implement right here at Bolinda.

In other news, our school softball team participated in the Interschool Sports event and showed remarkable determination, sportsmanship, and skill. They won every single game leading up to the final against Tylden, showcasing their outstanding effort, teamwork, and competitive spirit. Although the final result didn't go our way, our Bolinda softball stars are exceptional examples of our school, demonstrating fair play, respect for opponents, officials, and each other.

We also recently had our Foundation Information Session, where prospective families got a glimpse into what makes Bolinda such a special place. Our school leaders shared their honest reflections on why they absolutely adore Bolinda, highlighting the warm and nurturing environment, a strong sense of community, and dedicated teachers who go above and beyond for their students. We took the opportunity to showcase our students' achievements, our rich history, and the values that shape Bolinda. The tour of our grounds, especially the library and the engaging edible garden, left a great impression on the families.

We invite you all to come and see it in our newly formed indigenous edible garden, a space we hope will create lasting memories for our students. We also received a generous delivery of compost from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council! In celebration of International Compost Week, our dedicated team member, Sharon, reached out to the council, and they delivered! Literally. We're immensely grateful for their support and commitment to our sustainability efforts.

Interested families, we invite you to come and see Bolinda Primary School in action. Our vibrant community, dedicated teachers, and engaging facilities create an environment where every child can thrive. So, join us and be part of the Bolinda family!

# Discover Bolinda Primary School



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## Romsey Mens Shed - Building on friendships!

Winter has arrived but our members still rock up for a Tuesday work and talk as well as our Thursday BBQ lunch. A few members also come along on other days with a committee member or duty officer also in attendance for WH&S reasons. 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 in 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 Cnr. Murphy and Main Street.
- 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.***



Donated tools ready for checking.

# New Function Centre

**Tucked away along a dirt road in Darraweit Guim is a brand-new function centre that's causing a stir amongst couples wanting a relaxed wedding in a stunning location.**

Tambo Farm opened its function centre in April to cater for weddings, engagement parties, birthday parties, corporate and other bespoke events and celebrations. Much to the delight of owner, Deb Smith, the team at Tambo Farm has been inundated with inquiries since the doors opened.

Tambo Farm is a 97 acre working hobby farm with cattle and sheep and a small paddock that's home to friendly farm animals, including llamas, a miniature alpaca and goats. The stylish function centre has high ceilings, floor to ceiling windows, polished concrete floors, and is filled with thoughtful touches that pay homage to Deb's love for animals and life on the farm. The magnificent views from the venue are across rolling hills and a dam.

"We're a family owned and operated business and have a small team of passionate people who genuinely care about providing great service. Because we own the property we have a lot of flexibility, and the feedback we're getting from couples planning their wedding is that's exactly what they want," Deb said.

Tambo Farm also offers luxury boutique accommodation and animal experiences. You can even include their llamas in your wedding!

You can find out more about Tambo Farm at [www.tambofarm.au](http://www.tambofarm.au)



# It's a tradition.

All Lost Watering Hole beers are 100% naturally brewed on site, in the world-renowned German beer making tradition, without nasty additives.

The German beer making tradition called Reinheitsgebot, also known as the 'purity law', is said to be the oldest, still-enforced food regulation in the world. It was ordered by Duke Wilhelm IV of Bavaria in the year 1516. Nowadays the Reinheitsgebot ensures that beer in

Germany can only be brewed with four natural ingredients - barley, hops, water and yeast. Chemicals, preservatives and finings are not allowed.

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The graphic features the text "Small steps, big difference." in large green letters at the top left. To the right is the "PLASTIC FREE JULY" logo with a stylized sun icon. Below this is an illustration of four diverse people (a woman with a shopping bag, a man with a thumbs up, a woman with a shopping basket, and a man holding a baby) standing behind a globe. At the bottom left is a circular logo for "2023 JOIN THE CHALLENGE" with the website "PLASTICFREEJULY.ORG". At the bottom right, the text reads "Join millions of people worldwide choosing to refuse single-use plastic." followed by "PlasticFreeJuly.org".

## Join the Plastic Free July challenge

Council is actively involved in supporting our community to choose to refuse single-use plastics. You too can make a difference by joining millions worldwide in taking steps to end plastic pollution by participating in the Plastic Free July challenge.

By taking small, practical steps together, we can reduce about 300 million kilograms of plastic polluting the world each year.

The Plastic Free July challenge provides resources and ideas to help participants reduce single-use plastic waste every day at home, work, school, and in the community.

It can be as easy as picking one single-use plastic item to avoid or swap for a reusable alternative. So what single-use plastic will you choose to refuse this July?

*For information on how to get involved, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/Plastic-Free-July](https://mrsc.vic.gov.au/Plastic-Free-July)*

## Clean polystyrene recycling

Polystyrene is now being accepted for recycling at Council's resource recovery facilities in Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend.

Fully clean, white polystyrene will be accepted (coloured or food grade polystyrene such as cups, bowls, meat trays, etc. will not be accepted).

*For resource recovery facility locations and hours, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/resource-recovery-facilities](https://mrsc.vic.gov.au/resource-recovery-facilities)*

## Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club

Well, the Pétanque Season is formally over as it runs from October to May. But that is not to say that there is no more Petanque for the Woodend Hanging Rock Pétanque Club !

We now move into our winter calendar. But before we say good bye to the summer calendar, we have held a few 'special' Petanque days . One being the President 's Cup, in honour of Marilyn Steel, and the last hurrah for our champion president of many years Chinka Steel, who is about to leave for life on the Mornington Peninsula.

It was a great night with many honouring, Marilyn and Chinka and their contribution to the Woodend Hanging Rock Pétanque club, which wouldn't have existed without their energies and encouragement over the last 22 years .

Also in May a group trouped up to the Redesdale Hotel for a morning of Petanque followed by a delicious lunch, put on by the Redesdale hotel. Great day had by all especially Ed Lowe who was the champion of the day!

During this winter break and part of our winter calendar we have several tournaments coming up with one being the continuing of the ' Golden Boule Tournament'.

On the first weekend of June we played round 1 against teams from Maldon Petanque club , in the rain and cold , but soldiered on to have a great day of pétanque!

In the future weeks we will play teams from Mount Macedon Pétanque Club, Pyrenees Pétanque Club from Avoca, Ballarat Pétanque Club and finishing with a



tournament against The Smythsdale Petanque Club at Woody Yalock.

Then of course there is Bastille Day on July 14th, which we always celebrate at Hanging Rock Reserve with a game of pétanque, followed by a delicious lunch prepared by the committee.

On one of our annual weekends in August, we also hold another tournament in Echuca, where teams from various clubs around the state gather to play at the Port, outside the Star Hotel.

We meet on the Friday night at The Star for a get together and then over Saturday and Sunday we play our favourite game, culminating in a lunch at the hotel. So, even though our season is over, there are still plenty of occasions to play the game we all love, pétanque!!

If you're looking for some fun and company join us!

The season will start at the racecourse in Forest St. Woodend on Monday October 2nd at 2 pm and on Thursday October 5th at Hanging Rock at 4 pm followed by a BBQ.

If you're interested please call Louise 0438 302 218.

## The Mount Players Happenings

### A Huge Month in July at The Mountview Theatre

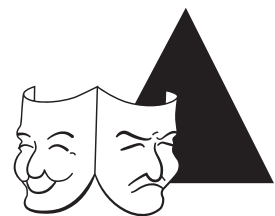
The Mount Players is incredibly excited to announce that our Youth Theatre will be back in Terms 3 and 4! We welcome Kerry Turpie and Mark Constable, two fabulous, highly-qualified teachers who will run each of the classes together for students aged from 10 - 19 on a weekly basis from 10 July. Spaces are limited so check out our website for full details on our program and how to enrol.

On the weekend of 8 & 9 July our annual **One Act Play Festival** finally returns and offers a weekend of short plays that are adjudicated with awards presented at the completion of the Sunday afternoon session. Come for a session (just \$15 a session) or nestle in for a cosy weekend. Bar open and food available. Tickets only available at the door.

On the weekend of 22 & 23 July, the theatre welcomes a visiting Melbourne Company, The Good Girl Song Project, who will bring their performance of **Voyage** a new Australian musical to our stage for just 2 performances. It follows the immigration story of two women, who board a ship to NSW in April 1833. During the voyage, the two women form a strong friendship; one that must withstand the capricious whims of the Sydney colonists. For once they leave the familiar shores of their home, there is no going back. A simple set, stunning character transformations it asks audiences to reflect on their attitudes to women, migration, identity, colonisation and racism, and questions whether the attitudes of the 19th Century are still mirrored in contemporary Australia.

*For full details of our Youth Theatre Program, One Act Play Festival and Voyage go to [www.themountplayers.com](http://www.themountplayers.com) or phone 5426 1892 for assistance.*

| by Karen Hunt.



The Mount Players



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YOUTH THEATRE

# Home Care Packages

The government's Home Care Package scheme provides money to eligible individuals to access services to enable them to live safely and independently at home. Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health has been a Home Care Package provider for the Macedon Ranges for the last two years and has just re-opened its books to new clients. The not-for-profit organisation has a strong connection to the local community having delivered health, wellbeing and support services locally for nearly 40 years. They can help you to manage your Home Care Package funds and organise the services you need to keep living at home.

"We work with Home Care Package recipients to tailor services that meet their needs and their goals," says Deb McCallum, Sunbury and Cobaw's Community Connections Manager. "With our experience in the local community, we offer a trusted, personalised support where the individual has choice and control over their care. You get to choose what services you get, where and when you get them and who you get them from."

The types of services that can be purchased include help with personal care, housework, light gardening and minor maintenance, assistance with shopping or transport along with healthcare supports such as podiatry and physiotherapy. They can also find suitable social, activity and exercise groups locally.

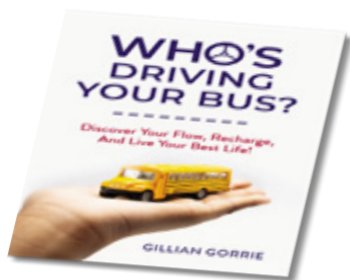
To chat to someone from the team, call 5421 6061 or email [hcp@scchc.org.au](mailto:hcp@scchc.org.au).



## Coffee Shop Conversations

By Gillian Gorrie

"The only impossible journey is the one you never begin."  
- Tony Robbins -



What did you do during COVID 19? I wrote a book and I am excited to tell you I am now a published Author.

From sitting on a couch in my early 50's feeling miserable, the doctor was about to up my antidepressants, it felt like my whole world was falling apart, there must be more to life than feeling the way I did at the time. It was then that I made a decision enough is enough. And so started my journey into the driver's seat of my life.

Through education, training and acknowledging the skillset I already have I started my business LIFE CIRCLE SOLUTIONS as a Stress Management Specialist. I am now a Master Practitioner of NLP, Time Line Therapy and Hypnosis, Life Coach, Counsellor, Teacher, an Artist and now a published Author.

Approx. 3 years ago I was encouraged to write a book

I called it "WHO'S DRIVING YOUR BUS" It was written to support others on their journey to be empowered to live a life they can love with a tool box and structure to get back on track.

If you feel that your life is okay and dream it could be better, maybe you are suffering physically and emotionally, overwhelmed, angry, frustrated or out of control, then this book is for you.

You will reclaim your self-esteem and self-confidence, uncover the road blocks that are keeping you stuck, and communicate better with others and yourself at the same time learning how to nurture yourself and others. Take charge of your life once and for all because no matter what challenges there are around the corner it's how you deal with them that matters. Right?

The reason I am telling you this is because my official book launch is booked in at

"Dromkeen" 1012 Kilmore road Riddell's Creek.

Saturday August the 12th, 2pm

Scan the QR code and RSVP for catering purposes if you think you might come along and celebrate with me.



"When you finally uncover those beliefs that keep you shackled to an ineffective pattern you give yourself permission to be free."  
-Sue Krebs -

*Gillian Gorrie*  
STRESS MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST



## Romsey Primary School June 2023

As part of Reconciliation Week students from Romsey Primary School participated in a whole school Indigenous dance incursion with Sermsah Bin Laad from The Nikki Visaj Movement.

Each class learned a number of contemporary dance movements to help students understand Aboriginal culture.

Students were taught a dance routine through an approach called Liyan (connection to country and spirit) by revisiting 'memories' through movement. This reflects the tradition of dance conveying animals or cultural themes, brought to life through ceremony. Each group then had the opportunity to perform their ceremonial dance for their families at our assembly.



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# INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR FAMILIES & PREP CLASSROOM TOUR

Date : Thursday 3rd August

Time: 10 am

Venue: Meet at the office then will head to the Prep rooms for an information session with the Prep teachers and school leaders.

REGISTER NOW

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

## Buildings in Romsey

There were many general stores in Romsey in the 1800's due to Romsey being on an alternate route to the Bendigo gold fields. Those general stores sold practically anything and everything. The one that we will feature in this article is the Supermarket now referred to as the 'ghost supermarket', at 89-91 Main Street. Robert Tynmouth Beasley is believed to have established this general store. When the post office was moved from the Royal Mail hotel in 1864, it was incorporated into Mr. Beasley's store which William Tweedale Moffat and his wife's brother purchased in 1871. The business was advertised locally as 'Butson and Moffat; Wholesale and Retail Draper, Post Office and Beehive Stores. Mr. Moffat was the postmaster until 1883 when the post office was re-located to a private home next to the store. Moffat fell on hard times and was forced to sell in the 1890's. Mr. Richard Merrie-field moved into Moffat's Store in 1898. Mr. Merrie-field sold the business to Mr. Edward Ellis Oct 1906. Mr. Ellis was a young, single man that played football for Romsey. Subsequent owners were; Mr. Quigley 1924; Mr. E.S. May, who ran it through the years of the Depression and the War until he sold it to H. D. Allen in 1944 who renamed it the 'Romsey Self Service Store.' W. Moss 1964; Giveil 1969; B. Cornford 1975; R. McIldowie 1979; and the Habib family 1984. The original building was demolished and rebuilt in 1990. The Supermarket has been closed since 2014.

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**Another term down and the middle of the year has arrived! How quickly the weeks go by as the students continue to grow and learn and amaze us with their determination, imagination and persistence. It's been an excellent first half of the year and we look forward to a jam packed term three when the students return in early July.**



**Environment Group - Queen's Jubilee Planting**

On Friday 19th May, students from the Environment Group joined students from Lancefield Primary to assist the Lancefield Park Committee and the Deep Creek Landcare Group to plant 350 native trees on Crown land at the back of the primary school. We were very lucky with the weather, even though the breeze was cool, the sun was out and shining brightly for us. Thankfully members of the Landcare Group & Park Committee had already dug the holes for the trees to be planted, so it was the students job to plant the trees, water them in, and then place a guard around them before hammering that into place. Our students took on the various roles with much enthusiasm as they slowly but successfully planted their way through the hundreds of trees awaiting them! I was extremely impressed with their hard work, their ability to work as a team and their encouragement of each other and assistance whenever someone required it.

Our students worked solidly for 1.5 hours and we managed to plant almost every tree, as well as get the guards up. The students had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed their outdoor experience, asking when they would be able to do it again! I want to say a huge thank you to Emma Stevens (Junior Landcare Facilitator) for setting up the day, the Lancefield Park Committee for providing gloves and water (and even a sweet biscuit at the end!) and getting the grant funding for the event and the Deep Creek Landcare Group for their assistance and education on the process and the trees we were planting. Whilst there, we were given some books for our library; 'Australian Backyard Buddies by Andy Geppert' & 'The First Scientists, Deadly Inventions and Innovations from Australia's First Peoples by Corey Tutt'. These were generously donated by the Deep Creek Landcare Group and Bendigo Bank for which we are extremely grateful. Thank you to the students for all their hard work and for once again representing St Mary's in such a positive way and Mrs Wagg for her assistance. It really was a fabulous day and wonderful opportunity for all involved. We look forward to continuing our work with these groups in the future.



## Willowmeade Visit

On Tuesday 6th June some of our Mini Vinnies had their monthly visit to interact with the residents at Willowmeade Aged Care in Kilmore. It was great to finally go back as we were unable to attend in May. This time our students broke into two groups, one group chose sport with some of the residents while the other group joined in with a craft activity.

Once again it was fantastic to visit the residents and see their welcoming faces and already know some of their names. They in turn were very happy to see the students once again. In the craft room the students paired up with a resident or two and painted a tree showing their favourite season of the year. While the students who chose sport were checking their skill against the residents as they played Bocce. It was wonderful to get to know the residents even more during this visit and share stories and laughter. We hope that when the weather improves later in the year, some of the residents will be able to come to St Mary's for a visit and morning tea! We found out there's another big birthday milestone coming up for June, who turns 100 soon. So we'll have to get that card making on the go once again! A huge thank you to Melissa McCarthy who volunteered to help on the day and to the students for their exemplary behaviour. I know they thoroughly enjoyed their visit and will be happy to know we've locked in dates for July and August!

## National Simultaneous Storytime

Wednesday the 24th May @ 11am was National Simultaneous Storytime. This year the book read to students by the author, Rebecca Young was *The Speedy Sloth!* The illustrator, Heath McKenzie was also in attendance. Our students gathered in the Learning Street if they wished to be part of National Simultaneous Storytime. They watched the live reading and then were able to participate in a number of Speedy Sloth activities afterwards. A huge thank you to Mrs Kilpatrick for organising this event, it was thoroughly enjoyed by all that attended!

## Cobaw Winter Sports

On Tuesday 23rd May our Year 5/6 students participated in the Cobaw Winter Sports held in Romsey. These sports included netball, football and softball. Our students had a great day at their collective sports and thoroughly enjoyed the competition with the other schools and the sportsmanship on the day. Our girls netball A team had a very successful day and won all their games, claiming the grand final win. They will now go on to Castlemaine to play in the Division competition. We wish them the best of luck. We'd like to thank all the volunteers on the day that helped coach the teams, our staff and students from ACK who assisted with umpiring. These Cobaw events are a wonderful opportunity for our students and we appreciate all the work that goes into running them.

As I write this we have exactly 6 more days left until the end of term. The teachers have been busy writing reports and our students are excitedly putting together their showcase of learning which will be displayed for our school community on the last day of the term. On Friday 16th June our Mini Vinnies have organised a fundraiser for the students of Exford Primary School who were affected by the bus crash. Their idea was a Crazy Hair Day with gold coin donation and sales of zooper doopers on the day. I can't wait to report back on this day and all the crazy hairstyles that will no doubt arrive at school! So stay tuned...

### Jo Shannon (Community Liaison Leader)





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**From the Desk of Pastor Tim**

**Encourage Church**

Last month I provided an overview of Encourage Church. It is being reprinted this month for those who may have missed the June article. 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 Sunday’s 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](http://www.encouragechurch.com.au) or email us at [office@encouragechurch.com.au](mailto:office@encouragechurch.com.au).

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**Volunteer opportunity in the Macedon Ranges**

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- Lancefield Church Service 10:30am each Sunday
- Prayer Meeting: CHANGE OF VENUE AND TIME - 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, 8th July @ 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  
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**The Op Shop is now on the Parish Web site for viewing the weeks specials.**

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**| I Know You**

**Bible Reading: John 10: 1-18**

*'I am the good shepherd. As the Father knows me and I know the Father, in the same way I know my sheep and they know me. And I am willing to die for them. There are other sheep which belong to me that are not in this sheeppard. I must bring them, too; they will listen to my voice, and they will become one flock with one shepherd.'* (Verses 14-16)

'You see all these gemstones?' the old man said, 'I know every one of them personally. I sweated and slaved to find them – even shed blood at times! I cut, shaped and polished each one and made it beautiful. I could tell you the story of every single one. And when I collect more, and they go into this display, I'll know every one of them too.'  
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Jesus knows you too, and not only you but millions of others for whom he gave his life. He draws you close to him, so that you can also know him. In this special knowing of one another, you will find the best possible life ever – the life he described as 'eternal'. You share this life with others who belong to him, and those he is yet to choose, perhaps even through your enthusiastic recommending of him. It is true, it is not what you know but who knows you that counts.

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- 1st & 3rd Sunday's of the month in Romsey, 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday's of the month in Lancefield.

### | Saturday Healing Mass

The Healing Mass will be celebrated at 10am in Romsey on the 1st Saturday of each month. Please note there will be NO Healing Mass in July as Fr. Martin will be on leave.

### | Baptisms

Baptisms are held at 2:30pm on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Please contact the office for the next available date.

### | Sacraments

Bookings are now open for parish children to register for the Sacrament of Confirmation available to Year 6 and above in 2023. Please contact the office if you would like to register your child. Should a parishioner want to go to Reconciliation, please contact Fr. Martin directly at Woodend on 5427 2690 to make arrangement.

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

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



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#### Parish Secretary

Mrs. Tammie Dalgleish  
**P:** 5429 2130

#### School Secretary

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#### Lee Kofman: Introduction to Memoir – Friday July 28, 10am-12pm

Learn the basics of this popular writing genre, including how to find the right theme to focus on, how to structure your life story for engaging reading, how to turn yourself and others into compelling characters and how to describe your experiences vividly. You'll also learn about the role of emotional honesty when writing about yourself.

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#### Sustainable House Kits Show and Tell – Saturday July 22, 11am-12pm

Join Sue from Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group to learn how increasing your home's energy efficiency makes it more comfortable, cheaper to run, and better for the planet. Find out how to use the library's Sustainable House Kits and how to borrow one for use in your home.

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#### Scrappy Rag Roping – Tuesday July 25, 1-3pm

Create beautiful, textured coasters or baskets from scrap fabric destined for landfill. Learn how easy it is to turn scraps of fabric into a rag rope before turning it into a coaster or basket with a simple blanket stitch. Enjoy mindful and therapeutic creativeness that's good for the planet!

**Presented by Simone from A Fitting Connection. Book your place by phoning the library directly on 5429 3086, or book online at [goldfieldslibraries.com](http://goldfieldslibraries.com).**

#### A Curious Circle, Christmas in July – Saturday July 15, 1pm-4pm

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. This July we're starting early and doing some very special Christmas craft!

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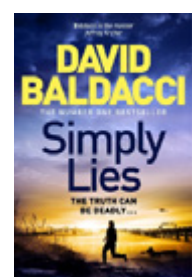
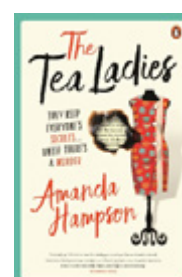
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