

Romsey Rag

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Romsey Groups Unite to Support Charity

Daniher's Drive Romsey Morning Tea

Despite wet weather forcing a last minute relocation of the Daniher's Drive Morning Tea to the Romsey Park Recreation Reserve, the Romsey community demonstrated wonderful support for this Fight MND fundraising car rally on Thursday 12th October. Over 220 participants in 60 vehicles arrived in Romsey having departed earlier from Windy Hill in Essendon on Day 1 of the 4-day event. In addition to the wonderful spread of scones (CWA), slices (Red Cross) and sausage sizzle (Lions' Club), all who were present were entertained by performances from the Romsey Primary School Singing Club and local bush Poet Jack Bamford. With the Romsey CFA also in attendance, the Romsey Community Co-Op also had a stall at the event which saw some of the participants purchase locally made products to take with them!

This was a wonderful demonstration of Romsey community hospitality and support for a great cause!

A BIG THANK YOU to the following who made this event great:

- Eastern Macedon Ranges Business and Tourism Association (EMRBATA)
- Romsey IGA
- Newearth Constructions (traffic management)
- Rob McIntyre (Romsey Park Recreation Reserve)
- CWA
- Red Cross
- Romsey Primary School
- Jack Bamford
- Romsey CFA
- Rafael's Coffee
- Waymaker Coffee
- Romsey Community Co-Op



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FRI	24 November	Melbourne Zoo
FRI	1 December	Kyneton Exhibition & Iuch
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ROMSEY BRANCH OF C.W.A. INC

WOW... what a day when the MND rally came through Romsey. The weather might have been miserable, but believe me everyone on that rally were a ray of Sunshine.

- CWA, Red Cross and Lions Club were all there to provide morning tea. CWA handed out 8 ½ dozen scones jam and cream. Red Cross had amazing slices, muffins and cakes. It was a credit to everyone who supplied the wonderful food.
- Lions had the BBQ fired up – the day was cold, they were sought out!
- For me personally, and as CWA President, it was an honour to be involved.
- We were going to be at the November Lions Market - but due to circumstances beyond our control...we will now be at the DECEMBER market.

CWA is not just for older women; it is for women of any age wanting to be involved in their local community and connected to world-wide friendship and community care. We have a lot of fun and laughs while being creative and raising funds for community projects.

For any further information please call:

President: **Dianne Purtil - M: 0409 214 520**
Secretary: **Wendy Foster - M: 0409175 667**
or email: **cwaromsey@gmail.com**



C.W.A. 2022 STATE THEMES:

THEME: Sharing, fun and friendship.

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

Country of Study: Malaysia.

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

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

Social Issues Focus: Safe Homes for All.



CWA Mad Hatters Tea Party.

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People looking for a pleasant drive from Melbourne with some good food/coffee options at the end often head up the Calder Highway and stop off at one of the many cafes/coffee shops in Woodend or go a little further and stock up at the Malmsbury Bakery before heading down to the botanic gardens for a relaxed time.

Romsey is a beautiful town also just a "stone's throw" from the city, it should be a destination in the same way that Malmsbury and Woodend are. The claret ash trees along Main Street are very attractive and magnificent when their colour turns in autumn. Some of our older buildings are also of interest to visitors.

If we are able to attract outside people to our town we will also increase the employment options and assist our local businesses to grow. What can we do to assist this?

Well, the first thing is to continue to support the existing business already operating here.

We also need to take every opportunity to work through our local councillors to let the Macedon Ranges Shire know that we want the town to maintain a coherent, well organised layout that assists people to move around and encourages business-people to invest their own money into new and existing businesses.

The Draft Romsey Structural Plan public consultation period closed at the end of September and we hope that many people took that opportunity to have their say. If we do not get involved in our town then we will just have to accept the decisions of others.



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Baarack the sheep, from heartbreak to hope to heaven

Baarack, the much loved once woolly mammoth of a sheep has passed away on 11th October aged around 10 years of age, succumbing to cancer.



Found wandering the Cobaw State Forrest in 2021, Baarack looked more like a moving cloud than a sheep.

Burdened down as he was with some 35kgs of wool, Baarack was delivered to not-for-profit haven for formerly farmed animals, Edgar's Mission, in Lancefield, Victoria.

"I doubt he would have survived much longer as he could hardly see and barely stand," reported sanctuary founder Pam Ahern at the time.

Whilst Baarack's fleece had taken at least six years to reach its outrageously wild and woolly state, his transformational rescue story quickly went viral reaching over 12 million people around the globe.

"Since posting news of his passing, people from all around the world are reaching out with their sympathy. He really was one truly amazing sheep. That he could touch the hearts of so many without them even meeting him speaks of this."

The sanctuary's tribute post tells of Baarack's "soft and gentle" nature, along with the fact he never held fear of humans despite his many years of never being in contact with them. A recent post spoke of his penchant for offering sanctuary staff his endearing toothy grin.

And it would seem that although Baarack managed to squeeze through cracks and escape the fate of most sheep, he was unable to escape those of his genetics. His ever-growing fleece, a result of selective breeding by humans designed for at least annual shearing, along with a great susceptibility of his kind to cancer, reminds us of this.

"Whilst our hearts are indeed heavy today from the passing of our much-loved woolly friend, Baarack's legacy will long stay with us, reminding us all of just how amazing and forgiving sheep are. And too the incredible power of kindness, for had the kind heart who saved Baarack that day, all those years ago, looked the other way, Baarack would never have been seen. Seen for the soft and gentle animal who he was, and in doing so inspiring us all to be soft and gentle towards his kind," said Ahern.



ROMSEY LANCEFIELD ROTARY CLUB Inc. CHRISTMAS in ROMSEY 2023

The Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club Inc. together with Romsey Men's Shed in collaboration with Eastern Macedon Ranges Business and Tourism Association, formerly known as RRBATA, invites all local businesses, organisations, community groups and new businesses to participate in this year's Main Street Christmas tree display. Coordination of this event is now the responsibility of the Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club Inc with generous support from the Romsey Men's Shed.

This event continues to be a highlight for the town bringing our community together in celebration of Christmas. We are looking forward to another successful Christmas tree display in the Main Street of Romsey. It is also a wonderful opportunity for those participating to highlight their business, organisation, and/or community group.

For anyone interested in decorating a Christmas tree, we welcome your participation in this event. Please contact the Christmas Tree Rotary Club Sub-Committee (see below).

Let's make 2023 our most colourful and creative display of Christmas Trees in the Main Street of Romsey.

For further enquires please contact the Christmas Tree Rotary Club Sub-Committee by email: christmasinromsey@gmail.com

NOTE: 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



Rotary



| Dr Greg Powell (Past President) The Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club Inc.



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Care Finder

A new service is being offered to help Macedon Ranges residents access My Aged Care as well as help them find aged care services and other useful community supports. It provides people with local, personalised, face-to-face support.

Delivered by Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health, the service is free and can help people with the My Aged Care assessment process, assist with finding local health and care providers, and better connect them with the local community.

Care Finder is available to those eligible for aged care services (people aged over 65 years and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 50 years and over) and who are experiencing difficulties accessing supports.

For more information, contact Geri Gardner on **0417 949 162** or email geri.gardner@scchc.org.au.

Macedon Ranges Shared Trails Project update

The Macedon Ranges Shared Trails Project will deliver approximately 24km of trail through rural landscapes, to link with railway stations and points of interest along the journey.

This project is being delivered under a design and construct contract. The trail crosses many land tenures with different land managers, involving significant environmental and cultural heritage assessments and approvals to use their land and construct the trail. The design process for each stage has been an extended process, as it has been crucial to meet the conditions and requirements of all land managers. Once the design conditions and relevant approvals have been obtained for each stage, plans can be finalised for construction to commence.

The trail will be constructed in the following stages to address physical, boundary and topographical constraints:

- **Stage 1:** Woodend Station to Bawden Road, Woodend at the boundary of the Macedon Regional Park;
- **Stage 2:** Middlegully Road, Woodend through Macedon and New Gisborne to the rail bridge on Kilmore Road and Markham Road, Riddells Creek;
- **Stage 3:** From the rail bridge, travelling along the north side of the rail line to Riddells Creek Railway Station.

The Stage 1 detailed design is approved and Stage 2 detailed design is nearing completion. Cultural Heritage Management Plans and a Land Use Activity Agreement have been completed. Once all written approvals are in place, construction can commence on the next stage.

It is expected Stage 1 and Stage 2 will be completed by June 2024, with Stage 3 (to Riddells Creek) to follow. A copy of the trail alignment is available on Council's website. For regular updates, sign up at mrrsc.vic.gov.au/shared-trails

Romsey Mechanics' Institute

Grant Success: Each year the RMI, like so many other community based organisations, prepares and submits applications for grants to assist in the maintenance and improvement of so many wonderful community assets. The RMI kitchen has served the town very well for over 100 years but it now needs to be upgraded. At recent events food has been served using single use plates, dishes and cutlery as the dishwashing facilities were just not good enough. The CoM applied to the Bendigo Bank for funds to assist us to purchase and install a commercial dishwasher. Our application was successful, as soon as we can, we will have that machine in place and running for all users. Our thanks to Mitch Atlas, Harry Young and Colin Bromley who will look after all aspects of the installation, our thanks also to the BB who never stop supporting the community.

RMI Events: Our final Old Time Dancing event was held at the end of October. We hope that all who attended these events made some new friends and enjoyed themselves. If there is enough interest, we will investigate running some Old Time Dancing events in 2024. Please let us know if you would like these events to continue.

Apologies, the Romsey Football/Netball Club did not hold their presentation night at the RMI. Unfortunately, the event was cancelled just after the Oct edition went to the printers so we could not make any changes to the article.

Film Nights: Heskett P. S. a reminder that the school will be showing a Christmas themed film in December.



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The Mount Players

Come Join Peter, Wendy, Tinkerbell & Captain Hook in Neverland!



The Mount Players

From 3-26 November The Mount Players have joined forces with Boiler House Theatre Co. (Sunbury) to bring **Peter Pan a Musical Adventure** to the Mountview Theatre. Join Peter (the boy who refuses to grow up), Wendy, Tinkerbell, The Lost Boys and of course the dastardly Captain Hook in a musical the whole family will enjoy! With a spectacular mix of swashbuckling adventure and an infectious musical score. **Peter Pan** is guaranteed to bring forth one's inner child and send you reeling "Just Beyond the Stars"

*****AUDITIONS ***** for our first production in 2024 will be held on 11th & 12th Nov. **"WILD"** Written by Mike Bartlett and Directed by George Benca, is a darkly comic play that explores the unexpected, bewildering and life-changing consequences of challenging the status quo at a global level. Last week, Andrew was that guy with his girl lunching at KFC discussing their plans for the future. Today he's in Moscow, in an undisclosed hotel room, on the run and at risk of assassination. Last week a nobody. This week, America's most wanted.

This is a 3 hander with 2 M & 1 F required. To read more about the play, performance dates and obtain a script contact the director georgebenca@gmail.com Auditions are by appointment only between 10am – 2pm.

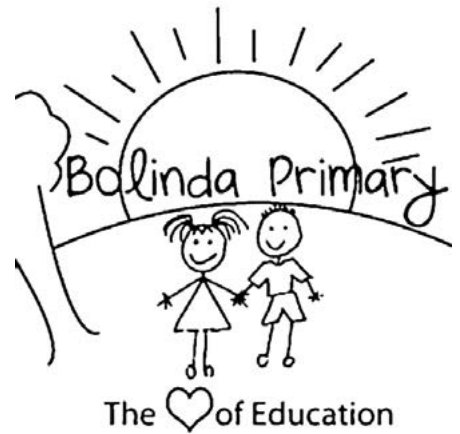
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See you at the Mountview Theatre.

| **By Karen Hunt**



Mermaids and crocodiles.



There's been a lot going on at Bolinda Primary School since our last update:

"I Like to Move It" Day: Our last day of Term 3 was full of fun and physical activities as we celebrated "I Like to Move It" day. Students participated in various games and challenges, including a team sports trivia challenge, tunnel ball, bean bag toss, and the creative "Spot the Sports" game. We enjoyed a special lunch prepared by volunteers, and the day showcased outstanding teamwork.

Year 2 - 6 Camp: In late October, our Year 2 - 6 students embarked on an exciting adventure to Log Cabin Camp in Creswick. During their visit, they enthusiastically participated in various adventure activities, including the flying fox, low ropes course, damper making, giant swing, and engaging team-building exercises. Their time at the camp was filled with joy and a strong display of school pride.

Flagpole Grant: We are excited to share that Bolinda Primary School has been granted \$2,000 under the Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program. This grant will be used for a special project, which involves installing another flagpole at the front of our school and repairing existing flagpoles.

Bunnings Project: Over the break, the Bunnings Painting Project brought a burst of colour to our school. Bunnings employees, along with some of our staff members, painted various areas, including the front shed, the Indigenous edible garden fence, the cubby, and the Junior classroom door. Donated plants were added to the front of the school, and Bunnings generously provided pavers for our yarning circle. The Bunnings team will return to help create a garden bed at the front of the school. We're immensely grateful for their support.

Yarning Circle: Over the past weeks, our yarning circle has been coming to life, and it's been heartwarming to see the active involvement of our children in shaping it into something that will become a special space. What's truly remarkable about our development is the active participation of our children. They've rolled up their sleeves and, quite literally, gotten their hands dirty! I've witnessed their enthusiasm as they grabbed shovels and worked side by side, spreading mulch to create a welcoming and comfortable space for everyone.

Soccer Goals: Thanks to the Sporting Schools Grant, we now have brand new soccer goals at Bolinda Primary School. The children have already enjoyed using them, giving them something to aim at during their play.

We're delighted with the positive developments at our school, and we look forward to more exciting activities and news to share with the community in the future.

NEWHAM & DISTRICT LANDCARE SPRING UPDATE

The Newham & District Landcare Group has been continuously busy this year by providing members with information evenings, newsletters packed with great articles and links, conservation projects and of course their Autumn and Spring tube stock sale. They will host an informative evening on **Friday 27 October at the Newham Hall on Pollinators in Our Environment** and how you can contribute to pathways towards greater biodiversity. This event is also very suitable for children.

The Group is delighted to report that a Victorian Landcare Grant of \$19,982 administered through North Central Catchment Management Authority, will assist with a number of projects they have embarked on of late. ***This vital funding will enable works to further enhance the Cobaw Biolink On-Ground works on both public and private land-***

Weed control and additional tubestock for the Anderson Road Triangle will continue a very exciting project which will see it converting a 10,000 m² triangle of **degraded**

public land into a significant patch of biodiverse woodland habitat within the Cobaw Biolink.

650m stretch of seasonal waterway in the upper Campaspe Catchment that in the past was cleared for farming activities will be fenced to exclude stock and revegetated with indigenous native plants. Stream rehabilitation works such as this not only build a network of habitat across the landscape, they serve to mitigate the risk of erosion and improve water quality.

Being a member of a Landcare Group gives you the opportunity to put something back into nature, learn heaps about biodiversity and meet likeminded people who really care about our future.....for more info on how to get involved and details on our members night on 27 October go to www.newhamlandcare.info.



| **Submitted by Karen Hunt**

Whistling Pigs Break into Song!

“Loved it loved it loved it!” This was Marg’s comment on an evening held by a community choir at the Pig & Whistle Hotel in Trentham in September. Marg sings with the altos in the Woodend Warblers, who with family and friends enjoyed a night of feasting and drinking to mark the end of another joyful term of singing together.

There was lots of camaraderie and cheerfulness while the Warblers tucked into their meals, but the moment when choir director Andrew Price asked “Who wants to sing?” the room came alive. Tenor Vicki commented: “I was out of the dining room when the singing started, but when I returned there was a new warmth and energy in the room”.

The Woodend Warblers have been getting together for five years now and are a welcoming and safe environment for anyone who wants to sing. There are no auditions and even those who say they “can’t sing” are supported to find their voice and their confidence. No musical knowledge is needed. Andrew finds a way for even the most timid to join in and experience the happiness of singing with others and creating lovely harmonies.

Soprano Trish commented on the evening: “Another wonderful Warbler gathering. Fun, friendship and music. Just perfect.” The sense of warmth and togetherness in a choir just seems to happen naturally while choristers are stumbling through a new song and gradually turning it into a showpiece.

The Woodend Warblers meet every Wednesday night (barring school holidays) at the Norma Richardson Hall at 7.30 pm. \$12 per session – first session free! Absolutely everyone is welcome. Enquiries – ring Andrew on 0419 604 444.



Dame Violet Crumble, one of the Warblers' sopranos.



Woodend Warblers at the Pig & Whistle.



Steve and Max, two of the Warblers' bass singers.

Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens

November Report

Our November Bus Trip will be on Tuesday 14th (due to Melbourne Cup holiday on the 7th). We will be heading up to Bendigo to visit the many Op-Shops in the town. It should be a great day out.

Cost is \$50 and includes a 2-course lunch and a drink.

- **Depart: Romsey:** 8:30am out the front of the Mechanics Institute (Lancefield 9am)
- **Coming Up:** On Tuesday December 5th we will be heading to Highlands Hotel for our Christmas break-up. The cost will be \$50.

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.

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

Hope to see you soon.

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| TEAM NEWS!

Welcome back Amy! After an incredible 12 months of maternity leave spent cherishing precious moments with her adorable little one, Lotti, we're absolutely thrilled to welcome Amy Gauld back into the branch.

On another note, we recently bid a fond farewell to our colleague, Pete Klages. Pete has been an integral part of our team whilst Amy was on leave, and his dedication and hard work have left a lasting mark on our branches.



Amy (Centre) pictured with Karen and Matt from our Romsey Branch

LANCEFIELD AND ROMSEY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

We are committed to investing in our local youth, and one of the ways we continue to do this is via our local scholarship program. In 2023, we awarded 6 tertiary scholarships to local youth. Most recently awarding our Rebecca Harrison Memorial Bursary to Jeffrey Steele, who is studying a Bachelor of Engineering at RMIT University. Congratulations Jeffrey!

It's that time of year again – applications are now open for our 2024 scholarships!

For the first time this year, we are expanding our program beyond first year applicants. Applications for our Rebecca Harrison Memorial Bursary are now open to those in their second year or beyond, so long as you're aged 16-25, studying full-time and reside in the Lancefield, Romsey area. Our scholarships are not based on academic achievement, rather community involvement, leadership and challenging circumstances to be overcome. See below for details;

3 Year Tertiary Scholarship

\$3,500 per year, up to 3 years (4 scholarships available), open to those studying full-time at University, TAFE or College for the first time in 2024.

Rebecca Harrison Memorial Scholarship

\$1,500, 1 year scholarship (2 scholarships available), open to students in their second year (or beyond) aged 16-25, studying full-time at a University, TAFE or College, that reside in Lancefield, Romsey and surrounding areas.

To find out more and apply, visit bendigobank.com.au/scholarships and select 'Community Bank Scholarships', then search Lancefield and Romsey.

| 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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“Let a girl be a girl”



On October 11, the International Day of the Girl Child, Sustainable Population Australia (SPA) called for a universal concept of ‘let a girl be a girl’ until they reach full maturity.

More than 640 million women alive today were married in childhood (The UN Population Fund (ANPA). In the developing world, nearly one in three women begins bearing children in adolescence. Twelve million adolescents give birth each year.

SPA national president Jenny Goldie *Girls should have the same rights as boys. They should be allowed equal nutrition, equal access to health services, equal education, and equal opportunity. They should be allowed to marry when they choose to do so.

“Adolescent girls should have sexuality education and access to contraception to ensure they have control over their own bodies. Not only should they decide when they are ready to marry, but if and when they will bear children. If they are to have equal education and equal opportunities in the workforce, they should delay pregnancy until they are educated. Educated women have fewer children and the reduction in birth-rates will, in turn, reduce pressures on resources and the environment, making life better for all.”

The theme for the 2023 International Day of the Girl is “Digital generation. Our generation.” “Girls face disadvantages online,” says Ms Goldie. “2.2 billion people under the age of 25 do not have internet access, with the majority being girls. “Access to the internet has enormous educational benefits. It is a ‘net’ good - communications with other young people that might otherwise be impossible. Imagine what it might offer the young women of Afghanistan who are denied access to education and regular social interaction with peers.”

“Our daughters and granddaughters should enjoy life as children and adolescents. It is the first step to a healthy successful adulthood with the enormous potential that lies within each.”

Further information:

Jenny Goldie [_president@population.org.au_](mailto:president@population.org.au)
Sustainable Population Australia

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Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke

I'm sure I've told you that my son's wife is Thai (and so she cooks Thai, or with an eye to Thai flavours). I'm not sure that I've also mentioned that I have a mate who's Thai. (He owned and ran the Thai restaurant in Woodend - and bloody good it was too.)

Anyway, both have made a Prawn with Ginger dish and they've given me their recipe, for which I'm eternally grateful (as you will be, I hope).



PRAWNS WITH GINGER

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic
- piece of fresh ginger (about 2.5cm long)
- 8 large green prawns
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground white pepper
- 1 tablespoon light soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons fish sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 2 tablespoons stock
- 2 spring onions
- 1 small white onion.

RECIPE

Method:

- Peel and de-vein the prawns then heat the oil in a wok or frying pan whilst you finely chop the garlic and slice the ginger. Fry the garlic until it's golden then stir in the ginger and the prawns. Keep stirring and add the pepper, soy and fish sauces, the sugar and stock. Still stirring, cook for a couple of minutes till the prawns are opaque and are cooked through. Slice the onion and cut the spring onions into 5cm long pieces, quickly stir them into the prawns and serve straight away.

\$\$ NEEDED - NEW FIRE TRUCK FOR HESKET-KERRIE CFA

Hesket-Kerrie CFA is located along the Northern side and lower slopes of Mount Macedon. It is a volunteer brigade run by a team of dedicated men and women fire fighters operating out of 2 fire stations located in Hesket at the bottom of the mountain, and Cherokee nestled into the foothills.

The brigade is currently fundraising to purchase a 'Medium Tanker' - to supplement Government funding.

The brigade protects the lives and properties of the local community and is pivotal to protect Northern interface of Mount Macedon when fires threaten from the North. The brigade also fights fires throughout the state when required.

The new, larger, (more water) tanker is technically advanced and much safer. It will greatly build the brigades resources and strengthen its capabilities.

The target is \$80,000 – the brigade has raised \$40,000 in recent years through car parking duties and events at Hanging Rock, tin rattling at the Gisborne Market etc – generous community donations along the way. This target will mean



the brigade can provide the truck with Breathing Apparatus so structure fires can be accessed for both rescue and extinguishing fires. **Target date is late April 2024.**

To support this worthy and vital cause please contact our Treasurer, Stuart McMinn via email stuart.mcminn@members.cfa.vic.gov.au. All donations are tax deductible.

Hesket-Kerrie Brigade Captain, Daniel Bird... "We are upgrading to serve you better"

Recent Local Crime

Recent crime events include, a Burglary at a Coleraine Drive premises where dirt bike was stolen from inside a garage, detectives are investigating but no offender has yet been identified.

- A theft from a vehicle at Reynolds Grove where offenders smashed the glass window of the ute canopy, stealing a Waeco fridge, fishing rods and a battery from the tub of the ute.
- A trailer stolen from the side of the road in Darraweit Guim. The trailer had been left by its owner with a flat tyre and upon their return found it to have been taken. The trailer was later recovered in White Ave, Romsey and enquiries are continuing.
- Burglary at a sports shed Park Lane, Romsey used to house equipment for Romsey Little Athletics. Offender forced the roller door to gain entry though no item were stolen.
- A stabbing incident where an adult female was stabbed 4 times to head, neck, arm and hand. She was hospitalised with non-life threatening injuries while the offending male who was known to victim was remanded in custody.

If you have any information about these or any other incidents please don't hesitate to contact us at Romsey Police – 5429 5461.



Lost Property

We are currently holding no items of lost property though be sure to check in with us if you have misplaced or lost an item of value as such things are often handed in.

Speaking engagements

Recently Senior Constable Simon BOWEN been making the rounds having been invited to partake in a number of local speaking engagements, from the Probus Club covering topics such as scams and financial crimes, to childcare centres and the primary school talking about road safety, stranger danger and showing off our police car. This is an area we are more than happy to assist and offer our services if you have a group or an event where you would like police to attend and speak on a particular topic or something more general, get in touch with us at Romsey Police, 54295461.

Latest From VicRoads

**Why do chicken coops have two doors?
Because if they had four, they'd be chicken sedans!**

| Blame Constable Caldwell

Lions Club

Today we Lions have helped out the Romsey Neighbourhood house, by donating \$1500 for the repairs to their refrigeration unit. This network of good people helps the Community who are struggling to make ends meet by supplying meals, and the list goes on. This assistance will enable them to keep supplying healthy meals to the people in need.



From left to right: The Manager of the Romsey Neighbour Hood House, Michelle Balthazar and Lions member, Ged Mclaughlin.



**SUNBURY
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HEALTH

Physiotherapy appointments available

Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health's Macedon Ranges physiotherapy team currently has appointments available within one to two weeks. As well as treating injuries, a physiotherapist can help with strengthening your muscles, improving balance, enhancing joint movement and flexibility and with the treatment of lung conditions.

The service will include making a plan to help you reach your goals and there is the option to join group exercise groups also run by Sunbury and Cobaw.

Home Care Package and NDIS referrals are welcome; if you are over 65 years old, referrals must come via My Aged Care. Contact Sunbury and Cobaw to find out if you are eligible. Call **5421 1666** or email **admin@scchc.org.au**.



Lunch at the Working Bee.

Romsey Golf Club



Established 1922

Park Lane, Romsey
(PO Box 200, Romsey 3434)

President: 0417 088 891
Secretary: 0400 768 040
mail@romseygolfclub.net

www.romseygolfclub.net

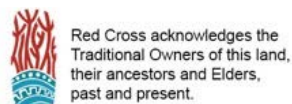
Romsey Golf Club Report

September Coring (28/9): The coring began at 7.00 am on Thursday Sept 28th. Coring is a process that takes a finger sized core out of the green. Sand is then spread to fill the holes. This sand is smudged in with a drag net with any excess is broomed in. Then seed and fertiliser is spread across the green. Coring helps remove thatch which stops moisture penetrating, it also allows new grass from the seed and from the roots of the existing grass. The sand filled core holes soon grow over but will continue to allow deeper penetration of water seeing the roots grow down protecting the grass from the extremely hot days of summer.

Working Bee (29/9): The working bee saw final brooming in of the greens, a new drain put in, cores spread to fill low spots in the rough, whipper-snipping/mowing around trees/bushes, smoothing out the edges of the new 18th green, previous drain trenches topped-up and levelled, sprinklers relocated to provide a better spread of water, mowing of sections of the rough, sand bins filled and general maintenance to gardens.

Annual General Meeting: The 2023 AGM was a Zoom meeting. The committee met at one location and members were able to be involved via Zoom. Changes to the club's constitution sees all board positions selected for two years. Positions elected were; Elaine Scanlon - Secretary, Kevin Dunn - Treasurer and Darlene Baker – Director. Sean Scales was co-opted to fill the vacant Vice-President position. One pleasing element of the meeting was the Treasurer's report showing the steady increase in green fees income. This means more golfers are visiting the course and more of these are actually paying their green fees, \$15 all day.

Golf Clinics: Our golf clinics got off to a great start with 12 women and girls attending the first on Sun Oct 9th. PGA teacher, Emily Pell, ran the clinics with assistance from RGC community instructors Mitch Atlas and Darlene Baker. Club members were also involved in another clinic later in the morning. The clinics ran for the four Sundays of October. Our thanks to Elaine Scanlon who has worked so hard to get these clinics organised and operating.



The Romsey Lancefield Red Cross would like to thank the community members who assisted us with baking slices and cakes for the Daniher's Drive A fight MND event on Thursday the 12th October.

It was a great success and we very much appreciated the help given.



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Are you doing it tough?

A recent poverty study of Victoria by the Victorian Council of Social Services (VCOSS) found the Macedon Ranges has recorded 4407 people living in poverty.

**Is this you or someone you know?
Help IS available!**

Confidential assistance is only a phone call away!

**Contact the Welfare Support Line on
1800 305 330**

We're here to help.

Romsey Mens Shed

Working on Friendships



Romsey Mens Shed - Building on friendships!

New members welcome! We want the Shed to be an inviting place for men to meet and discuss issues in a “safe” environment. There are a number of activities, social and “hands on”. Tuesdays we open for work and talk – often mainly talk - which we encourage. However, the Thursday \$5 barbeque/lunch at 12 is the most popular day for members and an occasional guest. Hands on stops at 11 leading up to Lunch at 12, which is well catered for by a dedicated group of members. Other days and times can be arranged, via a committee member.

For “hands-on” we have woodwork, metal/welding and automotive workshop activities and some practical workshop training; even glass cutting, by arrangement. We make novelty items for the Romsey Co-Op. and sometimes help the Neighbourhood House or other community organisations, on community work.

Excursions: We occasionally organise excursions subsidised by our weekly “Pub style meat raffle” and the committee is looking at future attractions. We also meet quarterly with other shed representatives in the LGA, to compare notes.

We have grown: Even though we are fairly new – an AGM in the Scout Hall 2019 and a concrete and steel shell in November 2020 – the floor space is at capacity, even with the new mezzanine floor over the social area.

To cater for member and services expansion, we are in negotiations with the MRSC to get our lease adjusted (we are on Crown Land managed for the state by the MRSC) so we can expand East a few metres and better cater for existing members and future growth. Romsey’s population is growing and demand for shed activities has increased. Federal and State Governments have helped us with set up and operational grants and regard Mens Sheds as a valuable asset to support men’s mental health.

The 1925 T Model project: This is a medium term, signature project with a small dedicated work group and the Midland Express on Tuesday August 15 with a front-page report, created interest in the Macedon Ranges among enthusiasts.

The private donation of tyres last month was welcome and the Bendigo Bank has now given us a grant to help us get the “T” mobile enough to transport to exhibits, as there is a lot of interest in the project. It started life in Gisborne and on completion, it will remain in the community for display or other social purposes.



Working on rear axle for the T.

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

Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.



P.O. Box 101,
LANCEFIELD, 3435

Website: www.romseylancefieldhistorical.org.au
Email: lancefieldcourthouse@gmail.com

Annual General Meeting

3pm Sunday November 26th 2023

At Lancefield courthouse
55 Main Road, Lancefield.

All welcome

Phone Secretary 0402 248 540

The Romsey Rag Inc

Website: theromseyrag.com.au

Emails to: emails@theromseyrag.com.au

Annual General Meeting

To be held at the meeting room of

Mechanics' Institute

Thursday 23rd Nov 2023 At 7pm

All Welcome, Phone Secretary on 0418 581 885

Eastern Macedon Ranges Business and Tourism Association Inc (EMRBATA) - UPDATE

Draft Romsey Structure Plan

Following establishment of a working group and consultation with its members, EMRBATA drafted a submission to Macedon Ranges Shire Council in response to the Draft Romsey Structure Plan. Its focus areas were determined by EMRBATA's Vision, Mission and Statement of Purpose (<https://easternmacedonranges.au/emrbata>).

EMRBATA also met with Council's Strategic Planning unit and Plan2Place (which drafted the Plan) to provide extra background ahead of the submission's preparation.

EMRBATA looks forward to being a part of the ongoing evolution of the Romsey Structure Plan with, hopefully, an eventual final outcome that will provide a positive roadmap for Romsey's future.

Pre - Xmas After-Work Catch Up

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.

- Join us for the pre-Xmas After Work Catch Up on Friday 24th November at The Lost Watering Hole from 5.30pm.
RSVP 17th November contact@easternmacedonranges.au

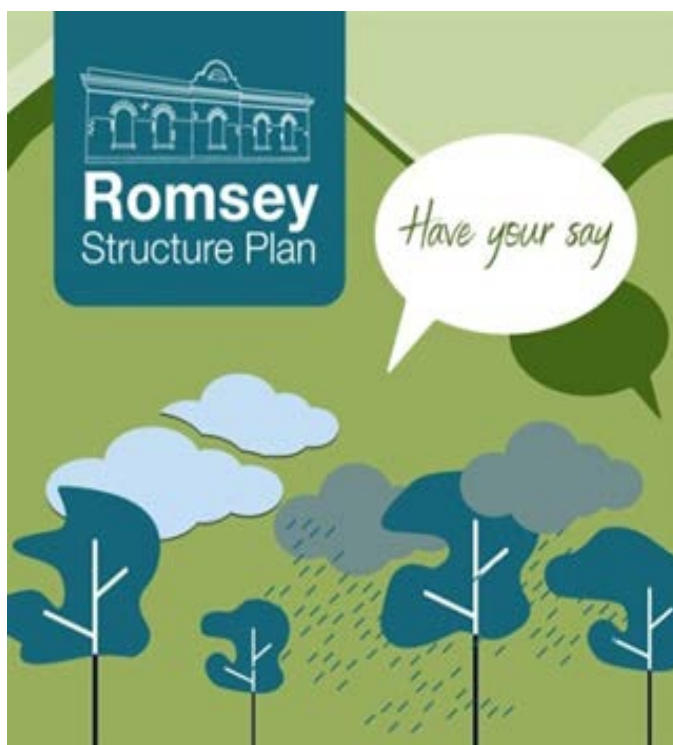
EMRBATA – Would you like to be involved?

EMRBATA is seeking expressions of interest from business community members for the following EMRBATA roles in 2024 which do **NOT** necessitate being on the RMRBATA committee:

- Communications Officer
- Grants and Funding Officer
- Public Relations and Member Engagement

If you would like more information, please contact - Jenny Stillman

jennystillman@optusnet.com.au, ph. 0411 700464)



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

Facebook

Eastern Macedon Ranges - Business and Living

EMRBATA Membership

<https://easternmacedonranges.au/emrbata>

Email: contact@macedonranges.au



Notice of Annual General Meeting

The **2023 Annual General Meeting** for the **Eastern Macedon Ranges Business and Tourism Association Incorporated (EMRBATA)** will be held on **Tuesday 21st November 2023**, commencing at **7.00pm**. It will be held at the **Romsey Community Hub**, 96 Main Street Romsey.

Ordinary business of the Annual General Meeting is as follows–
(a) to confirm the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting;
(b) to receive and consider–
(i) Annual Report of the Committee on the activities of EMRBATA (formerly Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association Inc – RRBATA) during 2022-2023 financial year; and
(ii) 2022-2023 Financial Statements of RRBATA;
(c) to elect the members of the Committee;
(d) to confirm or vary the amounts of the annual subscription and joining fee.

Note: A member may appoint another member to act as proxy for the meeting. Proxy form available at:

<https://easternmacedonranges.au/events/emrbata-agm-2023>

Members and Guests WELCOME

Further Information:

Email: contact@easternmacedonranges.au

Facebook/Instagram: Eastern Macedon Ranges – Business and Living

Populate and Perish!?



In the wake of WW 2, “Populate or Perish” was the catch cry used to encourage Australians to accept higher migrant intakes to improve our defence. Recently, a need for a “big Australia” has been embraced by business and our major political parties.

In 1960, we had a population of 10.3 million with a median age of 28.6 and a birth rate of 3.45. By 2023, our population is now 26.5 m - with a median age of 37.5. The birth rate has declined to 1.6, well below replacement. With an ageing population, high numbers immigrating will continue for the labour and skills required.

However, a big Australia is not without challenge; unless we are careful, it could be Populate and Perish!

Deep Creek Landcare Group met with Jack Wiltshire (MRSC Strategic planner) to submit views on the draft Romsey Structure Plan 2023. The plan intends to manage Romsey growth to 2050. The Macedon Ranges Statement of Planning Policy anticipates Romsey will grow from around 5000 towards the lower end of a large town ie: 6,000 to 10,000.

Such envisaged growth gives challenges for residents and the environment. It is crucial that Romsey keep its rural character and in growth, it doesn't repeat mistakes of other rural areas around our cities.

A warmer, drier climate means that these factors are front and centre in future development of our towns. **To retain Romsey's character and improve the liveability and walkability of the new estates and to counter the “heat island” effect, provisions need to be included.** Including trees provides shade along roads and footpaths. The use of lighter coloured roofing, building materials and pavement, and an appropriate urban design with eaves, double glazing and a limit to large, west-facing windows. Varied block sizes to meet the demographic profile, with some large enough to have a sizeable backyard with trees, and provide ample shade along residential streets.

Bike paths and walking tracks are important for transport and recreation – they too should be shaded and separate from the roads, safe for children and aged/disabled people, either walking or on scooters.

A new secondary school should be centrally located and in easy walking distance of a primary school. To maintain Romsey's character and liveability, houses need good setbacks off the main roads.

Improve entrances into town by including parks/gardens on both sides of the road.

The structure plan could improve habitat, water quality and recreational activities. That is, encourage private landowners to improve vegetation and habitat along Five-Mile Creek which is a significant tributary to Deep Creek. The South Drain can be a feature. Establish wetlands to add to biodiversity and improve water quality into Five-Mile/Deep Creek.



Deep Creek Landcare has concerns, like others, about Romsey Recycled Water Treatment Plant's ability to cater for current community needs - and the future.

The plant must be upgraded to cater for the population, in order to protect Deep Creek as its discharges reduce water quality and can damage the environment downstream.

We recommend a significant buffer area be maintained around the treatment plant, and housing should avoid this area. The buffer zone growth can screen the plant and the Romsey Employment Precinct and increase local biodiversity and development of significant wetland.

Let's ensure that Romsey keeps its character and gets the benefits of growth – NOT a suburban outpost of Melbourne.

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!*



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, with morning tea and time to socialise. Monthly lunches occur at venues around the region, and trips throughout the year. Members meet for coffee, chat and a bit of fun at 10am every Friday at the Lancefield Corner Store.

In October we welcomed a new member to the club at our outing to the Songbird Café in Kinglake. We had a sausage sizzle at Romsey Ecotherapy Park where Jenny Stillman showed us the attractions and spoke of craftspeople who contributed to these. Currently, 21 club members and friends are returning from a wonderful trip to Western Australia.

In November John Marsden, Australian Author and the Principal of Candlebark School will talk about his role as founder of Candlebark, and about the book series and movie 'Tomorrow When the War Began'.

The next meeting of the Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club for 2023 will be on Thursday, 23rd November 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.

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Christmas IN ROMSEY

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FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER
Lights and Decorations
Competition
Entries close: 5PM

SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER
Main Street Christmas Tree
Installation day

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER

THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER
Lights and Decorations
Competition Judging

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER
Romsey Community Carols
@ Romsey Primary school

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Romsey kerbside soft plastics recycling trial update

In November 2022, Council partnered with the Australian Food and Grocery Council (AFGC) to rollout a three-month trial kerbside soft plastic recycling program in Romsey. The trial allowed Romsey residents to collect their soft plastic in a dedicated orange bag and when full, place it in their kerbside recycling bin.

The trial has continued throughout 2023 with great results so far. A survey indicated that 88 per cent of Romsey residents wanted the trial to continue and residents outside of the trial area have also communicated their interest in a shire-wide rollout.

The ongoing trial in Romsey will continue into 2024 while Council waits for national rollout plans from the AFGC.

Romsey residents who do not wish to continue paying for the trial bags and residents outside of the Romsey area can continue to take their clear soft plastic to our resource recovery facilities (RRFs).

Learn more at mrsc.vic.gov.au/romseytrial



Budget 2024/25 consultation now open

Council is actively seeking community input to help shape the development of the Draft Budget 2024/25 and Council Plan 2021-2031 (Year Four 2024/25).

In an innovative approach designed to gather community views early for a streamlined process, this consultation period is your opportunity to submit input on your most wanted initiatives or projects to be delivered next financial year. Council officers and Councillors will consider each proposal and further assess submissions seen as valuable for potential inclusion in the Budget 2024/25 to be presented at the May 2024 Council meeting.

Getting input from the community early and adopting Council's annual budget at the May Council meeting, will enable Council to be more responsive to community attitudes and be fully prepared for action from 1 July. This timely adoption is vital for achieving the delivery of essential services and critical projects to the community.

Council's budget always strives to strike a balance, demonstrating financial responsibility while upholding our commitment to delivering essential services, maintaining assets and infrastructure, and managing our open spaces for the community's benefit.

Don't miss this opportunity! This is the only formal public consultation on Council's 2024/25 Budget, and it closes on Monday 20 November. Submitters will be able to speak to their proposals at a Submitters Delegated Committee session held online in early 2024. For more information on the process and to share your views, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/your-say

Update on rates charges

During a recent review of Council's rates income for the year, an error was discovered in the calculation of Council's rates and charges.

The error meant that the amount of the municipal charge applied was too great, and a credit of \$23 for each rateable property was required to correct the error.

To make this adjustment, Council adopted a revised Budget 2023/24 on 28 September 2023 correcting the declared municipal charge.

The revised Budget 2023/24 included the updated municipal charge of \$189 per rateable property for 2023, down from \$212 (the difference of \$23.)

You don't need to take any action to receive the credit on your rates account; the credit has already been processed and was applied to all rateable properties on Thursday 29 September 2023.

On future rates notices for 2023/24, you will see that each future instalment amount has been slightly reduced (compared with the originally issued notice); the credit will not appear as a separate line on the notice.

If you've already paid your rates in full, you may have a credit amount remaining on your account. You may choose to carry this forward to offset the rates and charges for 2024/25, in which case you don't need to do anything.

Alternatively, if you'd prefer a refund, you can contact Council's Customer Service team.

Council acknowledges and apologises for the inconvenience this may cause.

If you have any questions about your rates, the credit, or other queries related to this matter, please contact Council's customer service centres on mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au or 5422 0333.

Our Continuing series of Historical features in Romsey

Restoration of Romsey's historic CWA Bluestone Memorial Cairn

The former Romsey Shire Council was petitioned by the Romsey branch of the Country Women's Association in 1959 to allow the establishment a small memorial cairn in William Street Romsey along with plantings of appropriate trees in memory of CWA Romsey members.

The small bluestone memorial with an identification plaque is located in the grass verge on the western side of William Street near the southern corner with Barry Street. Behind the now vacant Romsey Hotel.

Prunus trees were planted on the western side of William Street north to Murphy Street. Over the years many were removed because of wind, storm and vehicle impact damage. Council has recently replanted missing Prunus trees which again provides the line of memorial trees.

The original bluestone memorial cairn was unfortunately pushed over by vehicular impact and badly damaged by unidentified truck(s) during the construction several years ago of the Romsey Main Street roundabout and other Station Street- Barry Street road works. To our Council's credit the Engineering Works Team have had the masonry cairn rebuilt along with a replacement plaque in similar design to the original which had been stolen.

A small concrete slab apron has been provided under and around the cairn and shortly corner bollards will be installed to protect this historic CWA members memorial cairn from vehicular impact.

When next you are nearby call in and have a look at this memorial and the fine line of Prunus trees extending north down William Street.



Open Studios Macedon 2023

Macedon area artists will open their studios to the public on the November 25-26 weekend - their second event for 2023.

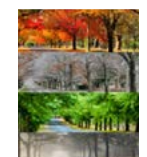
The 10 artists will welcome visitors to their studios set in their Spring gardens, and share their artistic expressions, processes and working environments. Pottery, painting, drawing, photography, textiles and printmaking reveal the amazing artistic endeavours of these residents. Top of the Range Tearooms at Mount Macedon also has a display.

All studios are near to each other, marked on a map in the brochure and online on Instagram. Experience Macedon with its Spring to Summer gardens, and combine art with food at nearby cafes.

Brochures are at The Gallery and Mt Macedon Trading Post, Mt Macedon as well as in local cafes and businesses. Instagram: [@openstudiosmacedon](https://www.instagram.com/openstudiosmacedon)



Open Studios Macedon group: Back row - Tiffany Warner, Caroliza Job, Marian Alexopoulos, Jo Hoyne, Carolyn Pain (Absent: Jennifer Aquilina, Craig Ligerwood, Deirdre Chestney).



Tiffany Warner Photography.

Sue Anson
0413 581 632

First of all, a big welcome to the new committee members of the Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club.

Shane Wellington, Cassie Simmons and Mark Simmons, we thank you for joining our petanque family.

We hope this new petanque year inspires us all to be better petanque players and to join in all the games and special events we have planned.

Our new petanque season started on Monday the 2nd of October with a small group of keen players gathering at our Woodend piste, at the racecourse in Forest St; to kick off the season.

It was a delight to catch up with friends in the sunshine on a Monday afternoon, throw some boules and dust off the cobwebs after winter.



L-R Louise, Jill, Carol, Shirley and Darrelle.

October the 5th and the summer season at Hanging Rock began!

That Thursday was cold and windy and so we had a small eager group of 24 players all join up at our piste to play 3 games of petanque. There was some good play with grinning winners amongst them.

We finished our opening night with a delicious BBQ put on by our new committee members Mark and Cassie.

During the winter break there were many tournaments put on by various clubs throughout the state. Many of our members partake of these, to keep up their skills and join friends to get through those cold days.

On the first weekend of October, a few of our members, Ruth Giddings, Rod Gell, Peter Wells, Shirley Marshall and Jill Shaw travelled to Nagambie for their Open Triples Tournament. An eventful day with a few disappointed players, but that is petanque! You win some games and you lose some games!

Last weekend was the Mount Macedon Tournament with 4 players from WHRPC, joining in. It was a competitive and enjoyable tournament with 3 members, Rohan Dickson, Shane Wellington and Darrelle Salathiel playing in one team and the other member, Shirley Marshall, joining a Mt Macedon Team.

Last Thursday, the weather was again disappointing for us, but once again there were a few hardy players willing to test the rain and ventured out to Hanging Rock for a few games of petanque and a delicious BBQ, put on by Louise.

It rained, the wind blew but then the sun came out!

With the weather now getting warmer we hope to find more players joining us at the racecourse in Forest St, Woodend on a Monday afternoon at 2pm for a 2.30pm play.

If you can't make it by 2.30pm drop by anyway and we can show you our game!

Also on a Thursday afternoon, we start a bit later at Hanging Rock, for a 4.30pm start of play.

It truly is a delightful setting at Hanging Rock on a balmy Thursday afternoon with a few games of petanque, a glass of wine and a BBQ cooked by somebody else. Come and join us!!

Any enquiries please call Louise Potter 0438 302 218



Romsey Neighbourhood House Visits Dromkeen

In early October, Romsey locals visited 'Dromkeen', on the eastern edge of Riddells Creek.

See our ad on page 2

Dromkeen is a beautiful old homestead built in 1889, once the country estate of Judge Arthur Chomley, and later home to the world famous 'Dromkeen Picture Book Art Collection'. Set in a garden among Australian natives and European trees (some over 100 years old) Dromkeen, now owned by the Joiner family, was named after the Irish birthplace of the first owner.

The gallery features children's picture storybooks and original illustrations by Australian picture-book creators.

Bernadette Joiner spoke about the people of Dromkeen – their stamp on the place, showing their clothing, and each family's contribution. We wandered around the artwork, books and developmental notes in the well set out gallery. Then we walked, admiring the furnishings, cosy seating and garden views – followed by a delicious afternoon tea.

Bernadette runs children's and adult functions ... see www.dromkeen.org or Facebook. Out of town visitors may camp in the grounds. **Sunday November 12th at 12.45 is opening of 'Between the Pages' exhibition - featuring 4 leading Australian children's book creators.** RSVP bernadette@dromkeen.com.au

Dromkeen is a hidden gem for visitors seeing the magnificent building and gardens as they drive up the entrance. Our \$12.00 was well spent. Locals from Romsey & the east can enjoy places like Dromkeen, through ShareRide. Anyone can come on these visits (small transport fee)

Romsey Neighbourhood House acknowledges the Dja Dja Wurrung, Taungurung and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this

land and waterways. Romsey Neighbourhood House recognises their living cultures and ongoing connection to Country and pays respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

MACEDON RANGES BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2024

Back in 2024!

The biennial Business Excellence Awards will be open for self-nominations from Monday 20 November 2023 to Friday 15 March 2024. Plenty of time to dust off your business plan and let the judges know about your outstanding service, innovation, products and professionalism.

We are delighted to welcome back Josh's Rainbow Eggs returning as naming sponsor along with Bendigo Bank and Workspace Australia as our gold sponsors.

If you would like to become a category sponsor for the awards or find out more about the process to nominate your business, please visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-awards or email ecodevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au

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Budburst Weekend

Saturday 18 & Sunday

19 November

10:00am-5:00pm

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budburst.com



Romsey Library

ROMSEY LIBRARY (THE HUB)

98 Main Street, Romsey

P: 5429 3086

E: romsey@ncgrl.vic.gov.au

Facebook: Macedon Ranges Libraries

OPENING HOURS

Please refer to our website

www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au

Facebook page or contact us for information regarding up-to-date opening hours in February.

Diary Dates

- **Melbourne Cup:** Tuesday November 7 - Library closed for public holiday
- **Kyneton Cup:** Wednesday November 8 - Romsey Library open
- **Saturday Storytime:** 10.00 – 10.30am, Saturday November 18
- **Whimsical Weaving Workshop:** 1.00 – 4.00pm, Tuesday December 5

Curiosity, Connection, and Creativity with A Curious Circle

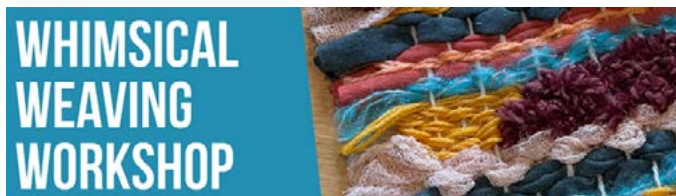
Join in with a lively and fun group of adult women as we explore our creativity each month with a different activity. Our final sessions for 2023 are:

- Wooden Block and Wire Art: 6.30 – 8.30pm, Thursday November 16.
- Christmas Craft: 6.30 – 8.30pm, Thursday December 7.

No special skills are needed to attend these sessions, and refreshments are provided.

Bookings essential – please phone 5429 3086 for more information.

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- Tuesday December 5, 1.00 – 4.00pm

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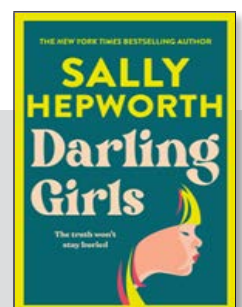
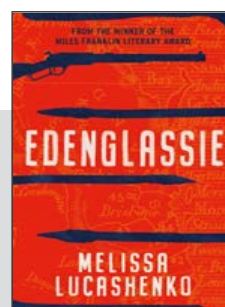
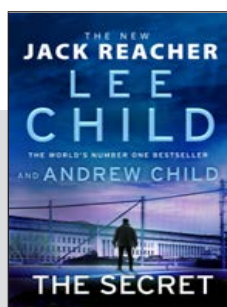
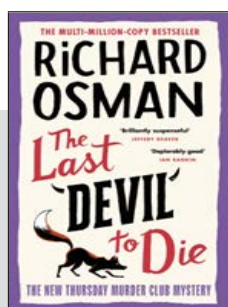
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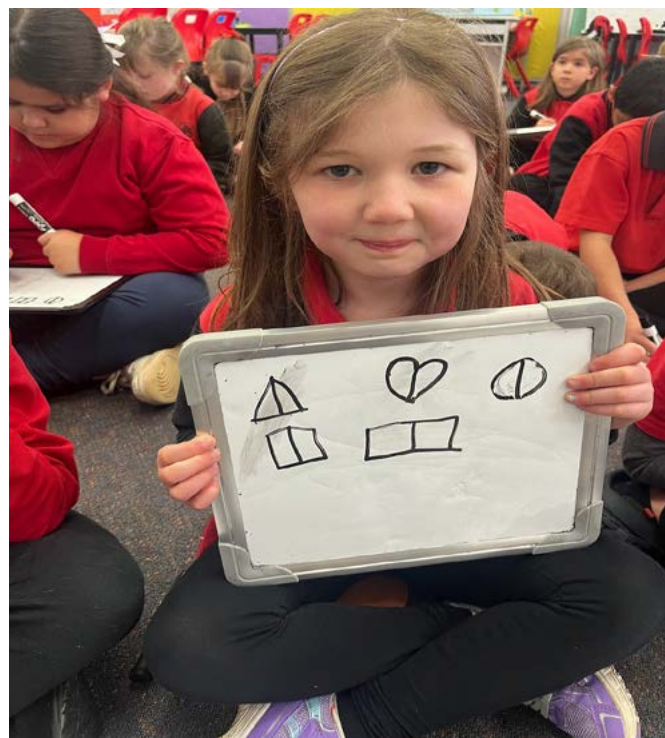
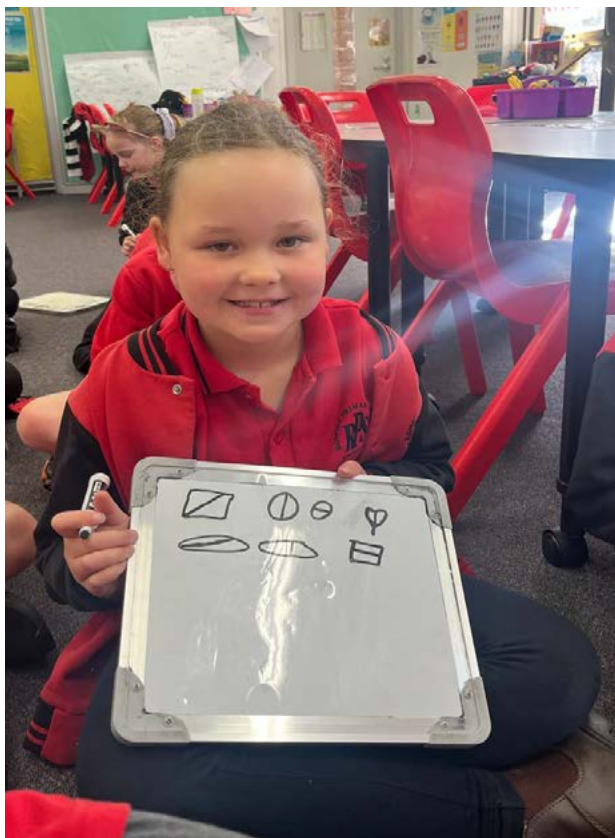


Students in grades 3 and 4 have begun learning about different types of forces in the world around us. This week we did some simple experiments that explored gravity, magnetic force, electric force, applied forces, tension force, spring force, air resistance and friction.



Our 1/2 students have been CAUGHT in Maths making fractions.

Romsey Primary School students in year 1/2 have started to learn about fractions and how to make equal parts. How amazing are the students in 1/2!



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Student Art Showcase

The St. Mary's Art Showcase at the end of Term 3 was a wonderful way of celebrating and recognising the artistic efforts of our students at St Mary's. Each student had several pieces of work displayed from Term 1 to Term 3 and proudly shared their pieces with their peers, teachers and families. Prep students completed projects such as ripped paper bears and parable lamps inspired by Literature. They also crafted textile birds and dot painted boomerangs as a result of being immersed in the Australian Indigenous Culture unit. Lastly, they worked on collages and drew pictures using a variety of shapes. Year 1/2 students engaged in personal mixed media collages, as well as a Lent/Easter collaborative collage that represented a led light cross. They also created paintings which expressed shape and feelings through lines and colour inspired by Jimmy Pike an Australian Indigenous Artist. Year 3/4 students created textile wall art inspired by the works of a textile Artist named Sheila Hicks. When exploring Indigenous culture students delved into the connection between nature and Indigenous practices, creating Bush Medicine paintings. Lastly, they added texture to clay and explored block printing. Year 5/6 students explored the works of a Candy Artist and Sculptor named Peter Anton. Inspired by his works students created large candy sculptures out of clay, expressed personal stories through Indigenous symbols and traditional dot art paintings and experimented with a variety of techniques to create textured art on canvas. A huge thank you to our amazing Art Teacher Mrs Summut for giving the students all these wonderful opportunities through art and for setting up the display to showcase the students work, it was extraordinary! Thank you to the families who attended to support the students and the students themselves for their creative art pieces!



Daniher's Drive - FightMND

On Thursday 12th October we were lucky enough to have Daniher's Drive stop off at St Mary's as part of their FightMND tour. Daniher's Drive is one of FightMND's marquee fundraisers. All funds raised during this unique event are committed to world's best practice research, including clinical trials and drug development projects.

Stopping at St Mary's on the 12th we experienced the amazing fundraising drive participants, classic cars, sporting legends and the Daniher's Drive team. What a fabulous experience this event was for all of us at St Mary's. As part of the Drive visit, a team of St Mary's students and staff (our Principal Julie McDougall and 3/4 Teacher Colleen Breust - sister to Neale) participated in an Ice Bucket Relay against a team from Daniher's Drive. The Drive team included two of the Daniher brothers, Chris and Anthony as well as other ex AFL players David Nietz, Guy Rigoni and Ben Holland. What a hilarious spectacle the relay was! The Drive team weren't taking themselves too seriously but our students were out to win! There was certainly a roar from the student body when Mrs McDougall got iced! Such great fun and so many laughs. We appreciate all participants for volunteering to get a bucket of iced water tipped over them on what was a fairly cold day! A huge thank you to all from Daniher's Drive for stopping off at our little school to give us all such a wonderful experience and to our school community for helping us to raise \$342 to help FightMND. We hope the rest of Daniher's Drive was a big success for the wonderful team and crew, they've certainly left a lasting impression on all of us at St Mary's!



SHC Junior Chef 2023

Once again, we've been lucky enough to be able to apply for Sacred Heart College Kyneton's Junior Chef competition for 2023. Teams of four Year 4 students from the six feeder schools to Sacred Heart are invited to participate. Our students had to apply for a position with our team made up of Charlotte Collins, Lara Farrugia, Ellie Smith and Anna Newnham. Round One of Junior Chef was to make Pancakes with a Berry Sauce. We were very lucky to have parent assistance (thank you Ash Collins!) to practice making the pancakes and berry sauce. Ash not only helped them to make the dish but talked to them about presentation, hygiene and keeping their work space clean and tidy. The girls thoroughly enjoyed this practice session and it set them up well for Round One which took place at Sacred Heart on Tuesday 10th October. All 6 teams were present, each with their own work station.

Everything the teams required was there for them along with Hospitality students to assist should the teams have any questions or need assistance. The teams had 45 minutes to make their pancakes with berry sauce and dish them up for the judges. Charlotte and Anna made the pancakes while Ellie and Lara worked on the sauce and plating up the dish. Some feedback they received was:

- Criteria on Final Product: Cooking Pancakes with a berry sauce - Judges feedback on the final product:

Well done! I'd happily chow down on these pancakes at a Café'. Great effort! Recommendation: a bit more drizzle.

- Criteria: Organisation skills - Judges feedback on the team's organisational skills: Very calm team. Worked well together. Good attention to detail when plating up the pancakes.

Round Two takes place in a couple of weeks time. We wish the girls the very best of luck and look forward to seeing how they go!

Student Achievement



During the September school holidays the Youth Services Division of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council ran an Art Competition as part of their Youth Fest Program. The Art Competition was for 12-25 year olds. The brief for the artwork was to promote positive mental wellbeing. All artworks entered were displayed at the Youth Fest Open Mic Night, where attendees voted for their favourite art piece. One of our Year 6 students, 12-year-old Molly Cusack entered the competition and was very excited when her piece 'Embrace the Colours' won the competition!

We are very proud of Molly and congratulate her on a wonderful and creative piece of artwork.

Playgroup @ St Mary's

Do you have pre-schoolers? We'd like to invite all within our Lancefield and Romsey communities who have children under the age of 5 to join us for Playgroup @ St Mary's. This is a free session run by parents for parents. A chance to meet new people, socialise with your child and have a lot of fun. It's FREE and there's no obligation. For Term Four, we will be running Playgroup every Thursday morning from 8.30am - 10am in St Mary's School Hall. Our final playgroup for the term will be on Thursday 30th November with a special Christmas theme, party games and face painting. If you'd like to meet new people and have some fun with your little ones, please join us for Playgroup @ St Mary's! We hope to see you soon!



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Jesus & the Woman at the Well

In John chapter 4 in the Bible, whilst travelling, Jesus stops at a well and meets a Samaritan woman. A deep discussion about living water follows - where the centre of worship should be, and the coming Messiah. It is a striking account of Jesus crossing many 'boundaries' to change a person's life.

The first boundary he crossed was a geographic one. Jews would go 'the long way around' to avoid going that particular way through Samaria, but Jesus broke the custom of the day.

A group of crosses in the sun

Description automatically generated Once he had crossed that geographic boundary, and in his interaction with the woman at the well, we see Jesus break through ethnic, religious, gender, moral and social boundaries of the day to radically change this person's life. So much so, that the woman went back to her village and through her testimony, many believed in Jesus (John 4:39). Still more believed in Jesus when they heard from him, seeking him out directly (John 4:41-42).

Jesus has crossed the boundary between heaven and earth (John 6:38), so that the boundary between God and people would be removed. That is why the curtain in the Jewish temple of the day was torn in two when Jesus died (Matthew 27:51) – the curtain represented the boundary between people and God. That boundary had now been broken - through Jesus' blood shed on the cross is to reconcile and make peace with all (Colossians 1:19-20).

If you would like to make peace with God, who crossed boundaries for you, come and visit us at 10am on a Sunday morning at 7 Mitchell Court in Romsey.

Come along to one of our **Sunday morning services at 10am** and check out our seats - everyone is welcome! If you would like to know more about Encourage Church, come along to one of our activities! You can also check us out on our website www.encouragechurch.com.au or email us at office@encouragechurch.com.au.

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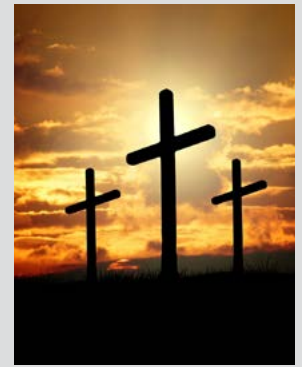
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Murray River Matins

Communing Spirit, you share with me the profound loveliness of this soft, grey morning in the stillness of the bush beside this wide water which reflects like glazed ceramic the sentinel river gums.

Early you watched with me the approach of the faithful old sun, which from below the wide horizon threw shafts of salmon light upon the low cloud banks, and deftly tinted the sleepy face of the creek.

Beside me, yet through me, you, most intimate Spirit, have pleased intensely in the serried flights of pelicans, returning from a night's fishing, gliding authoritatively between an avenue of gum trees to take their morning rest among the feathered tribe which dozes noiselessly by a sheltered billabong.

Through my ears you have listened to the egret's squawk as it tries out roosting places on half-submerged bare tree limbs.

You hear the mournful cry of the ubiquitous black crow, the chatter of lorikeets, and, in between these, the rare sound of silence.

You, Agape Spirit, have communed with me on this gentle morning, infilling my life with something of your elemental serenity, awakening an awe which leavens the supreme contentment of wholeness, yet leaves me raw and more exposed to threats of existence.

Creator spirit, like your Jesus help me increasingly to trust your serene communion and like Jesus, when it is needed, to accept the holy way of the cross which weighs so painfully on souls made sensitive to beauty.

This reflection comes from the book 'Australian Prayers' by Bruce Prewer. (deceased)

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Buttlejorrk Annual Exhibition Kyneton

The Buttlejorrk group began in 1976 as a group of potters wishing to share their knowledge and exhibit their work as a group.

The groups name "Buttlejorrk" refers to the original name of an area around Sunbury and Diggers Rest.

Today the group has expanded to include a wider range of arts including painting, sculpture, jewellery, textiles and metal and woodwork. The individual artists background and work is varied, encompassing both traditional contemporary works.

This year the annual Buttlejorrk members are looking forward to showing their work and celebrating the supportive creative community of the Macedon Ranges. All work is for sale and it is ideal opportunity to purchase a unique, locally handmade piece of art for yourself or a unique Christmas gift.

The artist's work can be viewed on Instagram @buttlejorrk and you can meet the artists on Saturday November the 11 th from 2-4pm.

The Buttlejorrk Annual Group Exhibition will be held at The Old Auction House in Kyneton from November 9th to December 5th. 52-56 Mollison St Kyneton open 7 days from 10am to 4pm.



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Road names need to comply with the Naming Rules for Places in Victoria. Council as the naming authority is required to apply these rules when determining street addresses for properties within the shire.

When preparing the street address for the new aged care facility on the corner of Hutchinsons Lane West and Melbourne-Lancefield Road in Romsey, where access will be off Hutchinsons Lane West, Council identified an irregularity in the street numbering (not sequential) and the use of directional naming (west). The Naming Rules require Council to address this situation by identifying a new name for Hutchinsons Lane West.

Council is required to seek feedback on the proposed new name – Goodenia Lane. Feedback closes on **Friday 8 December 2023** – for more information on how Council decided on this naming approach, and to provide feedback, visit **mrsc.vic.gov.au/your-say**



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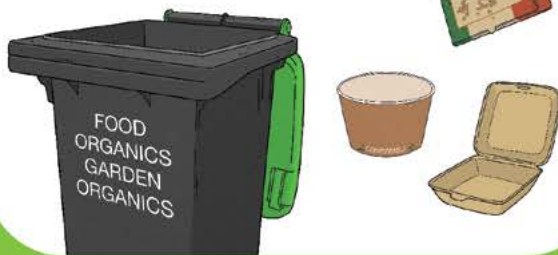


A small act makes a big impact

Refresh what you know about your recycling system

Scan the QR code, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/bins or download the MRSC waste app.

Don't forget to put your food-soiled paper packaging like pizza boxes and paper towels along with compostable packaging in your **FOGO** bin.



Remember to always put your **recycling** in the bin loose, never bagged.



Only put empty glass bottles and jars in your **glass** bin. **No** ceramics, Pyrex, light bulbs or other glass.



Drop your **batteries and e-waste** off for free at Resource Recovery Facilities (transfer stations), they **don't belong in your general waste or any other bin.**



Bring your family and friends and come and visit our wonderful Romsey Market which is on the Service Road, near the Skate Park, Cnr White Ave and Main Street Romsey. We will have lots of arts, crafts, jams, preserves, hand made goods, wood work and much more.

Food stalls and great coffee, also doughnuts and our Famous Lions Sausage sizzle will be there as usual.

Also why not buy a ticket or two and have the chance of winning a beautiful hand-made wooden rocking horse for a loved one for Christmas. This beautiful rocking horse is also on display at the Bendigo Bank at

Romsey and tickets available to purchase.

*Stall holders who wish to have a stall, contact Angela on:
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