

THE Romsey Rag

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Romsey Golf Club

| Clinics for female golfers

Come along and try golf in our "Get into Golf" program at Romsey Golf Club.

- **Time:** Sundays 9:30am - 10:30am
- **Dates:** Oct; 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th
- **Cost:** \$40 for all 4 sessions.

If numbers increase we will organise additional clinics on the Sundays.

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| 2023 Twilight Golf

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2023 ROMSEY OPEN TOURNAMENTS:

**Saturday
November 18th
(4BBB Stableford pairs)
and
Sunday November 19th
(Stroke)**

Romsey G. C. men's and women's Open Tournaments will be 24-hole stroke events.

The weekend is sponsored by:

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FRI	22 September	Trentham
WED	27 September	Bendigo Tulip Display
MON	9 October	Dromkeen History Tour
FRI	13 October	Maldon
WED	18 October	Telegraph -Gisborne lunch
FRI	27 October	Castlemaine Mill
FRI	10 November	Daylesford
FRI	24 November	Melbourne Zoo

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- **Old Time Dancing:** Bolinda P. S. Fundraiser: Another "Old Time Dance" will be held at the RMI on Sunday October 29th. The dances this year have proven very popular so here is another opportunity to have a great afternoon and help one of our smaller local schools raise some funds.
- **RMI Events:** Holding events within the RMI helps keep Romsey dollars within the town. It assists with local employment and means locals do not have to spend additional dollars on fuel and far higher venue hire costs.
- **Romsey Football/Netball Club** held their Presentation night at the RMI on Saturday 23rd of September. Great to see another of the local sporting clubs utilising this grand old hall.
- **All About Fibre & Yarn Festival:** This event was held on Sunday September 17th and ran from 10.00am to 3.00pm. It was a great day out "All About Fibre & Yarn" showcased the best in Australian wool, natural fibres, Australian Indie Dyers and crafters.

All of the above events were able to use the hall's AV system, our thanks to the Bendigo Bank who helped fund these systems

- **Film Nights:** The scouts held their first film night in late August. It was a bit of a learning process with both the administration of the scouts and the parents and friends coming to grips with the online booking process and the hall's AV system. Hopefully this will make other scouts' film nights easier and smoother in the future.
- **Hesket P. S. has decided to move their film night to December:** they will be showing a Christmas related film. Please keep an eye out for this event and, if you can, support one of our smaller, local schools.

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The Continuing series of notable buildings in Romsey

(Former) Romsey Post Office 1890-1990

Much like matters concerning Romsey today, getting services and infrastructure from our government required the town to work together and put pressure on their public servants.

An open letter was published in the Romsey Examiner on the 19th of November 1886 requesting a proper post telegraph office. *"You are treating us shamefully, and we cannot stand it any longer. Give us a decent post office straight away or we'll go into open rebellion."*

Land was purchased for the site of the new post office in 1887 at 96 Main Street. The site sat vacant for two more years, and by February 1889 there still was no sign of progress of a post office for Romsey. Once again an open letter was written in the Romsey Examiner

"The present post office is not fit for a pig to live in in the winter, yet the very obliging lady who is now in charge has before her the anything but pleasant prospect of having to pass another wet season within its damp and fusty walls, with the monotony varied occasionally by the spectacle of her furniture floating about in the flood waters which annually make their way through this delightful building into the street."

Tenders were called finally in late February 1889. It was awarded to N. Irwin for the contracted amount of 1,315 pounds.

The residents of Romsey had their ideas for what they wanted their post office to look like.



"We would like a more attractive architectural scale than the one which has recently been erected by the Postal Department at Lancefield." There was a request for a clock tower as an example of this was built for the Bacchus Marsh post office. By 1890 the post office was built, but remained vacant a further two months due to bureaucracy. The clock tower, bathroom and veranda were added in 1900.

The Romsey post office is the oldest government building in the town. This post office was closed in 1990 and now forms part of the Romsey Hub.

REFERENCES: Macedon Ranges Cultural Heritage & Landscape Study
Various articles from the Romsey Examiner

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This month we will all vote in the referendum as to whether to include in our Constitution a body that will be able to provide advice to governments on laws relating to indigenous peoples.

At the referendum in 1967, Australians voted to change the Constitution so that like all other Australians, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples would be counted as part of the population and the Commonwealth would be able to make laws for them.

Our Constitution does not give detail, it provides basic information and **enables the parliament to add the detail**. For example, the Constitution gives the federal government power to collect tax the Constitution does not mention income tax, company tax, taxes on petrol/diesel, cigarettes etc. That detail is the job of the parliament. The parliament can add to or subtract from its own legislation to cater for changing conditions within the country.

Should the referendum be approved, **it will be up to the parliament to write and approve the legislation that enables "The Voice"** and allows indigenous peoples to advise parliament and the executive on laws relating to their own peoples.

Over many years our state and federal governments have spent billions of dollars to improve health, housing, education and employment of the indigenous and while there have been many successes, today many indigenous people still live in conditions that the average non-indigenous Australian would not accept.

There are many successful indigenous people within our society but there are far more who have not had that opportunity.

Part of living in a democracy is informing ourselves so that when we vote we have the facts at hand. You owe it to yourself to find out for yourself, not just listen to the loudest voices.



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Enjoy another Market Day at Romsey on Sunday, October 8th.

Come and chat, and view the great talent we have here in the Macedon

- Ranges, and maybe purchase an item or two.
- Don't forget that Christmas is not too far off.
- We will have many and varied hand-made products and produce for sale such as, Wood
- Work, Pottery, Jams and Preserves, Babywear and lots more.

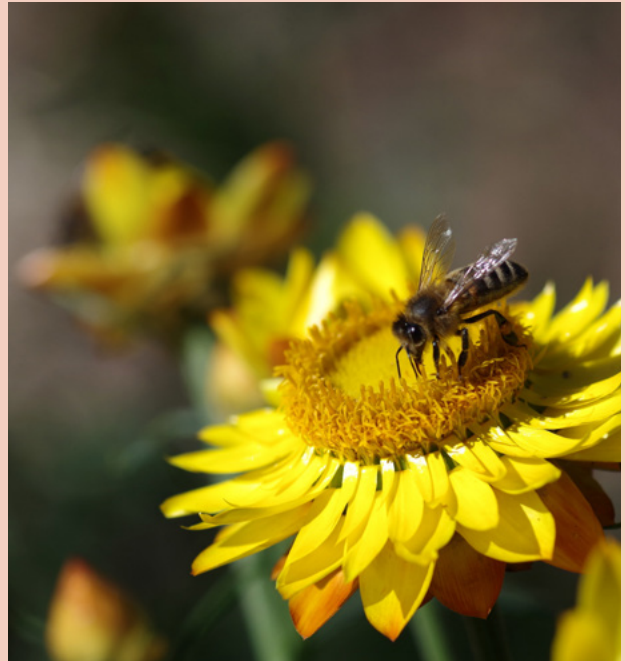
Also enjoy a cup of Kims coffee or hot chocolate with a doughnut from the Doughnutters, or a tasty meal from Scovilles, and not forgetting the Famous Lions Club Sausage Sizzle, while being entertained by a wonderful vocalist, Katrina Buttigieg.

October in the garden

by **Melanie Kinsey**

Why grow indigenous plants.

Deep Creek Landcare Group plants indigenous trees and shrubs that we either grow from seed ourselves or source from suppliers such as The Tree Project or from Ian Taylor over at the Western Plains Flora in Wildwood. To understand the reasons why we should be planting as many indigenous plants as possible, I thought I would go to the experts at Grow Locals in Woodend; the brainchild of Tully Sumner and Marty Roberts. In addition to buying some tubestock for my garden, I received the following response from regular staffer, Lisa Gormley. In addition, Lisa and Marty generously provided some of their photos for use in the article.



Grow Locals is a local native nursery and landscape specialist. We are passionate about central Victorian communities and local plants and are committed to empowering people to act local and plant for climate resilience.

We grow locally, from locally collected seed. This has many benefits as indigenous plants are adapted to local climates and soils. Once established, they can survive the extremes and play a big role as refuge in times of drought when remnant populations are stressed.

Indigenous plants also provide for the specific needs, such as food and habitat, for local fauna and the beneficial insects that aid pollination and keep pest populations in check. The habitat they create provides opportunities that would otherwise not exist. Native plants and native animals have evolved together over time, so planting indigenous plants can help preserve the natural balance of your local ecosystem.

Grow Locals is keen to support everyone to create diverse local landscapes for the benefit of local species and local communities and offer a range of services such as plant supply, contract growing, consultation, revegetation plans and implementation.

Tully and Martin started their ecology education as local teenagers, exploring woodlands and waterways. What they found was often weed infested and devoid of diversity, silent and uninspiring. This experience set them on a course to make a difference. They have both been working in conservation and restoration ecology, the restoration of systems and ecological function, for 25yrs.

Working in diverse environments, from saltmarsh to grasslands, from damp forests to box ironbark woodlands, they have learnt by observation, they have been taught by environmental leaders, true visionaries, by researching stories, by doing, and by listening to the wider landscape, the ultimate teacher.

These experiences have provided insight into adaptive management approaches, which is the key to restoration success and staging efforts to create resilient projects and achieve landscape scale impacts.

Restoration success requires understanding structure, timed intervention and focusing resources. It requires knowledge of the local plants, the living components, and their needs. Every plant successfully established, changes the environment where it is. This is especially true when located in fragmented landscapes, as they create critical links to remnant populations, supporting the movement of genetic diversity, providing a lifeline for many species.

Grow Locals recognises that people are key, and that with the right information and supported with the right plants, they will make a difference to their local communities.

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. We would love to see you!



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

CWA is a Volunteer Organisation

How good is this beautiful sunshine after such a cold Winter? Blossoms are out and the gardens are happy and healthy.

We have been busy the last couple of months. At the Kyneton Daffodil Festival last weekend, it was great to see families out and about supporting the community.

Our next big event will be on 12 October ... CWA/Red Cross cater for the MND run coming through Romsey. There is a big MND bus and up to 240 cars on this run.

In November we will be at the Lions Market with our Christmas stall - lots of goodies. Keep an eye out for November Romsey Rag to see what we will be offering.

LEMON BUTTER

Ingredients

- 2 eggs 125g butter
- 250g white sugar Zest of 2 lemons
- Juice of 3 lemons



Method

1. Beat eggs with sugar over a saucepan just until whisked, not stiff. [make sure the bottom of bowl is not touching the water]
2. Add butter, lemon zest and lemon juice. Stir over medium heat for about 15mins until mixture thickens like Honey. Cook for another 2-3 minutes, DO NOT BOIL. Keep in fridge for 3 months.

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.



Tree Removed at Seymour Cottage

The State Government's 'Heritage Victoria' Department, who are responsible for Seymour Cottage's registration (H 2268), were required to notified and agree to its urgent removal and that a prior Heritage Permit or Permit exemption were in the circumstances not required. However Heritage Victoria did impose heritage protection conditions and the requirement for the prior submission of a Arboriculture tree report. Following requests for quotations from several Macedon Arboriculture businesses Lee Guppy and his team at Cut & Climb Tree Services were contracted the delicate task of removing the tree without damaging the heritage listed Seymour Cottage. From the photographs of the works you can see the Pin-Oak's impressive height and close proximity to Seymour Cottage. Removal of this potential tree danger will enable our Historical Society to safely consider and plan another Seymour Cottage Community Open Day in 2024.

Coordinator for Sidney Seymour Cottage - John Spring

<https://www.romseylancefieldhistorical.org.au/seymour-cottage>

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

Breakfast with Annie Smithers – A wonderful EMRBATA morning at Mount Monument

The rebrand of RRBATA to EMRBATA was formally launched at the Breakfast with Annie Smithers event at Mount Monument on Friday 25th August. After a coffee on arrival from Rafael's Coffee, almost 100 attendees enjoyed an amazing grazing table of wonderful produce from Eastern Macedon Ranges "providers" (Lancefield Guesthouse, Verdure Café, Les Notres, Lancefield Providore, Mount Monument).

The wonderful Annie Smithers (Du Fermier) spoke to the transfixed audience, her authentic perspective on her life in business resonated with the diverse business and community crowd in attendance. Many thanks to all who attended including The Hon. Mary-Anne Thomas, Cr Death, Cr. Ridgeway, Cr. Neil and Cr. Anderson. Many thanks also to the amazing Mount Monument team for hosting and the Romsey and Lancefield Community Bank (Bendigo Bank) for sponsoring the event.



After Work Catch Up – October 4th

Have you been to one of our After Work Catch Up's yet? These are informal opportunities to connect with other businesses in our small community creating a sense of cooperation and mutual support.

These catch ups often lead to opportunities that can drive growth and success for individual businesses while contributing to the overall development of the community - that's a win for everyone!

All businesses in the Eastern Macedon Ranges are welcome to come along - no bookings needed - just turn up!

Our next one is at @ thelancefieldhotel on Wednesday 4th October @ 5:30pm to 7pm

Questions? Send us a DM or email to hannah.sutton@outlook.com

FACEBOOK: Eastern Macedon Ranges - Business and Living

EMRBATA MEMBERSHIP: <https://www.easternmacedonranges.au>



DANIHER'S DRIVE
A FIGHT MND EVENT

IS COMING TO ROMSEY!

Thursday 12th October
10am to 11am
Romsey Skate Park
(Lions Reserve)

- **Come for MORNING TEA sausage sizzle, scones and slices (gold coin donation to Fight MND)**
- **Hosted by the Lions' Club, CWA and Red Cross supported by Rafael's Coffee and Waymaker Coffee.**
- **Join 250 participants, including sporting legends!**
- **See some fabulous vintage cars!**



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Community Bank Connections



TEAM NEWS!

Welcome to the team Hamish! Moving across from the Community Bank Gisborne & District team, Hamish brings with him a wealth of experience and will be a great addition to our Lancefield and Romsey branches. Make sure you stop by and say hello.

RDFNL SEASON WRAP

We came on as Major Sponsor of the RDFNL in 2022 to support the league, our local clubs, and most of all, our local players.

It's been great to hear from the RDFNL team how much our sponsorship helps keep costs down for our local football and netball clubs. We know first-hand that sport isn't free, and the costs can add up - at the club, player and family level.

We saw the 2023 season out with lots of fun events, including the Junior and Senior Presentations and the Senior Grand Final Luncheon.

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF COMMUNITY BANKING

It might come as news to you, however we're a little different to your standard Bendigo Bank branch. 25 years ago, two local towns in the Wimmera came together to pioneer the Community Bank Model, partnering with Bendigo Bank to offer a local banking solution when the banks were all leaving town.

The withdrawal of all banking services from Lancefield, particularly, was very detrimental to the community. A group of locals subsequently got together with the objective of bringing back banking services to Lancefield after an absence of 8 years. The first board of Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services Limited was established in June 2000 and our Lancefield branch opened in May 2001, followed by our Romsey branch in 2005.

Community Banking is about more than just quality banking services – it delivers employment for local people, keeps local capital in the community, is a local investment option for shareholders and provides a source of revenue for community projects determined by the local community. In our 22 years, we've reinvested over \$2.5 million back into the Lancefield and Romsey district via grants, sponsorships, scholarships and donations, with more to be announced in the coming months!

2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services Limited (the local company that owns our Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey) will be held at 6.30pm on Thursday, November 30th at The Lancefield Lodge. Shareholders will have received formal notice of the AGM along with supporting documents mid-September.



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G'day

Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke

Many years ago I was best mates with a professional tea taster. But he died of bowel cancer (nothing to do with the tea he drank). He carried his knowledge of tea and its mysticisms and intricacies through to his everyday life.

He was a great friend and had me drink my tea in the correct fashion.

For instance, he maintained that one must put the milk into the cup AFTER the hot tea in case the hot tea SCORCHED the milk. He was a Scot with a broad accent and when I interviewed him for the ABC, I thought he said if one put the milk in first the hot tea would SCOTCH the milk.

And so I'd gone along with the belief that, if I put the tea last into the cup, I was drinking Scotch tea!

He was a member of the Naval & Military Club and he argued with the waiters and all became clear.

SCOTCH TEA demands a 'dram' of whiskey instead of milk.



ATLANTIC SALMON WITH A CREAM-TEA SAUCE

RECIPE

Ingredients

- 6 pieces Atlantic Salmon
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons loose tea leaves
- 2 cups water
- 2 cups fish stock (or vegetable stock)
- 1 cup sour cream
- 3 fresh sage leaves

Method

1. Heat the olive oil in a large heavy frying pan till it's very hot. Carefully put the salmon pieces into the oil, skin side down and cover the pan. Heat for 10 minutes to seal the juices into the fish then take out the fish and put it onto a warm plate and keep warm till you're ready to serve it.
 2. Make the tea with the tea leaves and 2 cups of hot water and let it brew for 3 minutes then strain out the leaves, stir in the stock and heat the mixture thoroughly.
 3. Skim the fat off the bottom of the frying pan, pour in the tea/stock mixture and stir to deglaze the pan. Keep heating the liquid in the pan until it's reduced by a half then stir in the sour cream and continue heating to reduce the liquid by another third. Stir in the fresh sage leaves and let them warm through - about a minute.
 4. Pour a little of the hot sauce onto each of 6 plates, put a piece of salmon onto the sauce and pour more sauce on top of the fish.
- Serve hot.

Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens

October Report

Good news – our monthly bus trips will be starting up again in November. We are yet to confirm the date (due to Melbourne Cup) but we will be heading up to Bendigo to visit the many Op-Shops in the town. It should be a great day out. More details in next months report. But in the meantime, for more information on pick up times please contact Helen or Jan (phone numbers below).

For further information please contact Helen on 0409 064 303 or Jan on 0408 371 755.

Hope to see you soon.

Coming Up:

On **Tuesday December 5th** we will be heading to Highlands Hotel for our Christmas break-up. More details on pick up times and costs next month.

We meet every Monday at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute for lunch, for \$10 – everyone is more than welcome. Come along and join us for a chat or a game of cards. Looking forward to catching up with you.

Free Community Film Screening - 'The Fort'

| 7pm THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER - Bluestone Theatre Kyneton

The Zonta Club of Kyneton in partnership with the Macedon Ranges Shire Council are pleased to host a special free screening of film 'The Fort' at the historic Bluestone Theatre in Kyneton. Sadly with the Victorian statistics of domestic violence increasing each year, Zonta hopes that the screening of this film will help raise community awareness and highlight local agencies that can assist families. Please join us for this special event where we will view this eye-opening Australian film.

Film outline: Faced with the harrowing reality of family violence, a mother and her young son discover the fantasy world that provides them with sanctuary can't protect them forever.

The evening will also include a discussion of the important themes explored in the film (particularly domestic violence) and highlight local support services. Light refreshments will conclude the evening.

'The Fort' was filmed in Kyneton, and was directed by locals Jess and Carly Anne Kenneally. Executive producer Shaynna Blaze.

If you are concerned about the increasing incidence of domestic violence in our society, this film is for you.

**Free Bookings can be made via - <https://events.humanitix.com/zckfortfilm>
All enquires - Zonta Club of Kyneton - secretary@zontakyneton.org.au**



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Romsey Golf Club Report

2nd Tee: For some years the 2nd tee has needed an upgrade. A long, thin tee, it was shaded by a large cyprus pine. Grass suffered as players/green fees golfers increased. Once again Mitch Atlas, Sevi, Tyler and the crew got to work. We organised new pipe and sprinklers, and a load of clean fill from a town development. Sand and good topsoil were still there.

Now the tee will settle and the grass grow. We hope to have it in play by late October.

2023 W. E. Tom Shield: The final was a closely fought affair for much of the front nine. Slowly Luke Lyons/Dylan Harris moved ahead. Excellent putting from Luke saw the shield stiched up on the 16th. Luke & Dylan D Scott Williams/Chris vanDerVliet 3/1.

2023 Macedon Ranges Spring Cup: This September event is played between Romsey and Mt Macedon. Now Lancefield has agreed to make it a tripartite competition. It is a Stableford competition where equal numbers of players from each club collate their individual scores to determine the winning club. Drummond Golf Niddrie sponsors the event. The competition will be played at Mt Macedon on Sunday November 12th

Romsey Opens: The club has decided to run both Men's (Graeme Clement Open) and Women's Opens on the same day. It will be a 24 hole stroke event, 12 holes in the morning, lunch and 12 holes in the afternoon. Our 2023 sponsors will be Mt Monument Winery and the Bendigo Bank

New Sponsor: Mogas is now a club sponsor. Located at 9 Johnston Crt, Mogas has diesel available 24/7. They strive to be cheaper than other fuel outlets.

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Dylan & Luke, the 2023 W. E. Tom Champions.

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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!



Scan to find a program.

GET INTO GOLF.

golf.org.au/getintogolf

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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Foster a brighter future for a vulnerable child

MacKillop Family Services is calling on the community to foster a brighter future for vulnerable children and young people.

Throughout the region there continues to be a high demand for foster carers who can provide nurturing care and support for children in their local community full-time, short-term, or on weekends or school holidays.

Foster carers come from all walks of life. They can be working, not working or retired; married or single; in same-sex relationships; and can own or rent their home. The most essential criteria is that they care, can provide a safe and nurturing home, and have room in their home to support a vulnerable child or sibling group.

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If you think this is a role that you and your family are ready for, call MacKillop on **1300 791 677** or visit **www.mackillop.org.au/fostercare** for further information or to make an enquiry.

Relative

Sophie Newman Byass and Ella Byass are holding a mother and daughter joint art exhibition at The Gallery, Mt Macedon in October. The exhibition, titled 'Relative,' encompasses their relationship and their art. The exhibition showcases their very individual styles as they encourage each other through the artistic process.

Sophie's background as a graphic designer shows in her bold and graphic paintings. Art nouveau curves, balustrades, jewellery and plants are some of her inspirations. She is revisiting painting on canvas. This has been educational, challenging and extremely rewarding.

Ella was a finalist in the Young Archie Competition when she was just fourteen years old. Her painting hung in the NSW Art Gallery alongside the Archibald Exhibition. Now 21, Ella is finding her own preferred style, exaggerating the interesting points of her subject. She has a loose, relaxed impressionist style as opposed to the restrictions of hyperrealism.

Ella's preferred mediums are oil paint or charcoal, with the majority of her subjects being portraits, landscapes and animals.

Meet Sophie and Ella at the exhibition opening on Saturday October 7th at 2pm. Everyone is welcome.

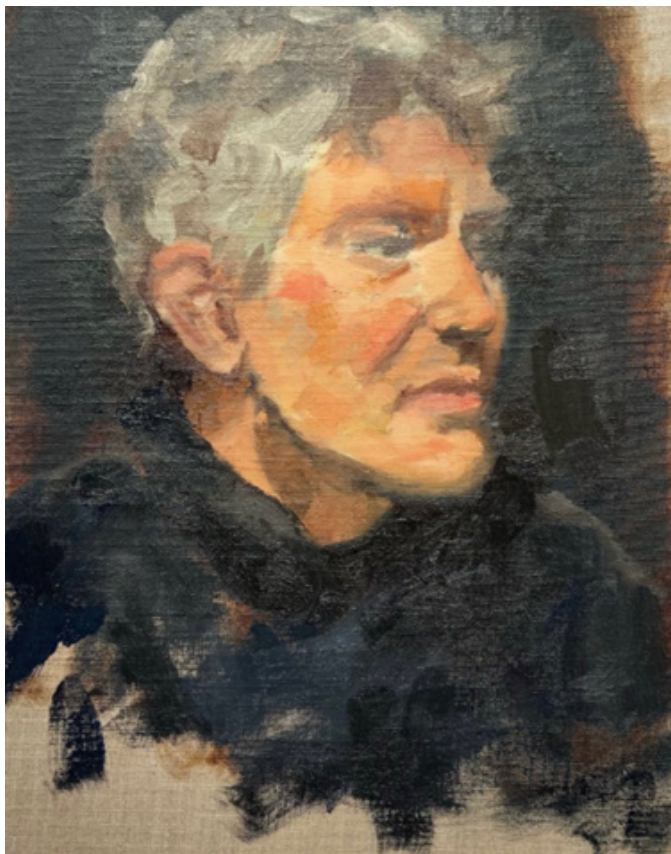
The artworks will be hanging in the gallery from October 2nd through to November 5th.

Local Artists: We have space in our Focus Room available in 2024. Contact Jo 0418 488 582.

The Gallery is located at 684 Mt Macedon Road, Mt Macedon next to Dicksonia Rare Plants nursery and behind The Trading Post Cafe.

Open Friday to Tuesday, 10-4pm. Closed Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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Romsey Mens Shed

Working on Friendships



Romsey Mens Shed - Building on friendships!

New members are welcome! The shed has a number of activities. Members come on Tuesday to work and talk – often mainly talk - which we encourage in the safe atmosphere of the shed. The Thursday \$5 barbeque/lunch at 12 is the most popular day for members (and an occasional guest).

For “hands-on” - we have woodwork, metal/welding and automotive workshop activities - and some training to a practical level on tools and machines. Even glass cutting, by arrangement. We make a few novelty items for the Co-Op (cnr Murphy & Main) and occasionally help the Neighbourhood House on community work.

We meet quarterly with representatives of other sheds in the LGA, to compare notes.

The T Model project: The Midland Express of August 15 carried a front page report on the 1925 T Model project which created interest in the Macedon Ranges among enthusiasts. A descendant of the original sellers, Peter Gardiner, donated a Photo and Painting of the vehicle, of the day it was delivered to Gardiner Ford in Gisborne.

Karl Nielsen of Kyneton donated a set of tyres and tubes which are specialist items. This will help us get the “T” mobile so we can exhibit it at events. Even in the early stages of the full restoration, people seem fascinated by its history - and the quality of engineering of the day.

On completion, it will remain in the community for display or social purposes.

Excursions: We occasionally organise an excursion. After visiting Darraweit Valley Cider House last Month, we went for a lunch at the Lost Watering Hole Brewery in Lancefield. More than half our members attended (this was subsidised by our weekly “Pub style meat raffle”).

A busy weekend. With all Romsey on Saturday 9 September, we held a Garage sale - to move shed-made products and donated goods, and to sell snags and egg and bacon sandwiches. On Sunday we had an Open Day sponsored by our Bendigo Bank, and celebrated the Thirty-Year anniversary of the Mens Shed movement. We thank all involved for their support.



Happy faces at the Cider Brewery.

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

| Gardening Tip

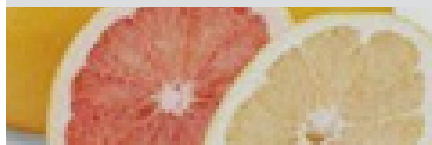
We grow strawberries in our vegie plot and they are very tasty.

A friend suggested putting horse manure on them and we did try that but decided to stick with whipped cream.



| Dieting Tip

Did you know? That by replacing your potato chips with grapefruit as a snack you can lose up to 90% of what little joy you still have left in your life.



| Spending

Strange... I must be getting stronger as I age.

It used to be an effort to carry in \$100 of groceries to my car.

Now I can carry in \$200 worth with only one hand...

The Mount Players

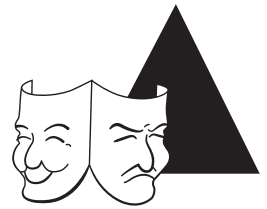
The legend of Peter Pan has been delighting children for over 100 years and The Mount Players (TMP), in conjunction with Sunbury-based Boilerhouse Theatre Company (BTC), are excited to present 16 performances of *Peter Pan - A Musical Adventure*. TMP President Craig Lenaine-Smith says "It's wonderful that we have been able to join forces to work on this production together and to see the large number of young people getting a chance to perform on our stage. This is the first time in a few years that we have had a true family show".

Co-Directors Ryan Stormland and Jess Ryan (who is also the BTC President) each have a love of the story and are excited to be working with two casts of 25 adults and children. Ryan admires the musical score but also that "the characters are legendary in all the right ways with a nuanced chemistry between Hook, Peter, and Wendy. Peter and Hook see life in a similar way, as a game, an adventure to win. Wendy changes the way Peter thinks, to see people as people, not 'props' on his stage".

Jess is huge fan of classical literature and jumped at the opportunity to bring a modern take on this story to a new audience. As a choreographer, Jess is enjoying working with the Pirates and Lost Boys and says, "the opportunity to work with kids is challenging but also ridiculously fun!"

Running from Nov 3–26, this is a show for all the family. To book tickets, go to www.themountplayers.com or call 5426 1892.

| By *Karlana Santamaria*



The Mount Players



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New Community Local Law 2023

Council has adopted a new Community Local Law 2023 – replacing the General Purposes and Amenity Local Law No. 10 of 2013 – which will come into effect from 25 September 2023.

The new Local Law was designed for the community to protect safety and amenity throughout the Macedon Ranges over the next decade.

Some of the key changes include:

- burning in the open air now prohibited on land less than 2,000 square metres
- broadening of accountability to include landowners – not just perpetrators
- gambling advertisements now prohibited on Council land or on a road
- new clause added to allow fireworks (conducted by a pyrotechnician) on private land, under strict conditions
- heavy vehicle parking now prohibited on land 2,000 square meters or less
- events, filming and busking now its own clause
- smoke-free zones added to the Local Law, allowing Council to prescribe and declare smoke-free (including e-cigarette-free) zones
- prohibiting collection of wood from Council land or a road
- stricter regulations around:
 - o unsightly and dangerous land and buildings
 - o scare guns
 - o building sites
 - o shopping trolleys

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback earlier this year which helped shape and enhance the new Local Law.

Council strongly encourages all members of the community to familiarise themselves with the new Community Local Law 2023 available online at mrsc.vic.gov.au/local-laws and at Council offices.

Recycle your textiles, polystyrene and soft plastics for free



Council is now accepting textiles and clean polystyrene at resource recovery facilities (formerly transfer stations), in addition to soft plastics.

Council has partnered with Upcycle4Better to offer residents a sustainable recycling solution for their damaged clothes, shoes, linen and more. This free service is only for damaged or well-used textiles. Items that are in good condition should still be donated to your nearest op shop.

You can also recycle clean, white expanded polystyrene for free as part of a new trial, with the recycled product turned into items such as picture frames, skirting boards, decking and other household products. To be recycled, the polystyrene must be clean and free from dirt, tape, labels and ink.

Don't forget, you can also take your soft plastics for free too. A recent audit of kerbside general waste bins showed up to 70% of the bin was taken up by soft plastics.

For information visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/RRF or call 5422 0333.

Showcasing Inclusion photo competition

Don't forget to submit your photos for Council's "Showcasing Inclusion" photo competition, in recognition of International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD) 2023.

Competition categories focus on inclusion in different aspects of life such as education and employment, the arts, sport and recreation. Prizes will be awarded for each category and for the photo selected by judges as the most outstanding illustration of 'This is what inclusion means to me'.

The competition closes on 29 October, with a presentation event on 29 November, leading in to IDPwD, celebrated on 3 December. A travelling exhibition will follow for the community to view entries, which will also be displayed online.

For information and to submit your photos, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/IDPWD



Free self-load mulch

Time to get your hands dirty! Spring is a great time to get out into the garden. Visit your local resource recovery facility (formerly known as a transfer station) for some free self-load mulch.

For information visit: mrsc.vic.gov.au/mulch or call 5422 0333.

Free catch-up HPV vaccinations

Council's immunisation clinic is offering catch-up HPV vaccinations for people aged 25 or under who have missed out.

The HPV vaccine protects against nine types of HPV that cause almost all cases of cervical cancer, other HPV-related cancers and genital warts. Australians aged 12-25 years can receive the HPV vaccine for free through the National Immunisation Program. Most people will receive it through school-based programs when they are 12-13 years old.

Usually, only one dose of the vaccine is required to be protected against HPV-related cancers and diseases, however people that are immunocompromised will require three doses of the vaccine.

If you or your child are under the age of 25 and haven't had a single dose of the HPV vaccine, you can find out more about Council's free immunisation sessions and make a booking at mrc.vic.gov.au/immunisations

To find out more about the HPV vaccine, visit hpvvaccine.org.au

Aged Care Volunteer Visitor Scheme now recruiting volunteers

Council is looking for volunteers to join its recently launched its Aged Care Volunteer Visitor Scheme (ACVVS).

The program supports people living in aged care residential facilities or receiving home care packages who may be feeling socially isolated. Volunteers are matched with individuals with similar interests for regular weekly or fortnightly social visits or outings.

Ideas for visits can include reading or going out for a cuppa together; or bringing your furry friend with you, if you both share a love of animals. Whatever your skills or interests we would love to chat with you.

With aged care participants living all over the Macedon Ranges, there are opportunities wherever you might live within the shire.

To register your interest as a volunteer, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/ACVVS or call 5422 0333.

If you or someone you know might like a visitor, and they live in a residential facility or receive a Home Care Package, the ACVVS team would love to hear from you.

Carers Week workshop

- **10:30am-12:30pm,
Wednesday 11 October,
Dromkeen Gallery, 1012
Kilmore Road, Riddells
Creek**

Council is inviting families and carers to join guest speaker Sally Camilleri from Carers Victoria in a special workshop where we will explore why caring for ourselves is so important, what stops us caring for ourselves, and how to make a self-care commitment.

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

Sunday Afternoon Dance

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Sunday 29th October

Fundraiser for Bolinda Primary School

1.30pm to 5.00pm

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Romsey - Lancefield Probus - Welcome to friendship

Have Fun, make new friends, and catch-up with old ones!

The Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club is for active retirees or semi-retired people to relax and enjoy the welcoming company of those at the same stage of life. A meeting each month has guest speakers, morning tea - and time to socialise with other members.

Each month we have a lunch at a regional venue - as well as short and longer trips throughout the year. The club is visiting Western Australia in October 2023. We meet for coffee every Friday at 10am at the Lancefield Corner Store. A chat and a bit of fun.

Our September address was by Jenny Stillman, of the Award Winning Romsey Eco therapy Park committee and president of RRBATA (Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association). RRBATA is not-for-profit and promotes Romsey region business and tourism. The Club enjoyed Jenny's vision and action to develop a wonderful facility for the Romsey residents and wider community, and are sure to visit in future. Members who had visited the park were enthusiastic, saying it is suitable for all community groups.

In September, luncheon at the Songbird Café in Kinglake gave the members the time to sit and relax in a cosy environment. We took advantage of the local sights and attractions such as the National Park, shops and nurseries all within a short distance from the café.

• **The next meeting of the Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club is on Thursday, 26th October at 10.00 am in St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall Main Street Romsey.**

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

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Highway Clean Up

The Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club Inc. has a two-yearly highway clean up along the Avenue of Honour Melbourne Lancefield Road (Western side) between Hutchinson's Lane and Boundary Road and Boundary Road and Collivers Road.

It would surprise readers to know what rubbish and litter we have encountered over the years. Alcohol bottles and cans, ropes of all descriptions, plastics, cigarette packets and cigarette butts, used hessian bags, plasticised feed bags, shoes, toys, slippers, boots, chains, children's books, tissues, cardboard boxes of all sizes, polystyrene packaging, shirts, T-Shirts, sunglasses, glasses, babies nappies, and house hold waste, underwear, tin foil, pencils, biros and pens, coffee cups, gardening plastic pots, plastic tubs, bolts, nuts, steel bars, tyres, tyre rims, parts of cars and trucks, tools, fast food store rubbish, wood of all descriptions and lengths and discarded household furniture.

Many landowners along the Melbourne Lancefield Road are to be commended for their efforts in keeping highway land in front of their properties clear of litter.

Our next clean-up is on Saturday 4th November 2023 (9 am to 12 noon). We will gather at Hutchinson's Lane West Romsey for a short induction regarding procedures and distribution of safety gear (i.e Hi Vis vests and gloves) and equipment as required by Clean Up Australia.

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

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The Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club Inc.





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Rock Solid Future For Hanging Rock

The State Government has purchased Hanging Rock's East Paddock and released a new masterplan to further protect the cultural significance of the cherished destination.

Minister for Environment Ingrid Stitt announced the \$3 million investment will provide a clear pathway for the future management of the iconic Hanging Rock.

The newly acquired East Paddock will be integrated into the Hanging Rock Reserve – ensuring the precinct remains protected for years to come.

Events at the East Paddock will be carefully managed to limit impacts on nature and the surrounding environment.

Traditional Owners groups and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council were consulted extensively to develop the Hanging Rock Precinct Master Plan which outlines new actions on how to sustainably promote the regions cultural heritage.

The Plan also outlines future developments to protect the natural environment and improve the visitor experience, including a new revegetated 'Songline' walking trail and a visitor centre that will act as a hub for dining and education purposes.

The Government says it will continue to work towards a joint management arrangement with Traditional Owners, Macedon Ranges Shire Council will continue to manage the day-to-day operations of Hanging Rock for at least another three years.

The Hanging Rock Precinct Master Plan and purchase of East Paddock are among the aims set out in the 50-year Hanging Rock Strategic Plan approved by the Victorian Government and Macedon Ranges Shire Council in 2018. learn more about the Hanging Rock Project and Master Plan visit forestsandreserves.vic.gov.au/initiatives/hanging-rock-project.



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, across 18 Budburst sites, will be offering wine tasting from 10am to 5pm on Saturday and Sunday along with curated food menus championing local produce, art shows, sculptor walks and live music.

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www.budburst.com | www.macedonrangeswine.com.au

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Festival and bus tickets are available for purchase from 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.

Spring Has Sprung

Woodend/Hanging Rock Petanque Club's annual Out-of-the-Hat Spring competition has come around again.

Open to players from all Victorian Clubs to come and play 4 games each Thursday in September at our Racecourse piste, there is a winner on the day but a cumulative prize is awarded at the end of the month.

Round 1 - cancelled due to forecast rain. Round 2 - 24 players enjoyed beautiful sunny weather, with Amanda Norgate of Ballarat being the winner on the day. This competition is a great way for our newer members to practise their skills and learn tactics in a relaxed, not-so-competitive way.

Talking about the more competitive players in our Club, three of our players have enjoyed success in various competitions in September.

Shirley Marshall was selected to represent Victoria in the Petanque Federation Australian Interstate Challenge held on the 9th/10th September at Newcastle Petanque Club in NSW. Playing against all other Australian States, in some really hard-fought games over the two days, her team finished equal 3rd (pipped by one point only) with the other Victorian team finishing 1st.

A great result and huge congratulations to Shirley.

Ruth Giddings and Rod Gell played in Camberwell Over 60's Triples Competition with Sue Rickarby of Mt Martha Club - finishing 2nd on the day. Camberwell is known for some very difficult pistes and when you consider we are playing against some players who have been petanqueing since they were children, it was an excellent result."



Vic state team with Shirley Marshall 2nd left.



Ruth Giddings, Rod Gell & Sue Rickarby at Camberwell.

The Uplifting Brahms' Liebeslieder Waltzes

the Gisborne Singers

The Gisborne Singers are pleased to present Brahms Liebeslieder Waltzes. The work features piano four hands, a style popular in the 19th century where two pianists play simultaneously on one piano. Talented choir accompanist Anna Clarke Zuidland is joined by guest pianist Elyane Laussade.

Brahms Liebeslieder Waltzes is a collection of love songs in the Ländler style. Liebeslieder translates as love song. The lyrics are from Georg Friedrich Daumer's Polydora, a collection of folk songs and love poems.

Concert Details:

- 2pm Sunday 29th October
The Church of the Resurrection, Macedon.
Tickets: Adult \$55; Student/senior \$45;
under 12 free.

Tickets at www.trybooking.com/CIWMG or via our website www.gisborne.harmonysite.com.

The Gisborne Singers rehearse on Wednesdays at the Gisborne Uniting Church in Brantome Street, Gisborne. Enquiries to: president@gisbornesingers.org.au or phone **0408 156 263**.



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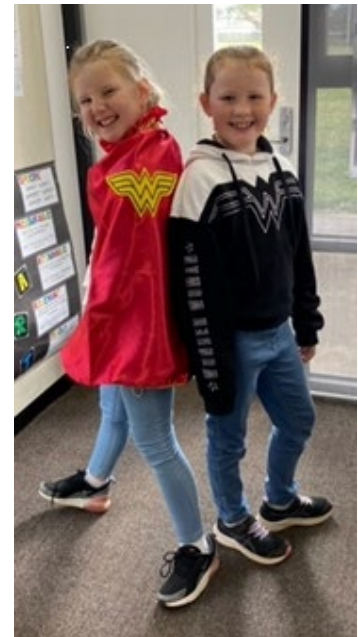
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On Friday 18 August 2023 our school, Romsey Primary, participated in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA). The NDA is Australia's key bullying prevention initiative for schools, connecting schools and communities to implement workable solutions to prevent bullying.

Students were encouraged to come to school dressed as a 'Superhero' or wear a 'Superhero Symbol' (badge, cape, mask, shield) to take a stand against bullying and violence.

It has been such a busy term, with so many events and activities that there is just too much to write about! So, here's just some of the things that have happened in the past few weeks. I know everyone is looking forward to the holidays and a good rest!



**St Mary's Lancefield
and Romsey**

| Prep - Author Visit

On Friday 18th August, the Preps were lucky enough to have a visit from children's author Emma Bowd thanks to Emma Stevens from Red Door books. They absolutely loved meeting a 'real' author and had lots of questions for Emma such as -

- "Do you make the books yourself?"
- "Did you draw the pictures?"
- "How did you get the cover to look like that?"

Emma explained to them how she got her ideas and loved that they were authors themselves.

The students enjoyed acting out parts of her picture story book 'Wonderful Shoes' and Emma also read them her new book 'The Day You Were Born.' It was such a wonderful experience for all the students and we thank both Emma's for this fantastic opportunity leading up to Book Week!

| Book Week Activity Day

Well once again our school community has outdone themselves! What an amazing Book Week Dress Up Parade we had - a huge crowd of family members and dressed up toddlers joined us to enjoy the amazing costumes on offer right across the school. It was great to see such enthusiasm and participation from all students. It's such a fun occasion and one everyone loves to be a part of. Along with the students, the majority of staff came along dressed as crayons from the book 'The Day the Crayons Quit' as well as 3 staff members who came as the 3 Blind Mice! What a great effort by all, thank you to all staff for getting involved, it really set the scene. Costumes by the students were next level, so many different characters, so much effort and so many laughs. Thank you to the students and their families for helping to make this such a great day for all.

After our wonderful parade, students returned to their classrooms to join in a variety of Book Week activities related to the Book Week books. After reading the story, activities included puppet making, playing Hide and Seek, designing an agility course, trivia questions, making paper dandelions and much more. Each class rotated through 3 activities for the day allowing them to experience different books and activities. The afternoon was then spent at our whole school assembly where we got to experience a tram ride in Melbourne with 3/4BK.

Thank you to everyone involved in Book Week, it's a lot of work but so worthwhile. We appreciate the great effort everyone went to to make this such a successful and memorable day. Well done!

| Year 1/2 Visit to Lancefield Courthouse

As part of their Inquiry Unit our Year 1/2 's have been learning about how Lancefield and Romsey have changed over time. This has included investigating the Megafauna that existed many thousands of years ago, walking around Lancefield to discover the many older buildings in the town and visiting the Lancefield Courthouse which is home to the Lancefield Historical Society. Tuesday September 5 was the day they were able to visit and tour the Courthouse. At the Courthouse, Shirley Kishere and Fay Woodhouse greeted the students and told them a little bit about the old Courthouse. Our students were all keen to find out about prisoners and loved having a look inside the Lock-Up at the end of their tour. Fay told everyone a little bit about the story of Lancefield, from the original township first located over Mustey's Bridge to the current township and some of its landmark buildings - such as the churches and schools. She showed students maps of the old township as well. She then talked about the early squatters and farmers and showed some photos of the potato growers and a butcher showing off a slaughtered animal which looked like a cow. Looking at the megafauna bones and the axe handles from the Mt William Quarry were also popular. After exploring the inside of the Lock-up, and thanking Shirley and Fay, our students had their photo taken before walking back to the school. They had a great time and we would like to thank Fay and Shirley for giving our students this amazing opportunity and for generously giving up their time to share so many interesting and valuable stories. The Lancefield Courthouse is well worth a visit for anyone interested in history and we highly recommend it!



| Performing Arts Spooktacular

It has been a huge lead up to our Performing Arts Spooktacular. A great deal of work by our Performing Arts Specialist Teachers, Tamara Manski and Emily Armstrong. Choosing songs, choreographing the dance moves, creating the script to link all the songs, auditioning students for reading parts, sourcing costumes, makeup etc etc etc. So much work behind the scenes and then of course practice, practice, practice! And boy did it pay off! What an amazing show the students presented to over 350 audience members. It was clever, entertaining and colourful. We had ghosts, skeletons, pirates, zombies, superheroes, witches, princesses, heffalumps and wozzles, purple people eaters, monsters and ghost busters! The songs were catchy, the dance moves vibrant, the costumes just fabulous, not to mention the makeup. Such a fun night, hands down the best concert performance ever! The students outdid themselves, remembering their dance moves, song words, and script for those that had a speaking



part. They entertained, amused and impressed the audience and for all their efforts we say a huge thank you and well done! Something of this scale is a team effort and we thank all staff for their contributions, family members for their assistance, the students for their dedication and Tamara and Emily for bringing it all together. We hope our families enjoyed the show as much as we all did putting it on. Now we can breathe a sigh of relief as it's 2 years before the next one!!

| Books to Life Performance

As part of Book Week we were very lucky to have a live performance of the book 'Jorn's Magnificent Imagination' by Coral Vass. This is the true story of Jorn Utzon, the architect of the world-renowned Sydney Opera House. The story follows Jorn through his life as he discovers his love of building and creating, gathering ideas from everything around himself.

The live performance included singing, a huge amount of audience participation, interactive screens and lots of fun! The creator of Books to Life, Tony Bones is a one-man powerhouse. Changing characters, singing, using puppetry and getting the students involved and completely transfixed. It was a fabulous performance, enjoyed by both students and staff alike and a great way to end our Book Week celebrations. Thanks to the students for their enthusiasm and to all those courageous enough to get up and participate throughout the show, a brilliant effort. We look forward to having Tony back again next year for more books to life fun!

| Father's Day Games Afternoon

To end what has been a massive week, we had our Father's Day Games Afternoon! Thankfully the weather held and more than 100 dads, grandads and special friends joined the students for an hour of fun activities on Friday 1st September. Outside there was plenty of cricket and basketball, football, soccer, sack races, egg & spoon races, down ball and tree ball. In the hall there were planks to build, Lego to make, puzzles to solve, board games to play, artwork to be created, a bit of friendly ping pong plus lots of fun with balloons! It was lovely to see so many dads, grandads and special friends join us on Friday. The delight on the students' faces was priceless and any students who didn't have that special someone come along, well they were ok because they were quickly adopted for the afternoon to join in the fun with others that were there. Overall, another fabulous event for our students. Thank you to our families for supporting this event, it means the world to the students!

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



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From the Desk of Pastor Tim

| The Faith of Friends

We have just finished re-roofing the Encourage church. As the roofers were taking the old tin off, it reminded me of the four men who brought their paralyzed friend to Jesus to be healed (see Mark 2:1-11 and Luke 5:17-26).

Jesus was preaching in a house. There was such a crowd that the four men could not carry their friend close enough. So, they went up onto the roof (the houses in those days had a flat roof and stairs to get up there) and dug a hole in the roof, letting their friend down through the roof into the crowd right in front of Jesus.

I'm not sure how I would react if people cut a hole in our newly done roof (hopefully with grace), but what is most striking is the effort the friends went to, to help their friend. When a difficulty arose, they came up with an innovative solution - one that wasn't easy to do. Mark 2:5 says "when Jesus saw their faith..." - the faith of friends.

I recently heard Lucy from LightFM talk about a difficult time in her life when she was depressed and suicidal. A close friend would ring her daily, sometimes hourly, and then had Lucy move to a granny flat on her property. That's the modern-day equivalent of cutting a hole in your roof for your friend.

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

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- **Bible Study:** Christ Church Lancefield Hall Thursday 10:30am - Enjoy a cuppa while spending time pondering the book of Habakkuk.



Vale Doreen Morgan

It is with sadness in our hearts we say Farwell to Doreen, who passed away 14th September 2023. Doreen will be greatly missed by all who had the privileged to know her. Doreen worked tirelessly for God and the sharing of her faith during her life. Our Prayers are with her family & friends.

- **Monthly Parish Community Lunch's** are held each 2nd Saturday of the month at Christ Church Hall, Lancefield. Next Lunch will be on **Saturday, 14th Oct @ 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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That is the prayer of the man who has sinned, and who is seeking only the mercy of God.

No one can even think of approaching God without thinking of how unworthy he is to enter into the presence of the God who is of purer eyes than to behold iniquity.

Once Abraham Lincoln said:

"I have often been driven to my knees in prayer because I had nowhere else to go."

That is the prayer of the bended knee and the outstretched hand, the prayer of the man for whom there is nothing left to say but: *"God help me! God help me!"*

There are sorrows which none but God can comfort.

There are problems which none but God can solve.

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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.

| 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 - 2024

Bookings are now open for parish children to register for all Sacraments due in 2024. Reconciliation available to Yr3 & above, Holy Communion available to Yr 4 & above and Confirmation available to Yr6 and above in 2024. 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
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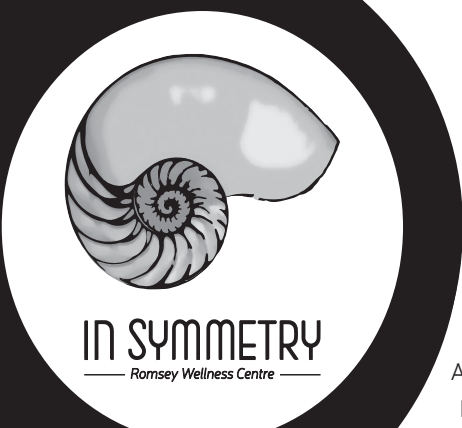
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- **21 October and 18 November - 10am – 10:30am Bookings not required.**

| Teddy Bear Sleepover



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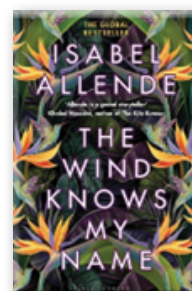
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- **Drop off toys at Romsey Library on Friday 29 October from 4pm – 5pm**
- **Pickup toys at Romsey Library on Saturday 30 October from 10am – 12pm**

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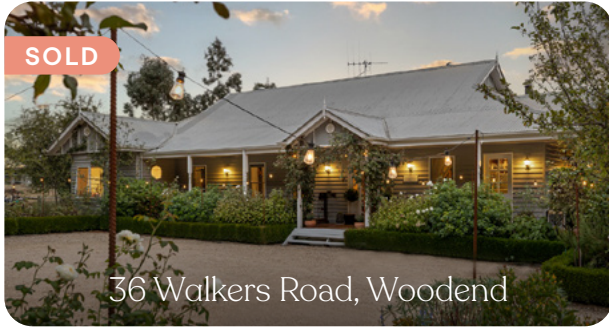
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