

THE Romsey Rag

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Step behind the vines and meet the family owned and small batch makers in the Macedon Ranges who shape mainland Australia's coolest wine region.

See the full story on page 25 inside.



Spring is here at last



There is a lot to see in the Romsey Rag this month.

Keep up with the goings-on around town. Consider joining one of the many community groups, support the businesses and expand your awareness of what is happening in Romsey.

Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival

The Festival runs from Aug 31st to Sept 10th.

There is something for everyone at the Festival so go to the website to find more details.

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kynetondaffodilandartsfestival.com.au

Mary-Anne Thomas MP

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



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Romsey Mechanics' Institute

- **Old Time Dancing:** Our recent ventures into "Old Time Dancing" have proven quite popular with a number of people looking for more of these events. We will speak with the organisers to see just what is possible in the future.
- **Main Hall Refurbishment:** Many people will remember that in 2022 we were able to arrange visits to the RMI by specialists to view the current condition of the main hall and to prepare quotes for preparation and re-painting, in heritage colours and for replacement window and stage curtains. All that was needed was inspection of the timber windows and quotes to repair and/or replace the damaged ones. A quote for these works should soon be with the CoM. Once we have this final quote, we can begin the process of sourcing funds to carry out the works.
- **Solar Power:** Our 7.7Kw battery and additional solar panels to bring the system up to 3.735 Kw were installed a little over a month ago. In coming months we will begin to see the positive effects of these additions to the hall's renewable power system.
- **Film Nights:** Our final two subsidised film night will go ahead in late August and early September. The Romsey Scouts and Hesket P. S. have taken advantage of the Bendigo Bank grant of \$500 per event which will see the CoM provide the use of the hall and AV equipment free of charge and also pay the license fees for the film and the music in the sound-track. We wish both groups very successful nights where they can enjoy getting together and also raise much needed funds.



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Our new battery, up on the balcony

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September in the garden

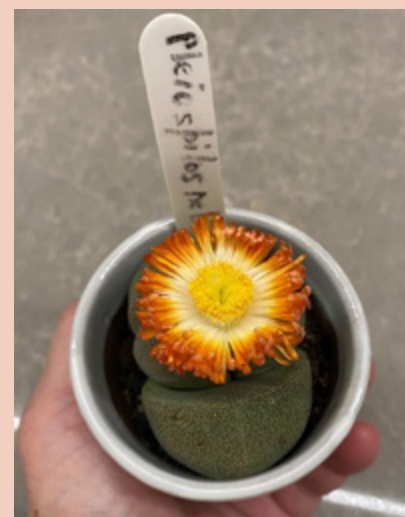
by **Melanie Kinsey**

Spring is here! The yellow of the wattle and the daffodils are the big heralders of warmer weather for me. Joined by the forsythia, the mahonia and soon the sophora – all yellow too. On the breeze is the waft of the daphne – that will be one of the first plants to be planted in my new garden! Inside, a precious specimen of a succulent called split rock (*Pleiospilos nelii*) flowered for the first time! It produced a single orange flower which (my mother said) looked like a calendula! The flower lasted for a few days opening only briefly each afternoon for a few hours.

The first garden project took place last weekend when Trevor and I built two small raised garden beds outside the back door (on the

south side of the house). These are for the Solomon's seal and lily-of-the-valley (*Polygonatum odoratum* and *Convallaria majalis*) that I have transplanted from the old house. They did well on the south side of the old house so I have replicated those conditions here. It was a good time to transplant these two, as they were just beginning to produce new shoots for the coming season.

The other thing I have done is get on top of all the small weeds in the areas of mud around the house and in the driveway before they turn into big weeds! Ignore the weeds at your peril! The front garden at the old house was mulched a few weeks ago to smother the germinating weeds.



Pleiospilos Nelii.

Nothing worse than inspecting a house with a weedy garden! I also limed the garlic and the peony a fortnight ago (with dolomite lime) so I can now feed them. You are supposed to wait a week or so between liming and fertilising. Apparently, they both really like their soil to be well-limed!

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In recent months we have joined with the Romsey/Lancefield Historical Society to run a series of articles on historic buildings within the town and surrounding districts.

It is wonderful to see that many people have read these articles and felt strongly enough to follow-up and visit some of the buildings.

However, it is very important to understand that many of these buildings are on private land and everyone must get permission from the owners to access any private land.

It is also vital to understand that farmers grow a wide variety of produce and they are often doing this under strict quarantine regulations. People who casually enter a farm may carry diseases or seeds of noxious weeds on their shoes/boots and this can very negatively affect the farm and its produce.

If anyone would like to visit sites covered in future articles please contact the Historical Society, they will either contact the owners of the historic building seeking information on visitors or let people know that visits are not possible.

We have been very pleased by the number of people contacting us to thank us for printing "The Uluru Statement From The Heart".

Many people had heard of this one-page document but had never seen it or read it.

We wish our long-time volunteer Margaret Mitchell a speedy recovery from her recent surgery.



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Romsey Structure Plan

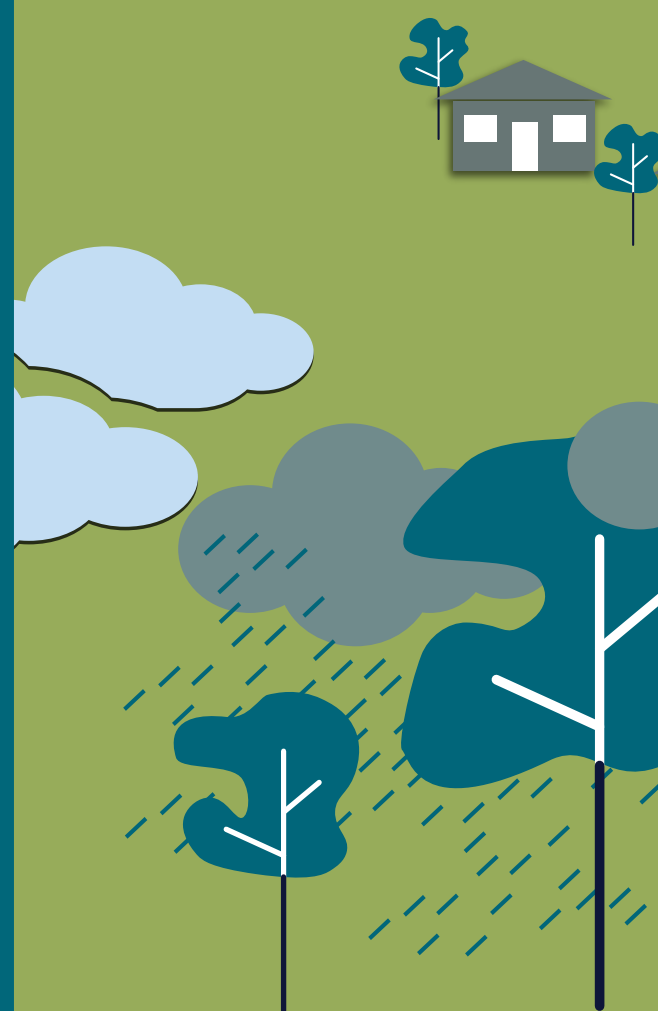
The draft Romsey Structure Plan is now out for public consultation and will guide the development of Romsey over the coming years. Feedback from the community is essential in understanding how residents feel about the draft plan.

The plan is seeking to set a long term vision for Romsey and establish a protected settlement boundary while ensuring there is enough land supply for housing, employment and community needs and protect the character and landscape setting of Romsey.

Open for consultation from 14 August 2023 until 25 September 2023.



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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.

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ROMSEY BRANCH OF C.W.A. INC

Spring is here, look at all the daffodils around Romsey. Most of our Nomads have returned home, just in time, as September is a busy month for our branch.

We have our Group meeting on the 2nd September, the daffodil festival on the 9th and 10th September and finally our Association Day on the 21st September.

Come and join us for the Daffodil Festival at the Masonic hall in Kyneton on Saturday 9th September & Sunday 10th September from 10am. There will be lots of goodies for sale from baked goods, craft items, plants and even some pre loved goodies. Maybe you would just like a Devonshire tea or homemade lunch. All proceeds are distributed within our community.

We would like to welcome Alison and Jane to our branch and hope they enjoy what we offer.

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.

SUNDAY TREAT: QUICKLY MADE CHOCOLATE CAKE

Ingredients

- 1 cup S/R flour
- 1tbsp of melted butter
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 dessertspoons cocoa
- 1 egg
- Pinch of salt
- 1 tsp vanilla extract



Method

- Combine all ingredients in a mixing bowl, in the above order and mix well for 2 minutes. Pour into a greased cake tin. Bake for 30 minutes in a moderate oven. (180° or 160° fan forced). Ice when cool if desired.

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.

WOODEND HANGING ROCK PETANQUE CLUB

Well, we have had a long cold winter!

But it does not deter our hardy petanque players.

It all began on June 3rd, with the beginning of 'the golden boule' competition, held fortnightly, for five games.

It is held between several petanque clubs from regional Victoria. The Maldon Club, Pyrenees Petanque Club, based in Avoca, Ballarat Petanque Club, Mount Macedon Petanque Club and of course Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club.

The aim of this interclub competition, is for all participants to learn and understand the skills and technique of the game, the rules of petanque, game strategies and etiquette.

This all culminated at Woody Yalock at the Smythesdale Petanque Club, on the cold and windy day of August 8th. But as usual the petanque players soldiered on.

As of today, we don't know the winning club. There will be a presentation to the winning team on September 2nd.

Watch this space!

On the weekend of the 19th and 20th of August a group of 50 petanque players, from many different clubs throughout Victoria, assembled at the port of Echuca, for a weekend of the game we love, petanque!

So, if you think this all sounds like a bit of fun.

Please join us. Our season starts October 2nd at the old racecourse in Forest Street Woodend at 2pm. Then, Thursday 5th October, we will play at the Hanging Rock Reserve on South Rock Road at 4pm

| All enquiries to Louise Potter 0438 302 218

ROMSEY SAYS: **COMMIT, DESIGN, PLAN AND FUND OUR TOWN'S FUTURE**



AND DELIVER A ROMSEY STRUCTURE PLAN THAT:

IMPROVES INFRASTRUCTURE

- Commit to a high school
- Upgrade the South drain
- Storm and waste water management
- Provide innovative waste management
- Deliver the overdue footpath connectivity plan
- Upgrade utility services
- Repair, design and build road connectivity
- Increased policing, health and social services
- Build a central employment and industry hub
- Invest in our tourism precinct

SUPPORTS OUR ECONOMY

- Retain the village feel
- Encourage small business investment
- Existing landlords sell or invest
- Commit to a town boundary until 2050
- Support our central business zone
- Give us a cutting edge green industrial park with:
 - trade factories
 - big box and small business retail
 - large scale industrial
 - transport depot
 - secure truck parking

DO NOT MOVE OUR TOWN BOUNDARY

NO MORE BROKEN PROMISES, INCONSISTENT PLANNING & LACK OF INVESTMENT

The frustration of Romsey residents is clear

Consultation feedback clearly states that residents want MRSC to design a structure plan that delivers for Romsey's vision.

We say NO to excessive housing development

We say YES to a plan that delivers on the promises of the past 14 years, addresses the challenges and aligns with community values.

PRIORITY COMMUNITY VALUES:

1) PROTECTION OF OUR ENVIRONMENT & LANDSCAPE

Embed a secure town boundary until 2050 and environmentally responsible solutions to growth.

2) COMMUNITY WIDE OPPORTUNITY

Safe and affordable housing options for the vulnerable and future generations.
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3) SOCIAL CONNECTION, HEALTH AND EDUCATION

Looking out for our community's overall health.
Equal and prioritised investment in service, infrastructure and environment inline with residential growth.

YOU CAN

- ☛ Come to one of two Better Futures Romsey **Community led** info session:
 - Saturday 9 September @The Hub Romsey 11am - 1pm
 - Tuesday 12 September @The Hub Romsey 6pm - 8pm
- ☛ Stay connected on the facebook page
- ☛ Learn more about the Romsey Structure Plan and then **have your say by 25 September: www.bit.ly/RomseyStructurePlan**



Join **Better Futures Romsey** on Facebook and stay up to date with events, information and support.

Scan for the BFR Facebook page



Community Bank Connections

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Thanks to the better banking of our Community Bank customers, we can reinvest our local profits back into the community, so that great local initiatives get funding.

Applications for Round 1 of the 2023-24 Community Investment Program have now closed. The Board of Directors of Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey are presently considering all applications with notifications to be issued in October.

To make sure your community group is registered updates on future grants and sponsorship programs, email Lauren Harrison via cip@lrcfsl.com.au.

VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services Ltd is a franchisee of the Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd and operates the locally owned Community Banks of Lancefield and Romsey. We currently have a vacancy on the Board and invite interested people to apply to join like-minded volunteers in this highly active community organisation.

The Community Bank is a major contributor to the amenity and financial wellbeing of our Lancefield & Romsey communities, and has distributed more than \$2.5 million in grants and sponsorships to local groups over the last 22 years.

The company is seeking applicants with specific experience in corporate and financial affairs and business management with accounting/business qualifications. Applicants will have an understanding of the needs of the local community together with an appreciation of the impact of technology and online banking on customer engagement.

This role may be of interest to persons who are either working or retired. Positions are voluntary and therefore a strong commitment to community affairs is essential. Various training options are available to successful candidates.

The ability to invest your time and energy is key, with a minimum commitment of at least 10 hours per month, including a monthly Board meeting and membership in Board committees.

Expressions of Interest, with a brief resume, should be addressed to the Company Secretary at PO Box 30, Lancefield, 3435 or emailed to companysec@lrcfsl.com.au.

DID YOU KNOW?

We have recently purchased a projector and portable screen, which is available for use by local community groups, along with our Community Bank banners, tear drop signs, marquees and sanitiser stations.

Call into our branch and speak to our wonderful team about how we can assist with your next event.



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What's on at the Romsey Recreation Centre?

There are plenty of activities available for the whole family at Romsey Recreation Centre this spring.

For sports enthusiasts, open mixed Futsal is played on Tuesday evenings for anyone aged 15+, and individual and team enquiries are welcomed. Romsey District Netball Association run competitions for various age groups on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings; the Macedon Ranges Basketball Association holds Men's basketball on Wednesday evenings; and the Macedon

Ranges Squash Club hosts a fun, mixed social program on Tuesday evenings.

There are also a range of fitness programs on offer for those aged 50+ to keep you active and provide an opportunity to socialise. Staying Strong circuit classes run on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, while on Thursdays you can join a modified indoor sports program called Back in The Game, which includes activities such as walking soccer, walking netball, balloon volleyball, table tennis and more.

Romsey Occasional Care is also available at the centre for pre-school aged children during the school terms. For enquiries contact Melanie on 0439 032 629.

Casual stadium memberships have also been introduced, providing members with access to the stadium at off-peak or un-booked times for sports practice.

For information about any of the activities above, call 5429 5637 or visit our website www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/lrrc

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ROMSEY LANCEFIELD AVENUE of HONOUR



The Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club Inc. and the Returned & Services League of Australia (RSL Romsey Lancefield – subbranch) continue to develop the Avenue of Honour between the townships of Romsey and Lancefield. The establishment of the Avenue of Honour commenced in 2008. Between 2011 and 2017 small plaques were unveiled by the local primary schools, local businesses and family members wishing to commemorate Australian servicemen and women who fought in battles or peace keeping operations in theatres of war. The larger plaques or shadow boards were designed and manufactured locally and supported through the Federal Government’s Department of Veteran Affairs Commemorative – Armistice Centenary Grants scheme. As part of this grant, seven Lone Pine Trees were provided to the local primary schools to plant in their school grounds.

The three large shadow boards commemorate the 100 years of the Armistice. They include a range of large metal cut-sculptures depicting the 4th Light Horse Brigade at Beersheba, the ANZAC Day landing and the Western Front campaigns. The unveiling by the Member for McEwen, the Right Honourable Rob Mitchell (MP) in 2021 was delayed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club Inc. and the RSL-sub-branch wish to thank those property owners who continue to diligently mow along this Avenue. Rotarians and local volunteers have spent many working bees over

the years mowing, whipper snipping, eradicating weeds and brambles as well as removing rubbish to further extend the visual appeal of this Avenue.

More large shadow boards have been planned to commemorate the Vietnam War and the Huey helicopter, the role and commitment of Indigenous Australians in world wars, Australian Nurses, and the Malaya Campaign (particularly the role of N0.1 squadron - Lincoln bombers).

A recent audit of the smaller plaques has shown some are warping due to the weather, other are damaged or have been stolen. This is very disappointing to those who sponsored these plaques to commemorate family members. After assessing the disrepair, the Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club Inc. is reviewing the smaller plaque’s design and manufacture with a view to full restoration.

The Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club Inc. meets every fortnight on Thursdays (7 pm – 9 pm) at Soltan Pepper Restaurant. Community members interested in becoming Rotarians are very welcome to join us.

For further information please contact our Club Secretary - Anne Collins via email anne.collins@outlook.com.au

| Dr Greg Powell (Past President/Secretary)



Romsey and Lancefield

Avenue of Honour



GALLIPOLI

The 25th April 1915 was the start of one of Australia’s most costly Military engagements. The efforts of the Australian Imperial Force helped forge Australia’s name in Military history. The Campaign entailed very heavy fighting and yet it resulted in no gains for either side and after eight months the Force carried out a strategic withdrawal.

The courage shown throughout the Campaign was costly for Australia – 8500 lives were lost with 19000 personnel wounded. The date of the landing is commemorated each year, as ANZAC Day, in honour of those who served on the Gallipoli Peninsular.



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G'day

Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke

September is my birthday month. And so, my family and friends will have a knees-up with all the trimmings.

Some time ago I was subjected to some awful mail, and the consternation of a vocal few, (and they were vocal), because I revealed, on TV and in an article, my favourite recipe. What I maintained (and still do) is a simple recipe for scrambled eggs.

Many years ago, again on my birthday, I was given a tip by the then Drama Director of the ABC.

"Use the juice of quarter of an orange instead of milk," he informed me. "The French use water 'cos they reckon the steam given off by the water heating makes the egg concoction light. The English add milk because, during the War eggs were scarce and the milk made them go further. And anyway, the orange colour is OK for the yolk."

I nodded that I agreed with him and I've been using orange juice ever since. And I used the tip on my TV programme.

The next day I was confronted by an elderly lady who snapped at me "I didn't think much of your orange idea" she frowned. "It was too flamin' sweet!"

"Well, you must be using sweet Navel oranges," I said. "Eh?" She said.

"What oranges are you using, madam?" I asked.

"Oranges? I wasn't using oranges, luv, I was using Fanta!"

Now, Fanta is NOT for scrambled eggs. You must use fresh orange juice or a fresh pre-squeezed one, but make sure it's proper orange juice!



Fanta?

SCRAMBLED EGGS WITH ORANGE JUICE

RECIPE

1. Use 3 eggs per person and, in a small bowl you gently beat those. Don't beat them too hard. Pop in some pepper, leave the salt till last, by the way, till they're finished cooking, and don't put any milk in because milk turns eggs leathery. You know if you boil milk it takes on a little funny flavour and goes leathery. You can put some water in if you wish, but I prefer the orange juice we were talking about before.
2. Now, in a pan melt a generous dollop of butter, don't let it get too hot, and then pour the eggs into that butter. Now slowly move them around the pan with a fork until they thicken and, just before they're fully cooked, stir in an
3. Egg cup full of sour cream and say half a handful of chopped parsley. Now put the salt on and put them out onto a plate. But put them out while they're still a bit sloppy because, remember, while you put them out and get them to the table, they're still cooking.

Variations.

Top with chopped anchovies, chives, crumbled fried bacon, toasted muesli, chopped capsicum or minced chicken meat. Or fry onions separately and stir in at the last minute. Or mix with chunks of raw apple.

- You've mucked it up?
- They're tough and leathery?
- You've cooked them too quickly over too high a heat..
- You didn't keep stirring them when they were cooking.
- You didn't use a thick pan.

Perhaps scrambled eggs originated because in the old days they didn't have crush-proof cartons. Though there is a school of thought who cling to the notion that they were invented in the East - they were the eggs laid from fighting cocks after a furious battle. But then, cocks don't lay eggs do they? So it looks like the first idea is right after all.

Carers Week workshop

Do you take better care of the person you are caring for than yourself? If the answer is yes, you will benefit from this workshop.

We will explore the reasons why your health and wellbeing is so important, and give you strategies to help better care for yourself. The workshop is open to all families and carers, especially those who find it difficult to care for themselves.

The workshop will include:

- **Why caring for ourselves is so important**
- **What stops us caring for ourselves**
- **Making a self-care commitment**

Council is working in collaboration with other service providers to share our resources and provide support for you and your family.

- **Date:** Wednesday 11 October
- **Time:** 10:30am-12.30pm
- **Venue:** Dromkeen Gallery 1012 Kilmore Rd, Riddells Creek
- **Guest Speaker:** Sally Camilleri from Carers Victoria.

Morning tea provided. To register call 5422 0333 or email hshort@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Hutchinsons Lane, Romsey

Works are underway to upgrade the west side of Hutchinsons Lane in Romsey, as part of contractor works for the development of an approved residential aged care facility.

The roadworks are expected to continue through to September, with Hutchinsons Lane temporarily closed to vehicle traffic at the Melbourne-Lancefield Road intersection and at the Robb Drive intersection.

Signage and detours are in place via Ochiltrees Road, Couzens Lane and Robb Drive to maintain access to homes and businesses.

As part of these works, the unsealed section of Hutchinsons Lane will be sealed between the Melbourne-Lancefield Road intersection and Robb Drive, including the footpath.

Mulch promotions

Spring is coming and what better way to reinvigorate your garden than with some free mulch. Mulch can be self-loaded for free at any of our resource recovery facilities.

There are many benefits to using mulch in your garden: from preventing weeds, to helping maintain a consistent soil temperature. Find out [more *mrsc.vic.gov.au/mulch*](http://more.mrsc.vic.gov.au/mulch)

Lancefield Oktoberfest

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Romsey Golf Club Report

2023 W. E. Tom Shield: The shield is now at its conclusion with Scott Williams (9)/Chris vanDerVliet(27) playing Luke Lyons (4)/Dylan Harris (0)in the final. Both teams have won their quarter and semi finals. The course is in great condition so there will be no excuses for either team.. The final will be played on Sat August 19th. Scott and Chris won this shield in 2021

Machinery: Over winter we have had to do a great deal of work on some of our machines. The engine of the surrounds mower was almost completely rebuilt and we have had to repair damage to the cutting deck of the rough mower. Normally this time of year is very quiet with mowing every 2nd week but we have had to continue weekly mowing of the fairways and large areas of the rough. The spring burst of growth will soon be here and we need our machines at their best.

2023 Dalhousie District Bowl: This year's Bowl was played at Broadford, the course was in excellent condition but the greens were more than challenging. In a Bowl teams of four play in pairs and the top three scores for each team are counted. Par for the course should be 108 Stableford points. No team achieved that score and no-one in the field of 72 was able to break their individual handicaps. RGC sent three teams and despite our best efforts we were all about mid field. The next generation of players, largely Woodend and Broadford, G. Cs. were on show and juniors took out A, B and C grade individual awards. The Bowl was won by a team from Broadford, local knowledge was vital to their good performance

Work Shed: The replacement shed is steadily moving ahead albeit slowly. The location, on the North side of the 1st hole means it will be close to water and power. That area is currently open ground.

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About Edgar's Mission



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Edgar's Mission Launches Local Recruitment Drive for Diverse Roles in Animal Care & Advocacy

World-renowned animal sanctuary Edgar's Mission in Lancefield is excited to announce an expansion of its operations with some new and exciting full roles on offer. The expansion is in response to the growth of the organisation, from its humble beginnings in Kilmore to the largest sanctuary in Australia and as the service grows so does its need for great staff to come on the journey with us.

"The drive aims to fill crucial roles within the organisation with people from the local community, ranging from hands-on animal care team members to impactful outreach and tour guide positions and administrative staff," said Founder Pam Ahern.

Dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming farmed animals in need, Edgar's Mission has been a beacon of hope for animals in need for over 20 years, providing a haven for over 400 residents. With a mission to create a kinder world for all beings, the sanctuary is expanding its team to enhance its impact.

The staff at Edgar's Mission can attest to the life-changing impacts of their work.

"When I saw the opportunity come up to work at Edgar's Mission, I knew it was the perfect fit with my values and what I loved to do," said Kel Shannon, who has been part of the animal care team for over 5 years.

"At Edgar's Mission there is so much kindness, and you can see the difference it makes. Every animal gets a chance," added Leonie Mertens, Animal Care Coordinator.

"I am blessed to work alongside the animals who live at Edgar's Mission, getting to know them personally as the unique individuals that they are, as well as being able to advocate for them," shared Daniel Lacey, Visitor Experience Officer.

"I have recently taken on the leadership role of Operations Manager at Edgars Mission transitioning from a Chief Executive role in healthcare. I have thoroughly enjoyed moving from one sector to another, I was

Available Roles include:

- **Animal Care Manager (full time):** This crucial role oversees the sanctuary team to ensure the wellbeing of our animal residents, ensuring they receive the highest quality love and care.
- **Sanctuary Hands (full time):** Joining a dedicated team of hands-on caregivers who provide direct care and support to the animals, this role involves cleaning, feeding, and general animal care.
- **Intern and Volunteer Program Coordinator (part time):** This new role involves engaging and organising enthusiastic volunteers and interns, helping them contribute effectively to the mission. It plays a pivotal role in creating a welcoming and enriching experience for those eager to make a difference.
- **Events & Outreach Coordinator (part time):** In charge of planning and executing events onsite along with community outreach to help raise awareness of Edgar's Mission.
- **Weekend Tour Guide (part time):** Bringing the sanctuary to life, this role will lead guided tours on Saturdays and Sundays, sharing heartwarming stories of our animal residents, educating visitors, and fostering a connection between people and animals.
- **Administration support (part time):** This administration role will assist the Operations Manager to deliver against service needs.

looking for a lifechanging challenge where I could share my expertise and I certainly have found that at Edgars Mission" Cherie Hunter reported.

Interested candidates are encouraged to visit www.edgarsmission.org.au/sanctuary/meet-the-team/#openpositions to learn more about each role's responsibilities and qualifications. Applicants are invited to submit their resumes and cover letters to info@edgarsmission.org.au

"Edgar's Mission believes that every being deserves kindness, and that includes our team members," said Pam. "By joining us, you become an advocate for change, an ambassador for animals, and a key contributor to building a kinder world.

To learn more about Edgar's Mission, visit:

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A Bahh-Ewe-Tiful Transformation



One lucky sheep is now looking, in more ways than one, to an entire new world thanks to human kindness and shear luck.

Spotted on the weekend by recreational walkers was a woolly mammoth of a sheep. One who looked more like the lichen covered boulders in the area she had sought refuge than her ovine kind. But it was her incessant circling that alerted all was not well.



Calling nearby animal sanctuary, Edgar's Mission, help was soon at hand, er, hoof!

"When I saw the video of the dear sheep circling continuously and knowing nightfall was not too far away, I knew we had to act fast," said sanctuary Founder and Director, Pam Ahern.

Calling on local council for assistance, the property owner was soon located and surrender of the animal was swift.

"We learned that Methuselah, as we have named her due to her age, had wandered on to the property from who knows where some time ago, with her original owner unable to be traced."

Domesticated sheep of today do not naturally shed their wool like their ancestral cousins. Given the great length and depth of Methuselah's fleece it is estimated she has not been shorn for around 4-5 years. In places it was even growing grass!

"It didn't take too long to catch Methuselah, for she was blinded by wool and burdened by all of that fleece. This gave us a great jump start."

In video released by the sanctuary, team member Leonie Mertens can be seen racing in and swiftly catching Methuselah.

Once back at the sanctuary the "blind" sheep was reunited with the world as shears removed the offending fleece from her eyes, and today another 24.5 kilos of burdensome wool was removed to reveal Methuselah's small frame that had been hidden for years.

"It was like someone had turned the lights on for the poor lass," said Pam, adding "She just looked up at us as if to say thank you, and her demeanour changed from fearfully cowering, to happily munching on fresh hay."

Methuselah was immediately given two set of warm coats to help her body adjust.

"As sheep are not only prey animals, but herd animals, Methuselah's life would have been pretty terrifying before human kindness refused to look the other way. We are so thankful to the kind-hearted walkers who made the call and even came back to assist us getting the heavy lass into our vehicle," added Pam.

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Romsey Mens Shed

Working on Friendships



Romsey Mens Shed - Building on friendships!

Open day 10 -2pm Sunday 10 September: We are having an open day with finger food refreshments from 11-1 sponsored by the Bendigo Community Bank. This is on the same weekend as the Romsey wide garage sale on Saturday 9 September, when we will also have a sale table at the Shed, in Barry Street. A mix of surplus tools and some white goods and shed products will be available.

Tuesday 9-4 and Thursday 10-2 are our normal open days: Many Shed members come on Tuesday for work and talk – often mainly talk, which we encourage, as we value social engagement. However, the Thursday \$5 barbeque/lunch at 12 is the most popular day for members and the occasional guest.

Our “hands-on” members have woodwork, wood turning, metal/welding and automotive workshop activities. Some training for new starters to a practical level, on some tools and machines, even glass cutting, is available by arrangement. We make a few novelty items for the Co-Op, corner of Murphy and Main and occasionally work with the Neighbourhood House on community work. Some small jobs for the community also undertaken and we are currently making some scoreboards for St Marys in Lancefield.

We also meet quarterly with other shed representatives in the LGA to compare notes.

The T Model project: While the 1925 T Model Ford restoration project is progressing slowly, as is inevitable, the project team has built up some valuable resources and is in contact with other T Model restoration groups locating parts and advice.

We have already received some welcome financial donations and technical advice locally and some others in the community may be able to help over time, maybe even with some parts stored away in a backyard shed, left over from an unfinished project. On completion, it will remain in the community for display or other social purposes.

Excursions: We occasionally organise an excursion and the latest is a lunch at the Darraweit Valley Cider House, following a successful lunch visit to the Lost Watering Hole Lancefield beer- making facility. The lunch outing will involve an orchard and cider making walk and talk.

- **Our Facebook page is: Romsey Mens Shed Inc. We have a GO FUND ME for the T model project.**
- **Shed times are Tuesdays 9am -4pm and Thursdays 10 am - 2pm**
- **Membership applications: Secretary: romseym@gmail.com or drop in at Barry Street, Romsey Park.**



Jack. Honorary member of the Shed.

Romsey pram crossing upgrades

Council has completed a series of pram crossing upgrade works across Romsey in recent months, providing safer and compliant crossing points for residents and visitors.

Works started at seven key locations in June 2023, with locations prioritised based on pedestrian traffic, proximity to shopping, retail and other public facilities, as well as requests received from the public.

The crossing point upgrades are in line with the Disability and Discrimination Act, with locations as follows:

- **Intersection of Robb Drive and Harvest Close**
- **Intersection of Murphy Street and Main Street**

service road

- **Intersection of Shaw Drive and Muir Court**
- **Intersection of Barry Street and Wrixon Street**
- **Romsey Recreation Centre, Park Lane**
- **White Avenue, east of Main Street service road**
- **Intersection of Main Street and Garden Place**

The pram crossing upgrades were funded as part of Council's 2022/23 Budget.

Council is progressing a range of infrastructure upgrades across the shire – keep an eye on our website for updates: mrsc.vic.gov.au/works



Romsey Community Foodshare Expanding With Demand!

Romsey's Community Foodshare is all about helping to reduce the cost of living for those in our community.

Open to all- the aim of Romsey Neighbourhood House's initiative is about working together to help reduce food wastage by the sharing of food. "If we can help reduce the cost of living, even a little bit for our community members and at the same time help to minimise the excessive food wastage" says Michelle Balthazar Romsey Neighbourhood House Manager, "then it's a good thing. But I want to stress that our Foodshare is available to all! Because we are all doing it tough! If you haven't already, come in and check us out and grab a bargain! If you can afford to, make a donation, if you are doing it tough, we have a monthly credit system. Donations by the general public are gratefully received as this keeps our initiative going for all. Helping us to buy more food and supplies."

Located next door to the Romsey Laundromat in the old St Marys kiosk, you'll often now see a hive of activity. We have recently expanded our Foodshare building which means operations can also expand.

Thanks to the support of so many community members who have pitched in to lend a helping hand. It's truly been a community project. Thanks to St Mary's Parish Catholic Church, for allowing our expansion, grants and funding from Bendigo Bank, MRSC, Macedon Ranges Shared Table, Encourage church and individual community members. We also thank Bendigo Foodshare, Foodbank Vic and now Secondbite Coles in Woodend and Gisborne who have recently partnered with us.

For those who grow and who have excess produce you can even swap what you have too much of, for what you need.

We always welcome a helping hand to open more days so volunteers are always welcome to join our friendly team from those who man the kiosk, sort supplies, delivery drivers, to volunteers cooks- all help is really appreciated.

We are also doing a call out to anyone who might be interested in helping us to extend our service to include a breakfast club to ensure our kids are having a healthy breakfast before school! For all enquiries please contact Romsey Neighbourhood on 5429 6724.

Locals celebrate 150 Parkruns

The first parkrun was held at the Lancefield Park on Saturday 12 May 2018. The weather was less than ideal, but 87 runners participated – they ran, jogged, pushed prams, ran with dogs on leashes or walked.

The weekly event, which begins at 8 am every Saturday morning near the entrance to the Lancefield Recreation Ground, is a community event run by volunteers and is totally free.

On Saturday 15 July 2023, the group celebrated 150 parkrun events. As a new recruit to the parkrun (this was only my fourth run), it was a great morning to be there. Although it was a very cold morning, only 4 degrees, visitors came from far and wide. Eight or ten members of the Macedon Ranges Running Club attended (and made very good times), and a couple from Ocean Grove joined the run.

One of the aspects of parkrun is that, once you register as a member, if you are travelling across the state, elsewhere in Australia, or indeed many other countries, you can attend any town or suburban parkrun. It is very encouraging to keep up the momentum. And I have to say that being part of a group of people who are all running or jogging is encouraging!

Volunteers celebrated with a huge cake which was enjoyed by all. Coming in second-last, I was still able to enjoy a slice! If (like me) you have never been a runner, all I can say is, come along and give it a go! It's a great way to start the weekend.

Visit www.parkrun.com.au/lancefield for more details.





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
☎ 0418 581 885 Allan

New members
No experience necessary. We are self taught but will give you a few tips. You will get our songbook for just \$5 and this includes free updates as our list of songs grows.
We are keen to hear from singers who wish to exercise their vocal chords.

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New Players Welcome



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Romsey Golf Club

Come along and try golf in our Get into Golf program at Romsey Golf Club. It is aimed at new or returning women golfers and is held in a safe and comfortable environment. There's lots of fun to be had. No experience or equipment required. Morning tea included!

Time: Sundays 9:30am – 10:30am
Dates: October 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th
Cost: \$40 for all 4 sessions.
Ran by PGA Professional Emily Pell

Equipment: Provided if required

Registration: Register through the QR code or via the link
<https://www.golf.org.au/getintogolf/programdetails?programId=31471>

Enquiries:
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golf.org.au/getintogolf



Recent Local Crime Events

Approximately 36 lengths of timber were stolen from a premises under construction in Maple Drive, Romsey. The partly built construction is secured by temporary fencing but was accessed by the yet to be identified thieves who took the timber valued at approximately \$500.

A 58-year-old male has been arrested after a theft at Main St, Romsey. In an opportunistic crime, the offender pocketed a wallet which had been left behind at a store by the previous customer. He took an amount of cash and discarded the wallet in the street. He is likely to be charged on summons. The wallet was later found by a member of the public in Stawell Street and returned to the owner. Romsey Police are looking to identify the finder to further assist in the matter. Please contact the station on 54295461 if you can assist.

A male and female in their 50's were arrested and a number of cannabis plants seized from a Romsey address after an accidental fire led to the discovery of a hydroponic set-up. The offenders have been bailed to appear at the Kyneton Magistrates Court, charged with cultivating cannabis.

Firearms

Having been a year since firearms storage requirements were amended and after a recent burglary where a firearm was stolen from a rack on a wall, it is timely to remind firearms licence holders of their responsibility and legal requirement to store firearms safely and appropriately.

Schedule 4 of the Firearms Act 1996 notes the storage requirements including that storage must be in a purpose-built receptacle made of steel of a thickness of at least 1.6mm. It must be bolted to the structure in which it is kept if weighing under 150kg when empty and it must be fitted with a lock of sturdy construction.

Failure to comply can result in significant fines and/or up to a year imprisonment.

Lost Property

We regularly receive items of lost property, found in various locations by members of the public. Due to a number of factors, we are often unable to identify the rightful owner so these items are either returned to the finder, donated to charity or otherwise disposed of. If you have lost an item, ensure you check in with us at the Romsey Police Station as we may well have your item and be looking for you. We will otherwise note your lost item in the event it is handed in later.

One such item we are currently holding is a wearable fitness device found at the Romsey Ecotherapy park.

If you have lost such a device, please contact with us with sufficient information to prove ownership and it will be returned to you.



The Mount Players

The Magic of Theatre at The Mount Players "Youth Theatre"



The Mount Players

Have you someone between 10 – 18 years in your life who loves to perform - or wants to learn stagecraft (+ fun and friends)?

The Mount Players Youth Theatre classes could be the answer!

The re-booted Youth Theatre have some spots available in Group B (ages 13-15) and C (ages 16-18) and a few spots in Group A (ages 10-12).

From exhilarating drama games and exercises to learning things theatrical, Youth Theatre is the perfect place to unleash creativity and boost your confidence on and off stage.

Our experienced talented teachers, Kerry Turpie and Mark Constable will help you learn, grow and share the magic of theatre - with like-minded individuals. For details go to www.themountplayers.com

You will be welcomed with open arms!

After our riotous Shakespeare season, we are excited to announce our final production for 2023, Peter Pan A Musical Adventure. The Mount Players join forces with Boiler House Theatre Company for a magical, swashbuckling adventure the whole family will enjoy in November. More next month.

See you at the theatre!

Karen Hunt



Specific to Romsey

Land management information session for new, absentee and small-acreage landholders

- Saturday 7 October, 9.30am-1pm, Romsey Community Hub, 96-100 Main Street

If you are new to rural living, own a small hobby farm, or have plans for rural land where you don't currently live, you may be interested in attending a free land management information session run by Upper Deep Creek Landcare Network.

The session will cover a range of land management issues and solutions so landholders can plan and take action to better manage their properties. To register visit www.landcarevic.org.au/groups/portphillipwesternporthudcln

Council's Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme grant approved

The Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme (ACVVS) provides connections and companionship to those feeling isolated or lonely.

The ACVVS is a free service available for those in residential aged care or Home Care Package recipients. Volunteers are matched to a recipient with similar interests and can be:

- **one-on-one or group visits to residential aged care homes**
- **one-on-one visits to people receiving a Home Care Package.**

ACVVS is designed to connect with those who are or may feel socially isolated; do not have regular positive and engaged contact with friends or relatives; have frailty, mobility or communication impairment that prevents them from participating in social or leisure opportunities; or do not participate in social support group services funded by a Commonwealth-subsidised aged care program.

The ACVVS team works with our volunteers to support, supervise and coordinate the volunteering program and promote Council's Positive Ageing Plan.

High-quality social connections are essential to our mental and physical health and our wellbeing.

The Australian Government has funded Council, among other organisations, to address social isolation and loneliness in older people through the ACVVS. To learn more or to get involved, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/ACVVS or contact us via email VolunteerVisiting@mrsc.vic.gov.au

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Preparing your property for the fire season

Spring is here! It's time to shake off the cobwebs of winter and venture outdoors to enjoy some sunshine. Spring is also a great time to start preparing your property for the summer when fires are likely to happen.

You can reduce the risk to your home and property by cleaning up around your dwelling or building and clearing potential fire hazards before the fire danger period kicks in.

These jobs include:

- removing any overhanging tree branches and shrubs over one metre high next to or below windows
- keeping grass short and clearing other combustible debris near your home
- clearing roof gutters of any leaf litter
- maintaining any defendable space around your home
- ensuring any rainwater tanks are accessible and full
- ensuring you have a bushfire survival plan in place and practise it regularly – this should also include pets
- attending local CFA community meetings around fire preparedness – follow CFA's North West Region Community Safety Facebook page for dates and times.

Remember, being fire ready is everyone's responsibility. For information on preparing your property, visit cfa.vic.gov.au

Macedon Ranges is reviewing our Municipal Emergency Management Plan – have your say

Every council in Victoria is required to have a Municipal Emergency Management Plan (MEMP) and review it every three years.

These plans outline the arrangements for the planning, response and recovery from significant emergencies – such as storms, floods and fires – for the municipality.

Council, emergency services and partners all play a role in developing these plans, as organisations that have a huge role to play in emergency management locally.

These plans are also aimed at capturing the unique needs of the local community and how resilience, households and businesses play a role.

Council welcomes your input and invite you to participate in a short survey on what you think matters when it comes to planning for emergencies in Macedon Ranges.

This survey closes on 1 October 2023. Visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay

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.

September events include:

- **Pathways for Carers**

Next two dates: 1 September and 6 October. 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.

- **Free coffee cup event**

11am-12pm, Monday 18 September, Duck Duck Goose & Larder, Kyneton.

Connect with like-minded individuals in the community over a free coffee and cake. In recognition of Dementia Awareness week, we will be joined by one of the team from Treehouse, Central Highlands Rural Health, who will share information on Dementia supports available to those in our region. Bookings essential.

- **Board games for over-55s: Chess**

Friday 22 September, 1:30-3pm, Gisborne Community Centre Meeting Room, 8a Hamilton Street. Gather and connected like-minded individuals in your community over a casual game of chess.

- **Digital Education session: NBN Scams Awareness**

Tuesday 5 September, 10:30am - 12pm, Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House, 59 Main Road.

Tuesday 18 September, 2-3pm, Woodend Neighbourhood House, 47 Forest Street.

Learn about common scams, how to detect them, what to do if you think you have been scammed, and tips to stay safe from scams. Spaces limited. Bookings essential.

To register for Village Connect events call 5422 0333 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/village-connect

Calling all photographers!

To recognise International Day of People with Disability 2023, Council will be holding a "Showcasing Inclusion" photo competition, and is inviting the community to submit photos that show inclusivity in daily life.

The competition will run during Spring, with a presentation event around International Day of People with Disability, falling on 3 December 2023, followed by a travelling exhibition for the community to view entries.

Competition categories will focus on different aspects of life such as education and employment, the arts, sport and recreation. There will also be a category for photographers who identify as a person with disability and for photographers under 16 years old.

Photos are to be submitted in digital format, so we encourage everyone to get out their phones, iPads, and cameras! Entries will be judged on how well the photo shows inclusivity, creativity, and artistic and technical merit.

For information on how to submit photo's, competition opening and closing dates, and terms and conditions, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/IDPWD

Gear up for Bird Month in October

Bird Blitz

Now in its fifth year, the Macedon Ranges Bird Blitz is back! This year Council is proud to be partnering with BirdLife Australia's Aussie Bird Count – a fantastic way to explore this year's Bird Blitz theme which is 'Birding for Beginners'. The Aussie Bird Count takes place during bird week from 16-25 October.

Bird Survey Blitz!

Council's bird monitoring program involves 80 bird monitoring sites across our reserves and roadsides. These surveys help us assess the health of our local environment. We are calling on Birding volunteers to assist and attend a citizen science co-design workshop on Sunday 22 October.

Birding for beginners

Council also has a range of activities for fledgling birders, including monthly Birding for Beginners walks at Jacksons Creek, Gisborne, and a birdwatching and identification workshop on 15 October.

For information about all of the above bird month events, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events.

Waste app

Did you know that Council has its very own waste app? Some of its features include personalised bin collection calendar with optional reminders, a waste a-z of what goes where and further information about Council's waste and recycling services.

Download from your app store or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/Waste-App

Our continuing series of notable buildings in Romsey

Neal's General Store 111-113 Main Street Romsey

This two-story red brick and stucco shop and residence was built for Frederick Octavious Neal in 1884, by Alfred Pugh. (Alfred also built the stately six-bedroom home at 79 Main Street and the Romsey Mechanics Institute.) This new grand building was built next to Neal's butcher shop that he opened in 1877 when he purchased and moved the National Bank's old wooden building to the site. Hence why the wording on this building states 'Established A.D. 1877. The General Store Building was obviously impressive and was mentioned in the Romsey Examiner on the 24th of January 1884, 'One of the best finished and most complete shops in the district is Mr. F.O. Neal's new brick building in Main Street, Romsey. The work is a credit to the contractor Mr. Alfred Pugh.'

A little history about the man, Frederick Octavious Neal and his family.

Frederick Neal was born in London 1834, arrived in Melbourne in 1854, bringing with him his wife, Mary Smith and their young son. During the years of 1866-68, Frederick was the publican of Duckholes Hotel. Mary and Frederick had 8 children before Mary died aged 49 in 1883. Frederick remarried a year later in 1884 to Sarah Bennett. Frederick retired from his general store and leased it to his sons, Frederick junior, Joseph and William in 1887.

The Neal sons finally retired from this store in 1897.

The Neal's General Store is significant as a major element in the Romsey commercial streetscape. It symbolises the importance these towns once held in this rich farming district. Its association with the Neal family is also a long one, this family having links with both commercial enterprises and the timber industry.

References: MRSC Cultural Heritage and Landscape Study, Romsey
A veritable Garden of Eden



Flagship storm waste facility nominated for another award

Council's flagship storm waste facility has been shortlisted in the EPA Waste Prevention & Reduction category at the 2023 Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria Tidy Towns & Cities Sustainability Awards.

On the award nomination, Council's CEO Bernie O'Sullivan said: "Council is thrilled to have the Romsey storm waste facility named as a finalist for another award, and we would again like to thank Emergency Recovery Victoria for the support in its implementation.

"This project was born out of the need to respond quickly to the wide-spread destruction caused by the June 2021 storms.

Council recognises that the Macedon Ranges community strongly values environmental stewardship, recycling and 'green' solutions, so these were the principles we kept in mind when looking at solutions for the clean-up operation.

"Our focus was to reduce green waste to zero by creating repurposed products for impacted Councils and communities.

"This flagship facility has created a new standard for operational recovery, and is a model that can be applied by Councils across Victoria for any future disasters."

Winners are set to be announced at an awards night in October.

Community Bus Co-op calls time

It is with much sadness that we announce the closure of the Lancefield Romsey Commuter Bus Co-operative Ltd.

The service was established in 1981 and in nearly 40 years has transported hundreds of people from Lancefield, Romsey and surrounding towns to the CBD on a daily basis.

We would like to thank everyone involved in the bus, especially those who contributed tirelessly on the Committee and those who selflessly drove for us. It has been a wonderful service to the Lancefield and Romsey communities offering direct, affordable transport to the CBD where sadly the public transport system does not.

We do now have the pleasure of donating our vehicle to the Lancefield & Romsey Neighbourhood Houses who will continue the co-operative spirit and put the vehicle to work for the community.

Second life - car donated to Neighbourhood Houses

We are so excited that the Lancefield and Romsey Neighbourhood Houses Community Transport project, Community Driven, has had a third car donated to its fleet – we are equally sad that we have the car due to the end of another great community project.

The donated car is a Kia Carnival which will seat five passengers comfortably. The main use for the car will be the collection and distribution of food for our Food Share programs, towing the fantastic refrigerated trailer that the Rotary Club have made for this purpose.

The car will also be used as a backup for medical transport and supporting our ShareRide social outings, allowing another five people to join these trips – see below for upcoming trips.

Community Driven is a joint Lancefield and Romsey Neighbourhood Houses project – it has two project areas:

1. transport to medical appointments by volunteer drivers.
2. ShareRide which provides;
 - a. a door-to-door service to locations for shopping or fitness, such as water aerobics or swimming.
 - b. a shuttle between and around Romsey and Lancefield one day a week for people who don't drive but need to go to the bank, chemist or shops etc.
 - c. monthly social event outings to a variety of places and activities
 - d. on the fourth Tuesday of the month, transport to the Feed it Forward lunch.

The first car the project had was a Commodore donated by a very generous individual, they have since upgraded this to a red Lancer. The black LDV people mover has been made possible through the Bendigo Bank providing a three-year grant to lease the car and the new Kia Carnival donated by the Commuter Co-Op.

If you know people who are isolated due to not being able to drive, please tell them about Community Driven. You can find out more about the project, or make bookings, either on-line at communitydriven.org.au or phoning Lancefield Neighbourhood House on 5429 1214 or Romsey Neighbourhood House on 54296 724.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the current Co-operative members who decided that Community Driven was a worthwhile project to distribute the assets too, and to all the past members of the Co-op.



Eastern Macedon Ranges Business and Tourism Association Inc

EMRBATA's VISION: A vibrant, collaborative and prosperous eastern corridor community which enhances livability in the region.

Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA) is now the Eastern Macedon Ranges Business and Tourism Association (EMRBATA)

As flagged in the August Rag, the RRBATA Special General Meeting in July unanimously supported changing our name to **Eastern Macedon Ranges Business and Tourism Association (EMRBATA)**. This shows the geographic spread of members and regional advocacy, and was launched at the "Business Breakfast with Annie Smithers", with a new logo and website www.romseylancefieldregion.au. EMRBATA will advocate for prosperity in the eastern corridor of the Macedon Ranges.

This "roadmap" for Romsey's growth and development (Ed: as elsewhere in this RRag) is out for consultation, after the 2022 Emerging Options Paper. It proposes a new town boundary and development vision. EMRBATA (then as RRBATA) submitted to Emerging Options, and has a subcommittee to review this draft with input from EMRBATA members and submit a response.

"Daniher's Drive 2023" is coming to Romsey and Lancefield

Get excited! Daniher's Drive will have 50 cars (with some classic models) and 2 buses – 240 participants - through Romsey and Lancefield on Thursday 12th October. Raising funds for Motor Neurone Disease, Day 1 will have morning tea in Romsey from 10am then via Lancefield en route to Swan Hill. Stay tuned to the Rag, Mercury, & EMRBATA.

Facebook: Romsey and Lancefield Region - Business and LivingEMRBATA

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Draft Romsey Structure Plan



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BUDBURST WINE FESTIVAL – 17-19 NOVEMBER, 2023

Discover the cool wines and warm hearts of Macedon Ranges winemakers at their annual wine festival, Budburst, this spring from Friday 17 to Sunday 19 November 2023.

Budburst is a once-a-year opportunity to step behind the vines and meet the family-owned and small-batch makers who shape mainland Australia's coolest wine region.

The Friday evening will see local venues showcase Macedon Ranges wine alongside other great produce of the region bringing together what they believe to be the best of the Macedon Ranges.

Across the weekend, more than 25 Macedon Ranges winemakers will open their wineries and cellar doors to wine enthusiasts. From 10am and 5pm Saturday and Sunday, you can enjoy wine tastings, curated food menus championing local produce, art shows, sculptor walks and live music.

Explore at your own pace or jump on one of the Budburst bus routes. This year Budburst will run smaller buses to more wineries, delivering participants directly to cellar doors around the Macedon Ranges.

Additional details will be released soon.

Festival and bus tickets are on sale from 1 September (early bird until 30 September). For more information and to book tickets, visit budburst.com.

BUDBURST 2023

WHAT: Budburst - a celebration of Macedon Ranges wine and hospitality

WHERE: Various wineries, cellar doors and venues across the Macedon Ranges

WHEN: Friday 17 – Sunday 19, 2023

TICKETS: Available from 1 September at budburst.com

Budburst ticket prices (excludes bus ticket):

Budburst Explorer (1-day festival ticket)

- Saturday: \$49
- Sunday: \$39

Budburst Weekend Wanderer: \$69 (2-day festival ticket)

Each ticket includes a keepsake Macedon Ranges wineglass to take home as well as a festival passport, to remember your Budburst experience.

Friday evening umbrella program prices will be subject to venue offerings.

IMAGES: A selection of images are saved here.

ABOUT MACEDON RANGES WINE

The Macedon Ranges wine region is less than an hour from Melbourne's CBD. It extends from Baynton, Romsey and Lancefield in the northeast across to Daylesford and Hepburn Springs towards the west. The popular varieties of the region are elegant sparkling wines, refined chardonnays and award-winning pinot noirs. Most producers are boutique and family-owned, creating signature wines using age-old techniques. As a result, the region is known for wines that are limited in quantity and exceptionally high in quality.

Romsey Men's Shed Inc.
Open Day



Sunday 10th September
10 am to 2 pm
Romsey Park Rec' Reserve

In conjunction with Men's Shed Week celebrating 30 years of men's sheds in Australia, the Romsey Men's Shed will hold an Open Day to showcase their shed to the local community of Romsey.

Finger food refreshments will be available from 11 am to 1 pm.

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‘Wild Wings ‘n Furry Things’.

During September, The Gallery Mt Macedon presents ‘Wild Wings ‘n Furry Things.’ This new collection of nature art by local artist Lesley Rosochodski reflects her continuing passion for wildlife and the natural environment. Each painting is meticulously planned and created in oils on high quality surfaces. The exhibition represents a window into Lesley’s recent art.

The series is inspired by the way humans use word play to describe and connect with birds and animals, based on their natural behaviours. Each artwork personifies a variety of humorous and charming wildlife characters, defining their unique characteristics. Embodying realism, emotion and story, the paintings capture a range of human metaphors.

In a world of expanding suburbs and cities, where nature is rapidly eroding, Lesley’s art ultimately speaks of conservation. It reminds people of the existence of nature, and their duty of care to all species and to our planet. A portion of the exhibition proceeds will be donated to wildlife rescue and rehabilitation.

You are invited to view the Wild Wings ‘n Furry Things exhibition at The Gallery) from Tuesday September 5th to Sunday October 1st. Opening celebration: Saturday September 9, 2pm.

The Gallery is open 10am to 4pm, Friday to Tuesday, 684 Mt Macedon Road, Mt Macedon (behind the Trading Post)

Any queries, contact Sue Anson on 0413 581 632



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 August the club was addressed by Michelle Balthazar from the Romsey Neighbourhood House talking about some of their new initiatives. In September the speaker will be Jenny Stillman who is one of the members of the Award Winning Romsey Eco therapy Park committee who had a vision 14 years ago to transform a neglected historic school site into a regionally significant place to improve health and wellness in nature for people of all ages and abilities. Jenny is also the president of RRBATA (Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association) which is a not-for-profit interest group comprising local business operators whose primary task is to promote business and tourism in the Romsey region.

The outing for August was a one day bus tour visiting the Overwrought Sculpture Garden and Gallery at Daylesford with lunch at the Bowls Club and then onto the Mill Market. Great weather and company ensured a very enjoyable day. In September the club is off to the Birdsong Café in Kinglake with the Antique Perennial Nursery and Fern Acres Nursery close by.

The next meeting of the Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club for 2023 will be on Thursday, 28th September at 10.00 am in St. Mary’s Catholic Church Hall Main Street Romsey.

Contact:

President: **Noreen 0401 579 180**

Secretary: **Betty 0409 359 048**

Visit our website: www.rlprobus.org.au

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.

100 Days of Prep!



On Monday 24th July we celebrated the Prep students being at school for 100 days of learning! All of the students were very excited to mark this milestone. We had a wonderful day making crowns, decorating t-shirts, as well as making and eating fairy bread. To top the day off we finished with a special assembly where we invited in all of the Prep families to see the Preps be presented with a special certificate. On behalf of Mrs. Mitchell and myself, Mrs. Beatty we would once again like to say a huge CONGRATULATIONS to all of the Preps.







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Term 3 has been hectic to say the least! There seems to be so many special days & events that the days just fly by. The next four weeks see our students participate in National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, Book Week, Performing Arts 'Spooktacular', Father's Day Games Afternoon and our St Mary's Feast Day! I'm exhausted just thinking about it! But so far this term here's what's been happening.



| Prep 100 Days

On Friday 21st July our Preps celebrated 100 days of school! What a momentous occasion it was for them! At the beginning of the day, they were greeted by the 5/6 students who made a guard of honour for them to run through as they sang 'Happy 100 days of school!' At the end of the guard of honour were magnificent decorations thanks to the Prep teachers, lots of balloons and glittering banners marking 100 days! Their day was then jam packed with activities based around 100. They decorated their special 100-day crowns, they had their photo taken by the North Central Review and each child brought in 100 items which they had to count! Their 100 items were so creative - there was 100 macaroni, love hearts, sequins, ooshies, nails, gems & stickers, icy pole sticks, lacquer bands, eyes, buttons, beads, flowers, coloured pencils and even 100 olives! Just amazing!

Throughout the day the students paraded their special 100 t-shirts to each other, made 100 fruit loop necklaces, decorated their 100 monsters (10 legs, arms etc), played the game 'Race to 100', made 100's & 1000's fairy bread, and did a 100 dot painting. They had lunch with their buddies and at the end of the day they took home a special 100 helium balloon, a pack of smarties which read '100 days smarter' and a pack of bubbles. The 1/2 students even organised a little surprise for the preps - they'd each written a letter to a prep student to wish them well for their 100 days! What a fabulous day for all involved. A special thank you to Mrs Zarb, Mrs DeCarolis, Mrs Caton, Mrs Biderman & Ms Croft for all their hard work in preparing such a memorable day for the students. Certainly, it will be a treasured memory for many years to come!



| Environment Group - National Tree Day Planting

On Monday 31st July our Year 5/6 Environment Group students participated in National Tree Day with the assistance of Ken & Phil from the Deep Creek Landcare Group. We planted trees along Chauncey St on the edge of the Senior Oval and at the back of the stage.

The trees planted included Goodenia Ovata, Native Fuchsia and She Oaks. The students are now well versed in tree planting after our last effort for the Queen's Jubilee Planting at the back of Lancefield Primary. Romina, Matilda, Summer, Emma, Meg O, Ella-Rose, Sarah, Emmett, Nate and Riley worked effortlessly as they dug, planted, mulched, watered and tree guarded all the trees. We now look forward to watching these little beauties grow and hopefully form some sort of hedge over time.

A huge thank you to Emma Stevens (Junior Landcare Facilitator) for helping organise this event, Greater Western Water for donations of some of the trees, Deep Creek Landcare Group for donating the remainder of the trees plus tree guards and of course Ken Allender & Phil Severs (Deep Creek Landcare) for their knowledge and assistance. It was a great planting session enjoyed by all who participated and we look forward to our continued involvement with Landcare in the future.



| PnF School Disco - Christmas in July!

On Friday 28th July students dressed in their best Christmas colours and sparkles to attend the PnF School Disco. There was great excitement in the air as students got to see some of the decorations during assembly. At 5pm students assembled in all their glamour to enjoy a fabulous night of dance and games. There was popcorn, lollies and water for everyone, magical face painting, dance, laughter and good times for all! Even Santa put in an appearance - amazing! A huge thank you to Ash Collins and her team of wonderful volunteers for all their hard work in making this event so special and successful for our students. Just seeing the smiles on their faces



made it all so worthwhile. We are very lucky to have such an active PnF and wonderful parent helpers to give our students so many great opportunities that leave lasting memories of their time at St Mary's. So, thank you one and all; your time, effort and enthusiasm is greatly appreciated by all of us!

| Houses at Parliament Campaign

At the end of last term, we were contacted by Kate from Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health to ask whether we would like to join them in helping to make a big impact for Homelessness Week 2023.

So of course, we said YES! Since beginning Term 3, students across all levels have joined us in making origami houses to add to the display. This is such an important issue in our society today and we are more than happy to build awareness within our local and wider community. All up we made 516 origami houses, a fantastic effort by all! These were added to the 6000 which were displayed at Parliament House on 2nd August for Homelessness Week. This was to highlight the urgent need for Governments to fix the housing crisis and end homelessness. The display at Parliament House was amazing, what an impact! Well done to all staff and students who participated, if we work together as communities, we can help bring about important changes!

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





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From the Desk of Pastor Tim

| Which Team Do You Support?

This year for Father's Day at Encourage Church, we are having a wear your favourite sports team colours day. Whatever sport you follow – footy, cricket, basketball or even le tour de France – you can wear your favourite team jumper, jersey, shirt, scarf or other item of clothing.

It will certainly be a colourful morning! Unless we all barrack for Collingwood...

It has been said, that in Victoria the AFL is our unofficial religion. I have been known to compare going to the footy as a form of "church". Well, when I go to the footy I sit on the hard seats, sing the team song (when we win), clap, stand up and raise my hands when the team does something well, have people asking for my money (I will avoid preaching about the betting ads here), teach my children the ways of the truth (Collingwood is best), and we let the umpire know when we think that they have done something wrong.

Sounds like people's perceptions of church and as pastor, people are happy to let me know when I haven't done something right! Although, at Encourage Church our seats are padded seats, not pews, and we don't bombard people with money requests.

So, there are a number of parallels between going to the footy and going to church and it raises the question, which team are you on? Are you on the team captained by Jesus, or are you fighting against the Saviour of the world? Making no choice, is actually making a choice – as Jesus said "Anyone who isn't with me opposes me, and anyone who isn't working with me is actually working against me." (Matthew 12:30, NLT).

Come along to one of our Sunday morning services at 10am and check out our seats – everyone is welcome!

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- **Monthly Parish Community Lunch's** are held each 2nd Saturday of the month at Christ Church Hall, Lancefield. Next Lunch will be on **Saturday, 9th Sep@ 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.

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| The Mixing

A while back, I read a story of a visiting Pastor who attended a Men's Breakfast in the middle of a rural farming area of the country.

The group had asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast.

"Lord, I hate buttermilk," the farmer began. The visiting Pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going. The farmer proudly proclaimed, **"Lord, I hate lard."** Now the Pastor was growing concerned.

Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, **"And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour."**

The Pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw he wasn't the only one to feel uncomfortable. Then the farmer added, **"But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits."**

So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you are saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing.

It will probably be even better than biscuits.

Amen

"Within that prayer there is great wisdom for all when it comes to complicated situations like we are experiencing in the world today. Stay strong, because our life is being mixed with lots of things we don't care for relax and wait until the mixing is done.

Author unknown.

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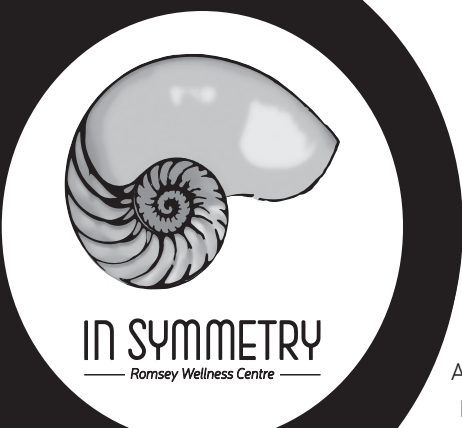
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| A Fitting Connection

Whimsical Weaving Workshop

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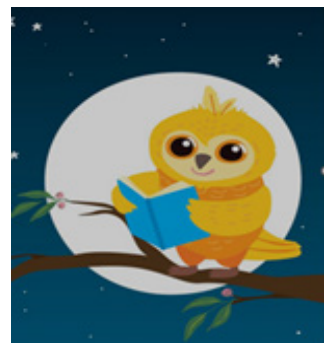
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- 10am on the 3rd Saturday of the month **during the school term.**

Join us on **Saturday the 21st of October at 10am** for songs, rhymes, stories and a fun craft.

Saturday Storytime Dates for Term 3 and 4

- October 21 10am
- November 18 – 10am



| A Curious Circle

Squeegee Painting

- Thursday September 14, 6.30-8.30PM

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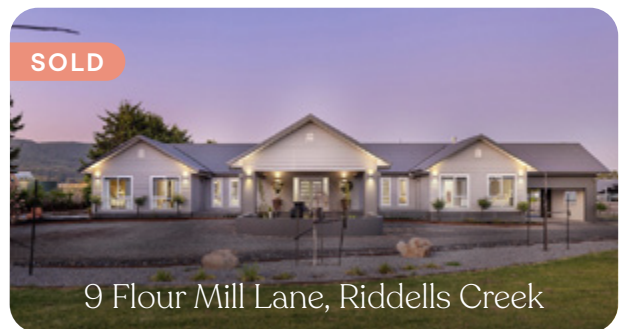
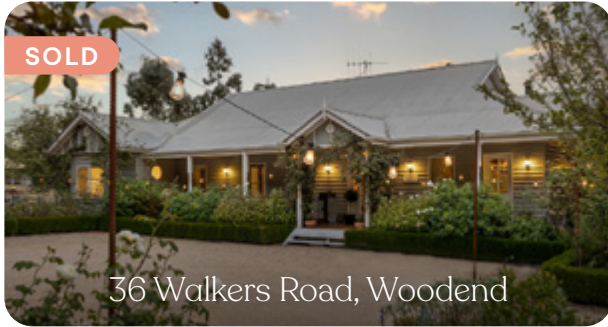
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