

# Romsey Rag

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## SOLTAN PEPPER

**118 Main Street Romsey was originally a home owned by several families over the years. In 2000 it was remodelled to accommodate a wine bar then a few fine dining restaurants.**

In August 2005 Adam & Melanie Soltan created "Soltan Pepper".

Mel & Adam are the brains and brawn of Soltan Pepper, a family owned restaurant that has operated for almost 19 years. This powerhouse couple, working in hospitality from their mid teens, actually met at 17 while working together at a local winery.

Mel & Adam's vision was to provide a space to laugh, cry and celebrate special occasions with loved ones. Above all, to provide pleasure to those who dine and those who work there. With Mel's drive to teach and mentor the front of house team, helping them grow and empowering them to be the best they can be, and Adam's natural flair for creativity in food and genuine care in everything he does how could they not succeed?

They are passionate about people, family & community, building the business whilst raising their two children Jacob, & Tyla who learned everything they could working



alongside them every chance they got! Nothing makes them happier than a restaurant full of people enjoying special moments together.

From growing up in Romsey & Lancefield, involvement and support for their local community has always been very important, from employing young locals to sponsoring the local football/netball club. They've been involved with Rotary, local sporting clubs and schools, being the place to host presentations, fundraisers and the like.

They showed their strength during the pandemic, providing many with much needed comfort by pivoting to takeaway. Their speciality is excellent comfort food, and the best desserts ever! Diners from the Romsey Region and beyond have fond memories of the restaurant and its staff.

Adam & Mel would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude for your support over the years and look forward to the next chapter of Soltan Pepper. We look forward to its future under the new owners.

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**ROMSEY - LANCEFIELD RSL SUB BRANCH**

**ANZAC DAY SERVICE**

**THURSDAY 25 APRIL 2024**

- 8:30am** Wreath-laying service at the Romsey Cenotaph
- 9:30am** Commemoration Service at the Lancefield Cenotaph, High Street Lancefield

**MARCHERS ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE IN FRONT OF THE LANCEFIELD HOTEL IN HIGH STREET AT 9:15am**

Following the service, tea and coffee will be provided by the Lancefield Neighbourhood House Committee at the Lancefield Mechanics Hall.

**All community members, school children and social groups are welcome to attend this important day.**



*The Big Dipper*

110 Main Street, Romsey  
 (entrance on Stawell Street)  
 Tuesday - Sunday  
 Noon - 8pm



## ROMSEY MECHANICS INSTITUTE

**LIVE & LOCAL IN COMMUNITY HALLS:** The 2024 Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival will include live bands at most of the region's community halls. Performances will feature a wide variety of music; there will be something for everyone. And, where else would get to see one or two bands for just \$15.00? The music will kick off at 7:30pm.

- *Lancefield Mechanics' Institute*: Friday April 5th
- *Bolinda Hall* - Sat 6th,
- *Baynton Hall* - Sun 7th,
- *Malmsbury Mechanics' Institute* - Fri 12th,
- *Newham Mechanics' Institute* - Sat 13th,
- *Kyneton Museum* - Sun 14th
- *Tylden Hall* - Fri 19th
- *Bullengarook Hall* - Sat 20th
- *Kyneton Museum* - Sun 21st
- *Lauriston Hall* - Fri 26th
- Romsey Mechanics' Institute - Sat 27th &
- *Kyneton Museum* - Sun 28th April.

The bands, *Cupid's Irony* (Melbourne) and *Whiskey Rogues* (Sunbury), will be playing at the RMI on Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>. The event will see people sitting at tables spread throughout the main hall. \$15.00 Tickets are available via Trybookings, just use the QR code on the promotional flyer to get to TryBookings. There will be a wide range of refreshments on the night, wine will be supplied by Heskett Estate and beer and other drinks by one of the town's sporting clubs. Platters of food will be available to pre-order when booking tickets.

We would like to thank the Shire for their support and especially Terry Moore who has worked so hard to get this program up and running.

**COMMERCIAL DISHWASHER:** Once we worked out a few idiosyncrasies this dishwasher has worked extremely well. We are now showing the user groups how to make the best use of the machine.

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THE Whiskey Rogues

## MARCH IN THE GARDEN

### I Melanie Kinsey, April 2024

Our landscaper has arrived! Its quite thrilling to see something on paper brought to life in front of your eyes! All day the digger has been moving gravel or soil from one area to another. The bluestone steppers have been laid and a long trench dug for a hedge. Good soil has been laid in the fernery and I have planted my first two plants in there – a large birds nest fern and a native cordyline. Both have been in pots for awhile so will love being in the ground I suspect.



I was off visiting another lovely garden near Mansfield a few weeks ago. It was great to get away for a few days and visit a region I haven't been to for a long time. It was also great to see Lake Eildon so full and we enjoyed our stay beside it at the Gough's Bay Caravan Park. I also visited the Mansfield Botanic Park. It had an interesting mix of exotic and Australian native plants that were growing really well. The playground in the park was newish and very good too.

All my garden is in pots at the moment so I have been on the end of a hose every few days. The tomato season came to an abrupt end when the landscaper had to move the polystyrene boxes and we found the plants had rooted through the box into the ground. Subsequently I had a lot of green tomatoes and was happy to make a batch of green tomato chutney – my favourite! I got the recipe from one of the old Women's Weekly cookbooks!

As we enter autumn – it is now the time to propagate succulents as they come out of their summer dormancy. You can behead aeoniums and echeverias and new little pups will form on the old stem. The beheaded piece will also form roots. Have fun!

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# Gaming Machines in Romsey

The Romsey Senior Football/Netball Club have applied for 50 gaming machines to be located in a renovated Romsey Hotel. The Macedon Ranges Shire has sent out a plebiscite on this matter. Whatever "side of the fence" you are on, this plebiscite is your opportunity to express your wishes. We all have a chance to have our say, please do not let this opportunity pass without taking the time to fill out the plebiscite and send it back.

# End of Season Sporting Success

Congratulations to the Romsey Cricket Club and the Romsey Bowls Club. Romsey Cricket Club had the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 11s into the final. The Second XI lost the semi-final by 2 runs after having such a strong season which was a great effort to be in the final for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row.

The First XI had a hard fought 25 runs victory in the semi-final so now play in the Grand Final vs Gisborne this weekend at Macedon

Romsey Bowls Club picked up one Tuesday Pennant, had three teams in the Saturday Pennant finals, two got to the Grand Final. Unfortunately no wins but a great year and the future looks good.



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A colorful poster for the Autumn Festival Live & Local. The top features the text 'AUTUMN FESTIVAL LIVE & LOCAL IN COMMUNITY HALLS'. Below this, it says 'FEATURING CUPID'S IRONY AND THE WHISKEY ROGUES'. The event is at the Romsey Mechanics Institute on Saturday 27 April, 7.30PM. It mentions 'FOOD AND BAR AVAILABLE HESKET ESTATE WINERY' and provides the website 'mrc.vic.gov.au/liveandlocal' with a QR code. The bottom of the poster shows musical instruments (guitar, violin, piano) and is decorated with autumn leaves and flowers. Logos for the Australian Government and Macdon Ranges Shire Council are also present.

Tickets (\$15) can be ordered at [www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1146210](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1146210)  
"Grazing Platters can be pre-ordered on this link.  
[www.trybooking.com/CQNPO](http://www.trybooking.com/CQNPO)

A poster for Anzac Day Church Service. It features the text 'Anzac Day CHURCH SERVICE' in a large, serif font. Below this, it says 'SUNDAY 28 APRIL @ 10am' and 'Encourage Church 7 Mitchell Court, Romsey'. The bottom of the poster is decorated with a field of red and orange poppies. A small logo for 'ENCOURAGE CHURCH' is in the top right corner.

ENCOURAGE CHURCH



## CWA CREATIVE ARTS EXHIBITION RETURNS TO THE LANCEFIELD MECHANICS INSTITUTE

Mark your calendars for a celebration of creativity and community at the Lancefield Mechanics Institute! CWA Central Highlands Group is proud to present our annual two-day Creative Arts Exhibition on April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. CWA members from Romsey are working hard on their entries and are excited to show them off to you.



- **Marvel at our members' skill:** The hall will be filled with a showcase of crafts and preserves competing in more categories than we've ever had.
- **Indulge in Delights:** Treat yourself to a delicious lunch while enjoying the vibrant atmosphere and connecting with fellow craft enthusiasts.
- **Stock Up:** Need to replenish your craft stash? We'll have lots of bits and bobs to take home at bargain prices on our de-stash table.
- **Don't forget the Preserves:** Add some homemade goodies to your pantry, made with love by our members.

### EVENT DETAILS:

- **Dates:** April 20th & 21st
- **Location:** Lancefield Mechanics Institute, 4 The Crescent, Lancefield
- **Time:** Sat 20th: 10am - 4pm, Sun 21st: 10am - 3pm.
- **Awards Ceremony:** Sat 20th, 11am

Join us for a weekend filled with creativity, community, and cherished traditions. Spread the word and invite your friends and family to share in this special event!

For more information, contact Mel Pritchard, 0423 672 719.

! See you there!



### 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.

### FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:

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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.



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**Another season of lawn bowls has drawn to a close. For the Romsey Bowling Club, the season commenced with a feeling of great expectation. The club gained several new players, with our membership for the first time exceeding fifty. This meant that we were able to enter three Saturday pennant teams and three Midweek pennant sides.**

Sights were set upon winning several premierships. The main goal was to win our first Saturday Division 1 pennant premiership, something the club has never achieved. All six teams performed well throughout the season, with five of our sides making the finals. The sixth team very narrowly missed the play offs.

By season end, the club had achieved one premiership, three runners up and a third placing. Somewhat disappointing considering our initial goal, but a marvelous club achievement, nevertheless. Teams finished as follows;

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DIVISION 1</b>	<b>RUNNER UP</b>
	<b>Division 2</b>	<b>Runner Up</b>
	<b>Division 3</b>	<b>Third</b>
<b>MIDWEEK</b>	<b>Division 1</b>	<b>Runner Up</b>
	<b>Division 3A</b>	<b>Premiers</b>
	<b>Division 3B</b>	<b>Fifth</b>

Congratulations and thanks to all players involved. Naturally next season, the club will again aim to achieve that elusive premiership in Division 1 of Saturday pennant.

Congratulations to our Club Champions, namely Kath Kirwin and Matt Brundell. There were many hard-fought matches throughout the championships, which made the success of winning a great achievement.

During the season the club held two very successful tournaments. Entries were received from far and wide. Our tournaments are very popular and so well supported that we are not able to cater for all who wish to enter teams. The major annual tournament is held on the AFL Grand Final public holiday. We must thank our sponsors, the Bendigo Bank and the Romsey Collision Centre. The second tournament is held annually on a Thursday early in February. Our sponsors for the occasion are T.J. Scott Funeral Directors and TCC Real Estate. The support given to our club is always much appreciated.

With the Romsey township growing, the club is always looking for new members, whether they be experienced or novice bowlers. Club contact details are available on our Facebook page.





## THE GISBORNE SINGERS - A CLASSICAL CELEBRATION

**The Gisborne Singers proudly present their first concert for 2024, which showcases masterpieces AND unravels the historical tapestry behind each composition.**

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The program includes: Handel - Zadok the Priest HWV 258 (6'), Mozart - Exsultate, Jubilate K. 165 (15'), Mozart - Laudate Dominum from Vesperae Solennes de Confessore K. 339 (5'), Haydn - Te Deum, Hob. XXIII:2c (9') and Mozart - Regina Cœli, K. 108 (17').

Join us for musical discovery - experience the emotions and cultural significance in these remarkable pieces. Soprano soloist is Merlyn Quaife, with backing by the Macedon Ranges Chamber Orchestra.

### CONCERT DETAILS:

- Sunday 28 April at 2<sup>30</sup>pm, Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton (*afternoon tea provided*)  
[www.trybooking.com/COHHD](http://www.trybooking.com/COHHD)
- Sunday 5 May 2024 at 2<sup>30</sup>pm, St Mary's, Sunbury  
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## THE MOUNT PLAYERS

### APRIL HAPPENINGS

**The Mount Players are now in full rehearsal for their 2<sup>nd</sup> production of the year, Looped which opens May 10 running till May 26.**



The Mount Players

A comedy, written by Matthew Lombardo is being directed by Peter Newling. This is Peter's first directing gig with TMP and he comes to us with bags of experience as a very successful director across the Melbourne Community Theatre scene.

Looped - During the Summer of 1965, celebrated actress Tallulah Bankhead entered a Los Angeles recording studio to re-record (*or "loop"*) just one line of dialogue from her final film Die, Die My Darling. What should have taken about 8 minutes ended up taking 8 hours.

The Playwright uses a great deal of theatrical licence, offering us a hilarious yet sympathetic guesstimation as to what may have happened in that room on that day.

A combination of clever writing backed by a stellar cast of highly regarded, experienced actors, this play will appeal to many.....don't miss it!

We will be celebrating Mother's Day at the matinee on Sunday May 12 - there will be complimentary bubbles for all the mums and delicious treats at interval.

Book your tickets at [www.themountplayers.com](http://www.themountplayers.com) or call 5426 1892 for assistance.

See you at the theatre!

**| By Karen Hunt**



# CWA is a Volunteer Organisation

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CWA had the privilege of catering for the Relay for Life 2024 at Lancefield. It was a great day to see family and survivors do the lap of honour.

On 6<sup>th</sup> April, we will hold a Winter Warmers Stall outside IGA, 9am-6pm. Pay us a visit if you need a scarf or beanie. We will have our usual cakes, slices, sausage rolls, preserves and plants. Something for everyone.

## Volunteering Top 8 Benefits

- #Make new Friends
- #Develop emotional stability
- #Build a new Network
- #Feel happier
- #Expand your resume
- #Learn something new
- #Improve your confidence
- #Explore your interest

27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

### CWA MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

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## Macedon Ranges Field Naturalists

Formed in 2020, the Macedon Ranges Field Naturalists aim to enhance knowledge and understanding of the flora, fauna and fungi of the Macedon Ranges Shire.

Through sharing this knowledge, the group aims to foster interest in the region's natural values and to help preserve its native species, communities and ecosystems.



If you love nature walks and participating in citizen science with like-minded people, we would love to have you as a member. For our inaugural membership drive, we also have a competition to create our logo. For full details, hop on over to our website to see what projects are happening and a link to membership.

[www.macedonrangesfieldnaturalists.org](http://www.macedonrangesfieldnaturalists.org)  
Lisa Dobson, Secretary

## Did You Know...

### MRSC Has Passed a Draft Gambling Harm Prevention Policy

They now want your comments.

Go to [www.mrsc.vic.gov.au](http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au) and find 'draft gambling harm prevention policy'

The Gambling Harm Prevention report process first read 13 reference reports of gambling by varied interests and ages. Such reports described, in detail, the harm due to gambling in each group eg.:

- Gambling and young people,
- Risk factors & implications for Australian veterans,
- Young people, partner violence and gambling,
- Young women and gambling,
- People with intellectual disability,
- harm to children from Parents who gamble.

MRSC noted strategies that were successful to reduce or prevent gambling harm – to find ways that MRSC could act to prevent or reduce gambling harm in Macedon Ranges communities.

### Gambling harm is now seen as a public health issue.

The draft policy is out for your comment. It recommends that MRSC can reduce harm from gambling by promoting non-gambling events and programs, and by not sponsoring, funding, using or promoting activities that also receive funds from gambling activities. MRSC will not use venues also used for gambling, and opposes any increase in EGM licences.

Read the Draft Report and...  
**PLEASE SEND YOUR VIEWS  
TO MRSC at 'Your Say'**



# G'day



## COOKING WITH PETER RUSSELL-CLARKE

### AVOCADO. (MIDSHIPMAN'S BUTTER).

Avocados are harvested by hand with a pair of secateurs and they're cut just at the little button where the stalk joins the fruit. A portion of the button stays in the cavity to prevent any post-harvest disease.

You can grow an avocado tree from a pip but it may not, in fact, get fruit for seven, eight, maybe nine years. Get a glass of water and then poke into an avocado pip three toothpicks so that the pip looks a bit like a sputnik.

Suspend the pip, on the toothpicks, over the glass so that the bottom of the pip is in the water. After a while, out come the roots from the bottom of the pip and the tree grows out the top. It's your real Jack and the Beanstalk business.

Avocados have a higher fat content than any other fruit apart from the olive. They're also full of vitamins A, B and C and a skinful of others which reads like the alphabet. They're often called an 'alligator pear' not because they grow in the alligator swamps of America, but because some varieties have rough skin.

They were once classed as an aphrodisiac. It is said Mae West used to eat them every night before she went to bed, also that she fed them to her boyfriends.

This list of varieties is only those which are commercially grown in Australia. They are Sharwil which comes out in July and August, Haas which is August to December and Fuerte which comes out in April to August.

I believe avocado should be served simply. For instance I just halve an avocado, then squeeze lemon juice and a little pepper on it. Keep it simple or try Guacamole or my delicious (*if I do say so myself*) recipe - oh! you can get smashed on a Pinot Gris while you eat it!



## SMOKED TROUT IN AVOCADO

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 medium sized smoked trout
- 1 drop Tabasco
- small carton cultured sour cream
- freshly ground black pepper
- juice of 1/2 lemon
- 1 avocado (1/2 per person)
- finely chopped parsley
- fresh crisp lettuce leaves.

### METHOD

1. Take the flesh of the trout off the bone and flake the flesh into small pieces. Mix together the sour cream, lemon juice, parsley and Tabasco and gently add the trout flesh and sprinkle with freshly ground black pepper.
2. Take the stone out of the avocado, spoon the mixture into each cavity and serve on a fresh, crisp lettuce leaf.
3. It is said that, many years ago, British sailors planted avocados in various places where they landed, to be collected on their next voyage. And that they used them instead of butter. Maybe the sailors should have been called 'Avos' instead of 'Limeys'.

# Staying Strong for over 50s

Council runs a number of low-to-moderate intensity group circuit classes for men and women 50+ years of age across Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre, Gisborne Fitness Centre, Buffalo Sports Stadium in Woodend and Romsey Recreation Centre.

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

For further details or to discuss your suitability for the program, contact your local centre or visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/leisure](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/leisure)



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# ROMSEY WINTER WARMERS STALL

Come and see us outside IGA  
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We have a wide range of items for sale including:  
Baby, Kids & Womens Wear, Scarves, Gloves,  
Baby Jumpers and Mens Beanies.  
As well as a selection of Plants  
and, of course, FOOD! (Yum)



NEW AUTUMN MENU OUT NOW





# Project Cultivate

Cemeteries vary... often weedy and unkempt. Neat and well-trimmed is expensive; trimming, weeding, poisoning and mowing. I first heard about Project Cultivate from Kosta on ABC Radio and he was excited... even for Kosta! Project Cultivate plants native plants and local grasses to revitalise cemeteries, complementing monuments, pathways etc. The project consults with families, the local community and Traditional Owners to establish a biodiverse sustainable environment.

A pilot at Melbourne General Cemetery in May- November 2023 saw 1,400 cubic metres of mulch laid, then 120,000 indigenous native grasses, wildflowers and groundcovers. Benefits include 30% less herbicide, 3°C reduction in ambient temperature, better soil quality and less erosion. Runoff increases biodiversity, aided by native insects, worms, fungi and birds. A second mulching area has now planted an extra 150,000 indigenous plants. The Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust (SMCT) will mulch and plant 41.78% still suitable by June 2025. MGC has a blueprint for such projects at other cemetery locations.

Opened in 1853, the iconic MGC is an important Australian cemetery. Designed as a public park ie, curved pathways, trees and shrubs, gate lodges and rest pavilions. Prior to this, the site was likely a grassy woodland eg. River Red Gums and indigenous grasses, flowers & herbs with Kangaroo Grass (*Themeda triandra*) as the understory. MGC lacks irrigation - heavy compacted clay with little topsoil. SMCT horticulturists in consultation listed 16 indigenous plants for Project Cultivate, many previously present on site. These will tolerate the soil and lack of irrigation eg. Kangaroo Grass, Wallaby Grass, Native Flax, Tufted Bluebell, Clustered Everlastings and Billy Buttons.

Deep Creek Landcare Group has nesting boxes for bats, birds and phascogales for sale from \$30. 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) catch us at the Lancefield Farmers' Market or attend our monthly meetings in the Lancefield Mechanics Hall. We would love to see you!

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# Community Investment Program For Events

Thank you to all who have applied in our recent round of grants for events – we had a fabulous response and are currently reviewing applications. Be sure to follow us on Facebook ([facebook.com/CommunityBankLancefieldRomsey](https://facebook.com/CommunityBankLancefieldRomsey)) and email [cip@lrcfsl.com.au](mailto:cip@lrcfsl.com.au) to be kept up to date on future grant programs.

Don't forget, we still have \$500 Small Change Grants available for not-for-profit groups and clubs in Lancefield and Romsey. These grants will be available year-round (*until exhausted*), and the application process is simple – just a one-page form available for pickup at our branches.

## 2024 TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

It is with great pleasure we announce the recipients of the 2024 Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey Tertiary Scholarship program:

### REBECCA HARRISON MEMORIAL BURSARY

- **Bryanna Cafari** - Bachelor of Psychology at Deakin University
- **Tahlia Binney** - Bachelor of Nutrition Science at Australian Catholic University 3 Year Tertiary Scholarship
- **Clair Mustey** - Bachelor of Civil Engineering, Deakin University
- **Cormac Hayes** - Bachelor of Sports and Exercise Science, La Trobe University
- **Eliza Newnham** - Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Biosciences, La Trobe University
- **Jadzia Chapman-Lowe** - Bachelor of Science, The University of Melbourne
- **Jakira Bowen Duarte** - Bachelor of Marine Science, James Cook University

Congratulations to all the above recipients and we wish them every success as they embark on the next step in their education.

## RELAY FOR LIFE

It was fabulous to once again be participating in the Cancer Council's Relay For Life at Lancefield Park with our "Community Bank Carnival" team. This event is such a significant occasion for cancer survivors, carers and the community in general and Community Bank

Lancefield and Romsey is honoured to support such a great celebration of life. Thank you to all those involved who contributed to a wonderful fundraising outcome. Congratulations!



Supporting your local community

Community Bank - Romsey 5429 5526



## Clean Up Australia Day

As we continue to tackle our national waste challenges and protect our environment, Clean Up Australia is calling on all Australians to join with their local communities and take more immediate action by registering now for Clean Up Australia Day 2024 on Sunday 3 March.

In 2023, over 760,000 Australians pulled on their gloves and gathered for the iconic Clean Up Australia Day. This year, Clean Up Australia is hoping to see a similar, if not better response, as generations come together to help tidy our local communities while seeing first-hand why need to work together to prevent litter from entering our environment in the first place.

Registrations for Clean Up Australia Day 2024 are now open. All volunteers receive a free clean-up kit containing gloves, bags and other resources, with packs for individuals, families and community groups available (*businesses are asked to pay a small fee to cover costs*).

For information and to register, visit [cleanup.org.au](https://cleanup.org.au)





# The Norris's saved \$5,772 last year on their home loan!\*

All over Australia, homeowners are saving money with a free home loan health check. How much could you save? Call Chris on 04 1143 5561 to find out more.

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\*Amount saved was annual payments reduction on an owner-occupier home loan when repayments dropped by \$481 a month from lower interest rate and loan restructure. Actual savings will depend on individual circumstances. All loans are subject to the bank's normal lending criteria. Fees, charges, terms and conditions apply and are subject to change. Credit provided by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited ABN 11 068 049 178 Australian Credit Licence 237879. A1963171 OUT\_35882981, 12/03/2024



## A warm sunny day greeted all who came to the historic Seymour Cottage Romsey -Community Open Day Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2024.

A major event of the Romsey & Lancefield Districts Society calendar of 2024 events. A large number of residents and visitors to the region attended to view through the heritage listed c1856 built farmhouse constructed by Sidney and Elizabeth Seymour which remained in the family till 1915.

The highlights of the day were the two key-note presentations by local gardening and nurseryman celebrity Stephen Ryan.

Two photographic print exhibitions were on display – the first on the history of Seymour Cottage and the ongoing maintenance and essential restoration works, the second photo exhibition contained images of Romsey buildings from the archives of the Historical Society compared with current day images.

Entertainment was provided by local guitarist Jarrod Shaw. The Lions sausage sizzle was popular along with Raf's Coffee and face painting by Jane from Pass-the-Parcel.

The Historical Society's Second-Hand book stall along with a Cakes Stall were successful in raising funds towards heritage maintenance Seymour Cottage.

The Seymour Cottage property was donated in perpetuity in 1982 to the Historical Society in trust for the citizens of Romsey by the late Mrs Isa Allen. Seymour Cottage was heritage registered in 2011 by the State Government's Heritage Victoria describing it ....as a four-roomed residence constructed in c. 1856, with walls made of prefabricated meranti door panels from Singapore....

Contact the Seymour Cottage coordinator John Spring – 0409 861 876

## FREE SKIN CANCER CHECK AND AWARENESS UNIT TO VISIT WOODEND

### Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world and Lions Clubs in Victoria and Southern NSW are doing something practical about reducing that level and its impact on families.

The incorporated charity, the Lions V Districts Cancer Foundation, has put a Skin Check and Awareness Unit on the road.

The Lions Club of Lancefield-Romsey are proud to announce that the skin van will be visiting Woodend, stationed at Marjory place near the visitor centre on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

The van will provide a free skin checking service to local people and will be operated by fully trained, certificated and professionally supervised volunteers. The unit will also be a valuable resource for local people to access not only the skin check, but valuable and timely information about skin care and self-checking techniques.

We know early detection of skin lesions potentially saves lives, so this visit will be a timely support and reminder to local people of the need to take care of their skin.

Following the skin check, visitors will be issued with a referral to their GP if there are any suspect spots or lesions. The Unit is not a medical clinic, so diagnosis or treatment requirements are not discussed – it simply provides the skin check and alerts the visitor to skin lesions that require further checking and attention: a great first step in ensuring urgent needs are addressed.

- To book a free skin cancer check please phone 0400 938 160



## ROMSEY GOLF CLUB REPORT

**THE 2024 SUMMER CUP (IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US);** the 2024 Summer Cup saw strong fields on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The generally good conditions, weather wise and condition of the course made for some excellent scoring. Final results were 1<sup>st</sup> – Rob McDonald – 22 pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Davey Kenney – 21 pts & 3<sup>rd</sup> David Jones – 17.5 pts. Drummond Golf vouchers, \$100, \$75 & \$50 were awarded to the place getters.

**ALGIE MITCHELL SHIELD;** The club's 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest men's shield, first played in 1970, honours the patriarch of the Mitchell family. Members of the Mitchell family have won 23 club championships. This singles-matchplay competition will begin on Sat March 23<sup>rd</sup> with the final scheduled to be played on Sat April 20<sup>th</sup>. This shield is always played just before the pennant golf season begins.

**RELAY FOR LIFE CANCER CHARITY GOLF DAY;** On Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup> just under 70 golfers were on the course for the 12-hole Ambrose competition. It was a very close thing with CMDA – 41/5-38/35-63 defeating The Wanderers, on a countback, by .5 of a shot. After a bit of manoeuvring and a loan of 15 rectangular tables and 25 chairs from the Romsey Mechanics' Institute we were able to seat and feed almost 80 people, a great job by the members of Puddles Team who prepared and served the meal and cleaned up. On a very successful day a little over \$2,000 was raised for Cancer Research. We would like to thank Romsey Mitre-10 who again sponsored the event and provided some wonderful prizes.

**PENNANT GOLF:** the Sunday pennant season began on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Midweek pennant will begin on April 8<sup>th</sup>

**TWILIGHT GOLF:** Owing to the success of the Friday night twilight golf the program was extended to the end of March.

**2024 GOLF CLINICS:** the club was able to run two clinics, Beginners and Improve my Golf, on each of the Sundays in March. Despite one very hot day the clinics went well and the club looks forward to new golfers taking that next step, playing more golf and eventually becoming members.

**ROMSEY BOWLS CLUB:** the Golf Club would like to congratulate the Bowls Club on a very successful year. Having every team in the finals, Tues and Sat, is a tremendous performance, well done.



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

**PRESIDENT:** 0417 088 891

**SECRETARY:** 0400 768 040

mail@romseygolfclub.net

www.romseygolfclub.net



2024 RFL winners CMDA, Craig Sandy, Andrew Laing & Mal Mottram (Davey Kenney absent)



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# Our Continuing Series on Significant Buildings in Romsey`

**The Romsey Masonic Lodge was formed in 1883. With no meeting rooms of its own, the Masons met in hotel rooms and later had a room at the Romsey Mechanics' Institute. In 1904 the Mechanics' Institute was destroyed by fire and along with it the meeting minutes, fittings and furniture in the lodge room.**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 1905, the minutes recorded that the Masons were now meeting, in a large upstairs room, at the Macedonia Hotel in nearby Lancefield. They rented this room year by year for a total of 10 years. In 1914 the Lodge decided to purchase the de-licensed hotel, 'The Galway Arms' on the south-west corner of Main and Stawell Streets. (97 Main Street).

From 1915-1953 The former Galway Arms remained the home of the Romsey Masonic Lodge. When it became clear that the former hotel building needed substantial renovation, the members of the Lodge decided to erect a new Masonic Lodge in the Main Street instead.

The current Masonic Lodge, located at 73 Main Street was opened in 1955. It is a red brick gabled, parapeted Masonic Hall with square parapeted porch and Ionic columns to either side of the double door entrance, typical of mid-twentieth century Masonic Halls. The painted door, represents the view of the Lodge Hall, which was added to the building in 2010. Masonic Lodge 97 is now the home of both the Romsey and Riddells Creek Lodges.



#### REFERENCES:

An Historical Guide Romsey by Fay Woodhouse

History of Romsey Lodge No. 97 1883-1999, V. Wor Bro. Lindsay Francis. P.I.W



## 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 monthly meeting with guest speakers, morning tea and time to socialise with members. A monthly lunch is at different regional venues with short and longer trips through the year. Members meet for coffee, a chat and a bit of fun at 10am every Friday at the Lancefield Corner Store.**

In March the AGM elected new and continuing members to support the development of the club. We thank retiring members for their hard work this last year, continuing members for their ongoing efforts and lastly new members who keep the club active and interesting. We thank Ken Coulson for conducting the trivia session in lieu of a speaker for our AGM.

Thanks to Holgate's Brewery for hosting our lunch this month and providing an optional range of seniors meals. It was much appreciated.

Numbers are still firming up for our trips this year with options to Gippsland, Canberra and New Zealand as well as day trips. Next month we are off to the Morning Melodies and lunch at Kyneton RSL. This is a first for the club so we are looking forward to something a little different.

#### CONTACT:

**PRESIDENT:** Noreen 0401 579 180

**SECRETARY:** Betty 0409 359 048

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE:** [www.rlprobus.org.au](http://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.





**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](mailto:contact@macedonranges.au)

# STAND-BY: Town Centre Activations Are Coming!

As previously mentioned, EMRBATA was successful in obtaining State Government funding to support the development of **Town Centre Activations** for Romsey and Lancefield. Workshops have been organised by EMRBATA to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> April (Romsey) and 18<sup>th</sup> April (Lancefield). These will engage business operators, shopfront landlords and community leaders to work with renowned "place-makers", Village Well ([www.villagewell.org](http://www.villagewell.org)), to identify quick wins and do-able projects as well as some bigger moves that will rejuvenate and reinvigorate the town centre (Main/High Street) precincts of Romsey and Lancefield.

This is part of the **Macedon Ranges Thriving Villages Project**, funded by State Government. Romsey and Lancefield are, so far, the only towns which have secured funding for specific Town Centre Activation Plans, although a "Macedon Ranges Regional Vision" discussion (engaging representatives from towns/villages across the Shire) was held in March. This is a project being driven BY the community FOR the community.

(PLEASE NOTE: This project has absolutely nothing to do with the Romsey Structure Plan being facilitated by Council.)



## CHRISTMAS IN ROMSEY 2024 – SPONSORSHIP BEING SOUGHT FOR CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS TO RETURN

As a result of State Government COVID 19 Recovery funding made available to Business and Traders Groups, RRBATA/EMRBATA initiated the Romsey Main Street Illuminations element of Christmas in Romsey which were held in 2021 and 2022. With the addition of an evening craft market, the Main Street Illuminations attracted visitors to the town and engaged many local community members in a relaxed, family friendly setting. Unfortunately, this funding stream was no longer available last year so the Illuminations element did not feature in the Christmas in Romsey 2023 program.

EMR BATA is now keen to explore business/corporate sponsorship opportunities to enable this to be returned to the Christmas program, including a Lancefield Illuminations element.





St Mary's Lancefield  
and Romsey



By the time you read this Term 1 will be over! It's absolutely flown by with so many great activities, events and learning opportunities for our students. They've all settled in well to the new school year, especially our new preps as they enjoy school life and getting to know their Yr 5 buddies. We look forward to sharing all our learning adventures with you throughout the coming year.

### **SCHOOL WELCOME PICNIC**

On the evening of Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, the weather forecast was a little concerning, extreme heat, with strong winds and the possibility of a storm! What a way to begin our School Welcome Picnic! But the weather didn't keep anyone away. It was great to see so many of our families join us with their picnic blankets and chairs, finding a shady spot or braving the heat of the sun. The focal point was our outdoor stage (*thanks to the generous support of the Lancefield Neighbourhood House*), finally ready to be used by our students as they shared the moves that they had learnt throughout the day with Brigette from Footsteps Dance Company. We had food vans onsite for our families to buy their dinner and by all accounts Little Wild Asian and Twista Bros were a big hit. Of course there was the Ice Cream Van which had a continual line throughout the evening. You had to make sure you ate your ice cream very quickly as the heat just melted it away! A fantastic way to begin the new school year.

### **CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA SCHOOL'S DAY**

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March it was National Clean Up Australia School's Day. We thought this would be a great opportunity to get all students within the school involved in cleaning up our school and parish and taking great pride in the spaces that we have. We asked for parent volunteers and were overwhelmed with a big number of parents available to join us for the set hour of the clean-up. Each year level had been set a task - Preps to clean up the leaves & acorns, 1/2 's to do a general rubbish collection in all areas of the school, 3/4 's to distribute the soft fall that had been delivered earlier in the day around both the Junior and Senior playgrounds as well as watering of the trees along Chauncey Street and general clean-up of the fenced area next to the basketball courts and the 5/6 's headed over to the Church to clean within the church, wiping down the pews and general tidying inside as well as assisting parent volunteers with general garden tidying outside. A lot of other jobs got done.

What a huge afternoon of cleaning and tidying it was! Within that 1 hour we got everything done that we'd hoped to get done. Many hands make light work and it was so good to see everybody out and about working hard together but at the same time enjoying each other's company and having a laugh. Thank you to all our students, staff and parent volunteers for their amazing efforts on this day. All your hard work paid off, the school looks sparkling and it's a space we're all proud to call our own. We are so lucky at St Mary's, what a great community we have!

### **ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN FOR PREP 2025**

Do you have a child who will begin school in 2025? Why not come and have a personalised tour with our principal? Please contact the main office on 5429 1359 to book an appointment. Or contact us via email [office@smlancefield.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@smlancefield.catholic.edu.au) - we look forward to welcoming you into our caring community.

### **STILL TO COME IN TERM 1**

There's never a dull moment at school, there's always something happening, which at times can make it very difficult for the classroom teachers to get everything done! As I write this we only have 2 weeks to go for the term and this is what we've got to look forward to in that time...

- National Ride 2 School Day
- P-2 Tabloid Sports
- Yrs 3-6 Athletics Day
- P-2 Incursion
- Grandparents Day which includes an Easter Hat Parade

We look forward to sharing these exciting events with you next time. We hope everyone has a very happy and safe Easter, with a visit from the Easter Bunny!

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



# Community Survey to Inform Council’s Romsey Hotel Submission

Romsey residents – and those living within five kilometres of the Romsey Hotel – are invited to complete a survey relating to an application for gaming machines, to help inform Council’s submission to the Victorian Gambling and Casino Control Commission (VGCCC).

In response to an application to the VGCCC for 50 gaming machines at 90 Main Street in Romsey (*Romsey Hotel*), Council has commissioned an independent consultant to deliver a Social and Economic Impact Assessment (*SEIA*).

To inform this SEIA, Council is undertaking a community survey via independent company Insync, using a publicly available database from the Victorian Electoral Commission to target letterbox drops to all Romsey residents and those within five kilometres of the venue.

Council’s Director Community, Maria Weiss, said there may be people who have moved to the area more recently – or turned 18 and are newly eligible to vote – who are not captured in this database.

*“We know this is an important matter for many Romsey residents and we want to ensure that we are giving as many eligible people (within five kilometres of the venue) as possible the opportunity to participate in our survey,”* she said.

*“It is important to Council that our SEIA is as well-informed as it can be, to ensure that our submission to the VGCCC best represents the sentiments of our community.”*

Eligible residents who haven’t received a letter directly (*expected this week*) must “opt in” to complete the survey, showing proof of residency to ensure validity of the data collected. Residents can do this by contacting Council on 5422 0333, or by visiting a Council office in person.

Individual survey results will be completely private and de-identified by Insync and a summary of results will be included in a future Council report, expected to be listed for decision at the April 2024 Council Meeting.

For those residents outside of the five-kilometre survey area that would like to share their opinion on the application, they can make a submission directly to the VGCCC.

For more information, visit Council’s Your Say page and the subsequent community survey section.

**ROMSEY COMMUNITY FOODSHARE**  
**WEDNESDAYS - FRIDAYS**  
**10AM - 2PM OR BY APPOINTMENT**  
**WE NOW OPEN ON 1st and 3rd SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**  
**6 April and 20 April**

**SWAP. SELL. TAKE. DONATE.**

**ROMSEY COMMUNITY Foodshare**

To keep our initiative going, we need you!  
 Whether it is coming in to swap or sell your goods, or to donate your time or produce.  
 Any bit of support helps!

**OPEN TO ALL!**

**Doing it tough?**  
 Ask our friendly volunteers to register today to receive **Monthly Credits**

An initiative of **ROMSEY Neighbourhood House**

**What’s On @ RNH** **ROMSEY Neighbourhood House**

**FIF Lunch**

	24 April @ Romsey Hub
	22 May @ Lancefield Mechanic
	26 June @ Romsey Hub

**ShareRide**

10 April	The Lume - Melb	
26 April	Werribee Open Range Zoo	
EOI -	Circus du Soleil ( April or May)	
EOI -	Edgar’s Mission	

EOI - Living Legends

**Coffee n’ More**

	Coffee n’ Craft	10:00am Wed
	Taking Expression of Interest	
	Coffee n’ Card and Coffee n’ Chat	

**Rainbow Coffee Club**

Every 2nd Friday of the Month



 **Carer’s High Tea - 29th April**

## Activities for young children

### Active Kids Sports Program

Learn correct sporting techniques and skills to develop confidence and knowledge of sport.

Children use a range of equipment from soccer, netball, hockey, basketball and more. Children learn skills for catching, rolling and throwing in a relaxed, fun environment.

Sessions are held from 10–10:45am on Wednesday mornings at Buffalo Sports Stadium in Woodend for children aged 3–5 years. Parent/guardian participation is required.

### Kindagym

Held in the stadium, this program is based on developing motor skills, confidence, balance and social skills. Kindagym is a structured class with free play options for children to explore the array of equipment on display. Parent/guardian participation is required.

Sessions are held on Fridays at Buffalo Sports Stadium in Woodend:

- 10–11am for 1–3-year-olds
- 11am–12pm for 4–5-year-olds

Both programs are casual, no need to book. For more class cost and information call 5427 3411 or email [buffalo@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:buffalo@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

### Dance classes

Dance classes are held on Tuesdays at the Gisborne Community Centre.

Tiny Tackers dance classes are for pre-schoolers aged 2–5 years and include ballet, tap and jazz (2-year-olds only ballet and jazz).

Students will learn dance through creative imaginative dance with experienced teacher Miss Anita.

- 9:15am–10:15am – Tiny Tackers dance 4-year-olds
- 10:20am–10:50am – Tiny Tackers dance 2-year-olds
- 11am–12pm – Tiny Tackers dance 3-year-olds

For more information, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/dance](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/dance) or email [studio2tinytackers@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:studio2tinytackers@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

## For the Love of Paws - Tips for paw-some pet owners

Everyone knows cats and dogs make great pets and owning one can be extremely rewarding. However, it also brings with it certain responsibilities.

Council launches its new responsible pet ownership campaign “For the Love of Paws” this month. The campaign is the result of community feedback requesting more support for Council initiatives to encourage responsible pet ownership. It will also deliver on Council’s Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) 2021–2025.



Piper

Goldie

Piper the kelpie and Goldie the ginger cat are the main faces of the campaign. These two, along with their fellow friends – created by local artist Chris Roy Taylor – will be popping up around the shire to remind cat and dog owners what it takes to be a paw-some pet owner.

Look out for Piper and Goldie appearing in your local haunts, where they will deliver on some key topics for pets and their owners.

For more information visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/pets](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/pets)

## Coffee cups are recyclable!

Coffee cup recycling is a hot topic! Some websites say you can recycle the cups but not the lids and some say the opposite.

Thanks to new technology at our material recycling facility, Macedon Ranges residents can recycle coffee and soft drink takeaway cups in their kerbside recycling bin (yellow lid). Drink cartons, including milk, juice and stock can also be recycled.

Sadly, the lids and caps are considered too small to be recycled, you can pop these in your general waste bin (red lid) for now.

Want to do better? Check if your take-away coffee cup is compostable. If so, you can take it home and pop it in your FOGO bin. Or consider taking a reusable coffee cup with you to avoid waste altogether!

## Protect your community: report dumped tyres

Tired of seeing tyres dumped in our parks and waterways? These illegal dumps aren’t just eyesores – they pose serious fire risk, provide a breeding ground for vermin and cost a lot to clean up.

Remember you pay for the legal disposal of your waste tyres when you buy new ones. Don’t let others destroy our shared spaces.

If you spot tyres where they shouldn’t be, report it to council or EPA at [epa.vic.gov.au/report-pollution](http://epa.vic.gov.au/report-pollution)

By working together, we can crack down on illegal dumping and keep our community and environment safe and healthy.



## Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival 2024

**The festival which runs from 5-28 April is an all-encompassing Macedon Ranges focused celebration of all things authentically local, including live music, food and drink.**

A diverse program of markets, events and workshops, will keep you coming back for more, in addition to the popular Festival Trails.

Let your palate guide the way along Australia's biggest Pie & Tart Trail, a choice of ten Tipple Trails, or the Edgy Veg Trail.

Collect stamps on your Festival Passport to go into the draw for the highly sought-after 2024 Autumn Festival Competition.

Festival visitors can also explore the new Autumn Festival Treasure Trail to discover leafy picnic locations, collecting clues along the way for another entry into the 2024 Autumn Festival Competition.

Attend genuine accredited local farmers markets, become the maker you've always hoped to be at artisan workshops, enjoy guided walks and talks, or simply eat, drink and be merry at foodie feasts.

The Kids' Colouring Competition returns for 2024. Entries can be submitted to the Woodend Visitor Information Centre between 10am and 4pm during the Festival.

For more information visit:  
[www.visitmacedonranges.com/autumn-festival](http://www.visitmacedonranges.com/autumn-festival)

## Kettlewells Road works completed

**Works to upgrade a 1.4-kilometre section of Kettlewells Road in Romsey were completed at the end of February 2024, providing an upgraded surface and better drainage.**

These works, which saw the road width extended by a metre to 6.6 metres, will help to strengthen the road for future truck movements carrying fallen trees and other heavy loads to the gravel pit and storm waste facility.

The project also included a new bus shelter at the intersection of Melbourne-Lancefield Road.

These works were part of Council's 2023-24 Capital Works Program and were funded by the Victorian Government and the Gravel Pit Operations Reserve.

## Reusable

**NAPPY, SANITARY and INCONTINENCE** product rebate program



## Reusable rebate

**Time is running out to apply for the reusable nappy, sanitary and incontinence product rebate!**

The rebate program aims to reduce waste sent to landfill and assist residents in accessing affordable reusable items.

Residents can claim up to 50 per cent of the purchase on selected reusable items (*conditions apply*). The rebate program closes 30 April 2024, unless the funds are exhausted prior.

To learn what items are eligible for the rebate and terms and conditions, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/reusables](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/reusables) or contact 5422 0333.

## MACEDON RANGES FIELD NATURALISTS

**The Macedon Ranges Field Naturalists recently incorporated and we are looking to grow our Membership.**

Formed in 2020, the Macedon Ranges Field Naturalists aim to enhance knowledge and understanding of the flora, fauna and fungi of the Macedon Ranges Shire. Through sharing this knowledge, the group aims to foster interest in the region's natural values and to help preserve its native species, communities and ecosystems.

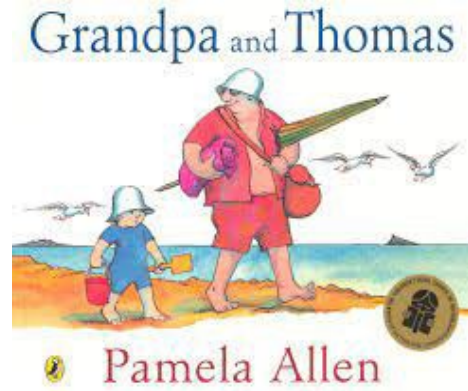
If you love nature walks and participating in citizen science with like minded people, we would love to have you as a member. For our inaugural membership drive, we also have a competition to create our logo.

For full details, hop on over to our website to see what projects are happening and a link to membership.  
[www.macedonrangesfieldnaturalists.org](http://www.macedonrangesfieldnaturalists.org) [1].

**Lisa Dobson**  
Secretary

## Romsey Primary School March 2024

The prep students have settled into the new routines at school and are loving all the new experiences school provides. After reading *Grandpa and Thomas*, the students headed out to the sandpit to create their own sandcastles. Everyone had a great time.











**ENCOURAGE CHURCH  
ROMSEY**

**WORSHIP SERVICE:**  
Sundays @ 10am

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Pastor Tim Emonson

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- Mainly Music
- Children's Church
- Before & After School Care
- Youth Activities



**FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR TIM**

**LAYING DOWN ONE'S LIFE**

This month, we have the privilege of hosting the Romsey-Lancefield RSL for an "ANZAC Day" church service, 10am Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> at Encourage Church, 7 Mitchell Court in Romsey. It will be a Commemoration Service with the RSL marching in, the last post and as usual for our church, a scrumptious morning tea afterwards.

The service will remember those who faithfully served their country in a time of war. Our hearts will be with the wounded – whether in body or mind, and particularly those that didn't make it home.

For those that did not return, I am reminded of a verse that is often quoted at Anzac Day Services – "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13, NIV). Think about that – the greatest love someone could show you, is to lay down their life so that you can live. Those that have fought and died, did so for the freedom of their family, their friends and ultimately for me.

'Laying down one's life' is what Jesus did for you that you could truly live. As Jesus Himself said: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11 NIV); and again, "I lay down My [very own] life [sacrificing it] for the benefit of the sheep" (John 10:15b from the Amplified Bible). Jesus did this voluntarily for you. God's love for you was so great, that His Son Jesus was willing to die for you.

If you want learn more about Jesus laying down His life for you, come along to the Passover Feast on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April – bookings essential for the Feast. Otherwise, join us for one of our services at 10am each Sunday 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](http://www.encouragechurch.com.au) or email us at [office@encouragechurch.com.au](mailto:office@encouragechurch.com.au).

**Your Local Camera Club**  
in the Macedon Ranges Region



**Macedon Ranges  
Photographic Society**

If you love photography,  
and would like to join in on the fun,  
whether you are a complete novice or  
a fully fledged professional,  
we would love to hear from you.

Interested in Membership?

Go to the membership page for all the details  
<https://macedon-ranges-photography.org.au/about/>



**CLUB NIGHTS**

Generally the first Tuesday of the month  
(General meeting and competition nights)

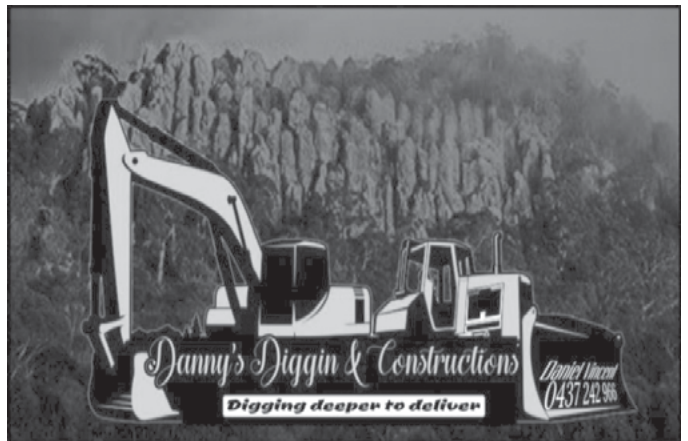
The following Monday night  
(Technical nights: tutorials and practicals).

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**SATURDAY HEALING MASS:** The Healing Mass will be celebrated at 10am in Romsey on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month.

**BAPTISMS:** Baptism's are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. Please contact the office for the next available dates.

**SACRAMENTS - 2024:** Bookings are now open for parish children to register for all Sacraments due in 2024. Reconciliation available to Yr 3 & above, Holy Communion available to Yr 4 & above and Confirmation available to Yr 6 and above in 2024.

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Please direct enquiries to the parish office on 5429 2130 or by email at [lancefield@cam.org.au](mailto:lancefield@cam.org.au)

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**9:30am** Commemoration Service at the Lancefield Cenotaph, High Street Lancefield

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Following the service, tea and coffee will be provided by the Lancefield Neighbourhood House Committee at the Lancefield Mechanics Hall.

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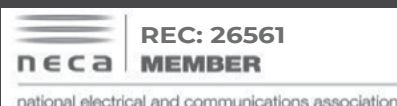
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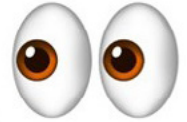
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# Romsey Mens Shed

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## ROMSEY MENS SHED REPORT!

**New members!** - We welcome new members from the district to come along and join us at the Romsey Mens Shed in Barry Street. We have kept our membership at around 63, probably the largest in the Macedon Ranges Shire. We also meet quarterly with other Macedon Ranges Shire Mens Sheds to exchange ideas on how to improve our services.

Social interaction and friendships are our main objectives. No pressure! Some members engage in woodwork, metal work, welding and automotive activities. A key Auto project is restoration of the 1925 T model Ford.

### **T Model Ford restoration project significance:**

Local businessman, Doug Newham, donated a 1925 T Model Ford body, in a poor state some time ago, on the condition it stayed in the community for display or other local purposes on restoration. It is now a “signature” project” for us.

It is now stripped to the chassis and being restored “from the ground up”. It has attracted attention when displayed on a trailer at several venues.

Thanks to the Bendigo Community Bank we have refurbished the Hickory spoked wheels and rims, as part of Stage I of the project to get the “T” mobile. The T Model Ford series has historical relevance as the first from the Henry Ford mass production process.

**Shed activities:** We have a “safe” comfortable environment, where men can gather. Some work on projects, sometimes community-based ones – while others just mix, for a coffee and chat. As part of our community activity, we recently provided four members to the Romsey Neighbourhood House for a day, to relocate stored goods.

About four times a year we have bus excursions with a federal government grant subsidising trips and making them more accessible.

In March, members visited the glider club in Bacchus Marsh followed by lunch. Other venues of interest to Men will be programmed progressively.

We also occasionally have a guest speaker, the most recent being from the SES with a truck and collision extraction equipment demonstrated.

**“Hands-on” and new or enhanced skills:** Our section leaders can organise practical workshop training, even glass cutting, by arrangement. We are progressively running training programs on WH&S for those using tools and machines. We also make novelty items for the Romsey Co-Op.

**Thursday \$5 BBQ/Light lunch day:** The Thursday \$5 barbeque/light lunch at 12 is well attended by members and occasionally, their guest. 9<sup>30</sup> to about 2pm is the usual Thursday open time.

**Tuesday and Wednesday open times:** Tuesdays from 9 to 4 and the Woodwork group usually gather on Wednesdays, with open times depending on their projects. Other times can be arranged.

**Future expansion plans:** Our new Mezzanine floor has helped with storage and we are negotiating to get our Crown Land lease expanded East a few metres and pending funding, build an extension to cater for our growth.



**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:** [romseymys@gmail.com](mailto:romseymys@gmail.com) or drop in at Barry Street, Romsey



# PREP INFORMATION SESSIONS AND SCHOOL TOUR DATES FOR 2025 ENROLMENTS

## PREP TOURS OF RPS

Date : Wednesday 24th April or Thursday 13th June

Time: 10 am

Venue: Meet at the office for a tour

## INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR FAMILIES & PREP CLASSROOM TOUR

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Time: 10 am

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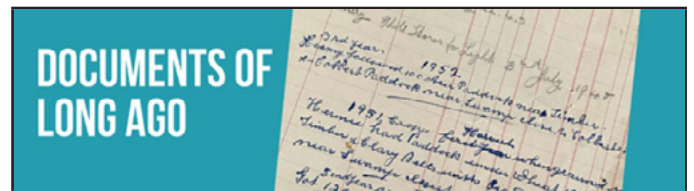
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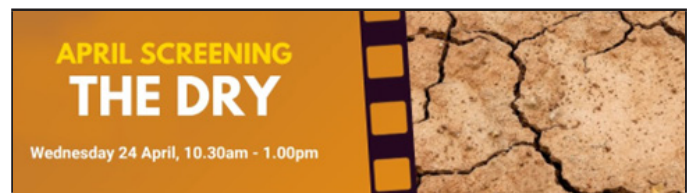


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## BOOK REVIEW: ALWAYS ISN'T FOREVER BY J C CERVANTES

### Reviewed by Milika Fortune

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