

# Romsey Rag

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## Another Big Event at Romsey Mechanics' Institute

**The Mechanics' Hall recently hosted the Residents Expo for the Romsey region.**

More than 300 people came through the door to see 55+ stalls and information booths. Visitors were able to speak to volunteers from a wide range of organisations and learn just how busy "quiet" Romsey is. A lot of people are working to do good things for our town.

The event was initiated by Romsey Neighbourhood House and very well organised and supported.

A lot of groups are keen to find volunteers to join their ranks so give it some thought and expand your horizons.

Thanks to Alexis Liersch for the photos.



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## ROMSEY MECHANICS INSTITUTE

**LIVE & LOCAL IN COMMUNITY HALLS:** Our "Live and Local" event was quite a success. Over 90 people attended and everyone enjoyed the music from "Cupid's Irony" and "The Whisky Rogues". The dance floor was never empty. Heskett Estate and Romsey Golf Club did an excellent job supplying refreshments and the Romsey CWA provided excellent value with their food platters.

We hope there will be support for this event, as part of the Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival, to be run again in 2025.

**RESIDENTS' EXPO:** On Sunday May 19th the RMI was crowded with local community groups and a mixture of old and new residents. Many community groups took the opportunity to take a table and provide information on what their group did and how to become a member or involved in some other way. Over 50 community groups/clubs/organisations were in the hall and on the grass at the back for the event.

**FROM THE MINUTES:** June 28th 1870; Dr Birney here introduced a letter purporting emanate from the Secretary and addressed to Mr W Hutchinson of Rochford. Subject being his aid at the concert to be have held on Friday 17th. Mr Birney characterised this communication to be most discourteous and wished to know what action would be taken in the matter.

Stay tuned.

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## JUNE IN THE GARDEN

### I Melanie Kinsey

We have just returned from a fortnight away in the caravan. We spent a few days each at Mallacoota, Eden and Merimbula. All places I have never really visited before. It was most enjoyable seeing a part of Australia with which I am not familiar.

### A FEW PLACES I THOUGHT WERE WORTH MENTIONING WERE.

- The Croajingolong Centre Garden in Mallacoota. This is a new small garden between shops in the main street "for the enjoyment of locals and visitors". It featured some beautiful specimens of the silver tea-tree (*Leptospermum brachyandrum*). I have just planted several of these in my garden so it was great to see how beautiful they are when well grown. We spotted a whip bird there!
- The Mallacoota Endemic Garden outside the Parks Victoria office. The sign said "insurance for the most vulnerable". A botanic garden of over 100 rare or endangered local plants from a variety of plant communities. "The project aims to build a garden of reflection and a place for the community to be immersed in the remarkable and diverse flora of far eastern Victoria and the southern NSW coast and hinterland."
- The Cabbage Tree Creek Flora Reserve between Marlo and Orbost. The southernmost stand of the Cabbage Palm (*Livistona australis*) with only about 100 plants in the small reserve. Almost 180kms from its nearest relatives north of Bega in NSW! The access road was shocking but was about to be resurfaced. We spent a magical hour wandering through the reserve spotting juvenile, mature and ancient palms soaring way above our heads.

Next month I will fill you in on the completion of our new garden. Its great to be able to walk around the house without twisting an ankle! I have begun putting in a lot of the plants I bought with me from my old garden. They must be breathing a sigh of relief at finally getting in the ground!



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# Editorial June

**Over the years the Woodend/Romsey Road has seen many people, out of their cars with hazard lights flashing and the drivers on the road shepherding an echidna, koala or other small native animals to safety.**

The wide variety of native wildlife that inhabits that area is quite astounding and something that we should all be proud of and do all we can to protect and preserve.

Much of that road is now "fenced" in with Armco Railing to protect vehicles from running off the road and while a long section is 80Kph the speed signs are often knocked over or no longer in place. Perhaps more permanent signage could be installed to clearly indicate the speed restrictions.

These railings also make it very difficult for animals to cross the road or to get off the road when a vehicle comes along. As a result there is a very high animal fatality rate through that picturesque area.

Many animals, especially wombats, have consistent routes they travel, others have less consistent travel plans. The knowledge and skills exist to design and build safer animal crossings to help reduce the damage to vehicles and the death/serious injury to our precious native animals. Some crossings could be tunnels under the road others climbing wires/ropes slung between tall poles or trees. Many areas within Australia already have these safer animal crossings.

As our town grows, we want everyone to be both aware of, and appreciative of, these beautiful creatures.



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## Free Health & Wellbeing Expo

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You're invited to join us at Macedon Ranges Health (MRH) to enjoy a morning of information and fun. Some of the events and information you can expect.

Some of the events and information you can expect:

- Cooking demonstration & sampling the prepared foods
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CROWD favourite Gael Elliot.



WOODEND poet Ian Gostelow.

## Brace Yourself for Chamber Poets 100!

**One of Australia's best-loved poetry events, Woodend's Chamber Poets will be hosting its 100<sup>th</sup> session in June, to coincide with the annual Winter Arts Festival.**

Hosted by local haiku expert Myron Lysenko, Chamber Poets has been welcoming poets old and new for over ten years. Some come for a chance to share their thoughts in front of a microphone (*with guaranteed warm applause!*), while others attend regularly just to have a laugh and share in the company of those who like their words to be clever, creative and wild.

**Seven celebrity poets from around Victoria have agreed to join us for this very special anniversary event. If you don't know much about 21st-century poetry, here's your chance to be exposed to some of Australia's finest.**

hBe dazzled, moved and entertained by Andy Jackson and Ross Donlon from Castlemaine, Gayelene Carbis of I Have Decided To Remain Vertical fame, Professor Kevin Brophy from Melbourne University, spoken-word artist Es Foong, Joe Dolce (*some readers might remember Shaddap You Face in 1980!*), and finally the mysteriously-named TT.O from Melbourne. We will even squeeze in a bit of an open mic section for those who'd like to have a go themselves!

Entertainment will also be provided by much-loved local band Black Forest Smoke who have been playing their home-made songs – often poems set to music – since Chamber Poets started in early 2013. In its early days Chamber Poets sessions were held at the Woodend cafe “*Fox in the Chamber*” - hence the name. When it was moved to larger premises at the RSL Hall we decided to keep the name which has become so well known.

Regular attendees speak of the friendship and sense of community to be found at poetry readings – a poet attending his first Chamber Poets last month said “*It's all about good fellowship, good poetry, good music – and a chance to read my poems!*” Even the newest and most humble poets are given a space to be heard and appreciated. Regular attendee Tom Perfect comments “*Chamber Poets is an expression of our state of mind and the world and the events in it – what makes it such a rare event is that the audience is always sympathetic and generous in their response. Chamber Poets is a home away from home for me, and I appreciate the opportunity to be with fellow travellers.*”

So come along and join us on **Saturday 8 June at 1 pm at the Woodend RSL** in Anslow Street. There will be drinks at the bar and nice things to eat – and there will definitely be some bloody good poetry! Pay at the door (*cash only!*) \$10 for an afternoon of authentic local culture - please join us to help keep local poetry alive and well!

# Union Hotel 143-145 Main Street



## Now a private residence

The land on which the former Union Hotel was built was first purchased for the sum of £60 in 1856 by Owen Doolan, who sold it to William J Smith in the same year. William Smith was born in London in August 1823.

When William was just a boy, he lost his father in an unfortunate accident when the horse he was driving in a gig jumped a five-barred gate. Soon after this accident William started his apprenticeship as a farmer. William arrived in Melbourne in 1844.

It is thought that he must have arrived with a bit of funds with him as he ran horses on Melbourne's first racetrack close to the Village Belle Hotel in St Kilda. William was a notable story-teller and in the year of his death, 1912, the Romsey Examiner published some of his reminiscences titled, 'Tales of a Veteran'. William sold the corner lot with his house, possibly the second or third house built in the town, (*after Seymour Cottage*) to William McKinnon for a much-increased price of £400. William McKinnon built the Union Hotel next door to the Smith house and opened the hotel on the 15th of April 1862. Six years later William McKinnon sold the lot to Neil McInnes for £750. The Union Hotel was delicensed on the 31st of December 1914.

Both William Smith's house and the Union Hotel are now private homes. They still retain most of their original external features and are considered to be historically significant. The Victorian Gazetteer of 1865 cited the hotel along with the Royal Mail and Romsey (*now named The 1860*) as important sites in what was described as '...a small road board postal village...' located on the road to Bendigo. The former Union Hotel was also a regular stopping place for Cobb & Co. Coaches.

REFERENCES: Romsey A Veritable Garden of Eden by Peter Mitchell  
An Historical Guide, Romsey by Fay Woodhouse  
Macedon Ranges Cultural Heritage and Landscape Study

## ROMSEY LANCEFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS

### Bendigo Bank Bus Trips

We had a great trip down to Rosebud, Sorrento and Queenscliff on May 7th. We had a lovely lunch at Rosebud Hotel and crossed the bay on the ferry before heading home.

Our next trip will be in July, a bit closer to home this time. On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of July we will travel up to Kyneton RSL for a Christmas in July luncheon. Cost will be \$50. Look out for more details in next months report on pick up times. For more information please ring Helen on the number below.

#### Next trip:

- July 2<sup>nd</sup> – Christmas in July – Kyneton RSL



 Bendigo Bank



**Remember, we meet every Monday at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute for lunch (\$10), a chat and a game of cards– everyone is more than welcome.**

For further information please contact Helen on 0409 064 303.

**| Hope to see you soon.**

# The Following Matters Were Considered and Endorsed at the April 2024 Council Meeting:

**RECURRING GRANT PROGRAMS:** Updates to Council's Community Grants Policy were endorsed, in addition to guidelines for the next iteration of several recurring Council grant programs for 2024-25 including Events & Festivals, Community Funding Scheme and Small Project Grants.

In the 2023-24 financial year, close to \$300,000 was provided across 49 successful applications through these three key grant programs alone, supporting community groups to organise grassroots events, deliver infrastructure upgrades and provide resources to achieve their goals.

In 2024-25, these grant programs will continue alongside annual Australia Day Grants, Environment Support Group Grants and the Neighbourhood House Funding Program, with the latter consistent with the updated Neighbourhood House Policy endorsed at the March 2024 Council Meeting.

More information on each grant stream and criteria for 2024-25 will be provided on Council's website.

**ROMSEY ELECTRONIC GAMING MACHINE APPLICATION:** In considering an independent Social and Economic Impact Assessment (SEIA) and community feedback, Council endorsed a submission to the Victorian Gambling and Casino Control Commission (VGCCC) opposing the application for 50 electronic gaming machines at 90-94 Main Street in Romsey (Romsey Hotel).

## **IN CONSIDERING THE SUBMISSION, COUNCIL NOTED THAT:**

- the SEIA outlining that the proposal would have a net detriment of 0.66 on the wellbeing of the community under the 'no net detriment test' (*a result below 1 (<1) indicates no detriment has been concluded*)
- a community survey commissioned by Council – conducted by an independent company – received 1493 responses, with 60.36 per cent of respondents believing 50 electronic gaming machines in the Romsey township would have a negative impact on the broader community and 59.93 per cent of respondents not supporting the application.

The VGCCC will consider the application – including Council's submission – at a hearing commencing 21 May 2024.

**2023-24 CAPITAL WORKS CARRY FORWARDS:** Council endorsed that 38 projects be carried forward to the 2024-25 Budget for progression, ensuring funding surety for the delivery of a range of essential projects or for ongoing planning work.

Projects are carried forward for a variety of reasons including to correspond with external grant applications, to adapt to changes in market conditions, or to manage the projects spanning across multiple years to better line up with other work being completed by Council or externally.

**SPECIAL CHARGE SCHEME:** Council adopted an updated Special Charge Scheme (SCS) for Infrastructure Works Policy to better guide future infrastructure projects such as resident-funded upgrading of roads and drainage, following a period of community consultation in February this year.

The Policy outlines the decision-making process and criteria for SCS projects where providing these services or infrastructure items is deemed to provide a special benefit to property owners or certain community members. The policy has also been streamlined to speed up the decision process and eliminate repetitive resident surveying.

Council received one submission on the draft Policy during community consultation, which was responded to and outlined in the Agenda report. No changes were made to the Policy as a result.

Video recordings of past Council meetings are available at [webcast.mrsc.vic.gov.au](http://webcast.mrsc.vic.gov.au) (generally available within two business days of a meeting).

# Edgar's Mission Celebrates 21 Years of Kindness

**Edgar's Mission, a sanctuary for rescued farmed animals in Lancefield, has recently celebrated 21 years of animal rescue and advocacy.**

A beacon of hope in a world that is often dark for farm animals, Edgar's Mission is a place where those forgotten, abused, and abandoned can have lives truly worth living. Set on 153 peaceable acres in Lancefield, 60 km north of Melbourne, the sanctuary currently provides lifelong love and care to more than 400 residents and has rescued, rehabilitated and rehomed over 5000 animals – and it all started with a girl, a pig and a dream.

In 2003, Edgar Alan Pig trotted into the life of founder Pam Ahern, a quirky idea for a photo shoot with James Cromwell to raise awareness about the plight of these much-maligned animals, and took her in a direction that she never imagined.

*"It was from watching people's interactions with Edgar that got me thinking the best ambassadors, the very best ambassadors for changing the way people think about these animals, were the animals themselves."*

The sanctuary also relies on kind-hearted donors to provide emergency rescue, veterinary care and permanent loving homes for animals in need, without which the life-saving work of Edgar's Mission would not be possible. And 21 years on, the sanctuary has become known for taking on the sometimes deemed 'impossible' cases of neglected animals with extremely dire health conditions.

**“Just two weeks ago, we rescued a dorper ram lamb. He was critically emaciated, unable to stand or even lift his head, and had a worm burden that rivalled anything we had ever seen. But aided by a blood transfusion, an army of kindness, and round the clock care from our team, his fighting spirit has seen him take his first steps. It's in these moments you witness the magic of kindness.”** - PAM.

**“This year alone, we have rescued over 100 animals, rehomed more than 50 and fielded almost 200 calls from the community for assistance, and it is thanks to the support of our donors that we can provide this level of specialised care to animals in need.”**

Visitors can book Sanctuary tours (running between September-May each year) to see the sanctuary first-hand, learn and hear stories of the animal residents. Edgar's Mission will also launch a new school holiday program for kids aged 6-12 in July this year.

For those looking to spend more time at the sanctuary, they can enjoy the ultimate retreat with a stay at one of the Edgar's Mission tiny houses, overlooking the rolling hills and rescued animals of the sanctuary.





# G'day



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PETER RUSSELL CLARKE RECIPE

## Up the Road from Tumut NSW is Talbingo

The Blowering Dam, once completed to form the last of the great Snowy Mountains Hydro Scheme, also completed the life of Talbingo - or the original Talbingo that is - for, you see, they moved the town.

Actually, Talbingo was a pub sitting beside a narrow strip of bitumen. The region was home to the Talbingo sheep and cattle station and various other smaller spreads including Mummy and Daddy Doyle's, where I spent a happy part of my young growing-up years with them.

Now Talbingo, sitting comfortably at the base of Mt. Talbingo, has a swag of new (*comparatively*) homes and families and shops etc. which cater for the passing travellers (*on their way to the Yarangobilly Caves, or Canberra beyond the Brindabellas which were Miles Franklin's playground*).

Anyway, before the pub was flooded, it was home to the publican and his family and a large, grumpy old pig. The pig was unceremoniously shot by the publican who mistook it for a mischievous intruder who'd been stealing from his vegetable garden. (*It's a fun story of mishap, misadventure and mistake, but must be told another time.*) Suffice to say, once shot, the pig graced the pub's dining room tables for some time to come.

During this time, in Fitzroy Street, Tumut, there lived the Shai-Hees - a Chinese family who ran a grocery shop. And being Chinese they liked Pork. And they cooked it in all manner of ways. One being, if my memory is correct, similar to the one I'm sharing with you today.

You see, the Shai-Hees got wind of the surplus of pig meat in the Talbingo pub's kitchen and so traded some grocery items for large portions of pig flesh.

By the way, you may be interested to know that when cleaning the above-mentioned pig, the publican found in the stomach of the deceased, the tin whistle that Billy Morris lost as he fell from the pub's balcony after entertaining the bar with his version of 'Foo as the Noo'.



### SPICED TALBINGO PORK WITH GREENS

#### INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons mirin
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon Chinese Five Spice powder
- 4 star anise
- 1 tablespoon finely grated fresh ginger
- 2 small pork loin fillets (*about 500 g*)
- 1.5 kg Bok Choy.

#### METHOD

1. **Put the soy sauce, mirin, sesame oil, garlic, brown sugar, Chinese Five Spice powder, star anise and ginger in a large bowl and stir. The sugar will dissolve. Add the pork** - marinate for at least an hour.
2. Preheat the oven to 180 deg.C. Meanwhile, heat a non-stick frying pan over high heat and add the pork. Sear on both sides, transfer to a baking tray and bake for about 10 minutes.
3. Pour the remaining marinade into the frying pan with 1/2 cup of water, bring to the boil, reduce the heat and simmer for 3 minutes.
4. Warm the bok choy, remove the pork from the oven and serve thin slices of pork with the warmed greens and some boiled rice and sauce. (*Don't chew the star anise.*) Serves 4 people.



# Availability for Children's Allied Health Services

**Appointments are available for families whose children need speech therapy, physiotherapy or occupational therapy. Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health has re-opened its books with some services being available immediately.**

The organisation is NDIS registered and has sites in Romsey, Sunbury and Kyneton. Sunbury and Cobaw's allied health clinicians see children aged up to 10 years old for their physiotherapy service, and up to eight years old for speech and occupational therapy.

Families do not require a referral. You can call them on 5421 1666 and a staff member will run through the referral process with you.

For families who have concerns about the development of their baby or pre-school child, Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health also runs free drop-in sessions where parents and carers can come along with their child and have a chat to one of the child and youth health team. The sessions are held in venues across the Macedon Ranges and Sunbury.



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# Water: Where to from Here?

## Some rivers have mandated entitlements to water for the environment - but not the Maribyrnong.

Our creeks have barely enough water to stay alive; to sustain populations of the endangered Yarra Pigmy Perch and to allow the return of Platypi along their reaches. It was with these sorts of issues and questions in mind (*and many others relating to water treatment/recycling/stormwater etc*) that the Macedon Water Think Tank was conceived a year ago and has met monthly since. It is an alliance of community members, including Deep Creek Landcare Group, who want to give informed opinion on policies, investment and services in the water space. The Think Tank has worked with Greater Western Water; they have been open with us, keen to pass on important information and have helped us gain access to water experts and important knowledge.

The Think Tank meeting in June will set an agenda for our communities for learning about water over the next two years. It will be held June 4 from 9.30 until 2.00 at the Global Learning Centre in Sunbury. Please go to Humanitix to register so we cater for lunch.

Where does our water come from? How is our water supply managed? Growing population, climate change – what are the implications for our water supply? Just some of the questions we face, along with fellow Victorians across the state and in fact, right across Australia.

At times, we source some of our supply from Melbourne Water. At present, most of our water is sourced locally. For Lancefield this means from surface water collected in the Garden Hut Reservoir on Garden Hut Creek, ground water bores near Lancefield and surface water collected by the Rosslynne (*Bullengarook*) and Kerrie Reservoirs. The current policy is to augment Lancefield's supply from Garden Hut with bore water and water from the other reservoirs when the Garden Hut Reservoir falls below 70% of its capacity. Romsey also has bores and is supplied water from the Rosslynne and Kerrie reservoirs.

Are the current practices sustainable? Extractions from our local creeks and the use of groundwater are an important part of our water supply but at what cost and for how much longer? Garden Hut Creek is in the headwaters of Deep Creek and does not flow year-round. It typically dries up into water holes over summer and often well into autumn and, as such, for much of the year, the reservoir takes important water from the delicate ecosystem that has developed along the creek over millennia. At times water has been extracted until the reservoir is empty, with devastating impacts on fish and invertebrates. It is a low-cost source for Lancefield's drinking water; and environmental impacts aren't in the frame. Drawdown of the reservoir significantly extends the time that Garden Hut Creek does not flow below the reservoir, and major drawdowns significantly disrupt aquatic life.

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) or attend our monthly meetings in the Lancefield Mechanics Hall. We would love to see you!

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## COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Congratulations to the community groups who were successful in their applications to our recent Community Investment Program for Events, the Board of Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey approved \$65,000 of funding for local events at our recent board meeting.

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The next round of our Community Investment Program, for general grant and sponsorship applications will open in July. If your community group has a project in mind that will improve our local community, start planning and reach out to us!

For more information on our Community Investment Program and how your community group can apply for a grant in our next round, please email [cip@lrcfsl.com.au](mailto:cip@lrcfsl.com.au)

\*SOURCE: Roy Morgan Risk Monitor Survey, 2017-2023

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## 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*).

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

### CWA IS A VOLUNTEER ORGANISATION

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.

#### 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.

# AUTUM FESTIVAL AT RMI 27/04/2024

The night was really great lots of music and great to see so many people support the Hall.

As the CWA we were invited to do the catering for the event, we did grazing boxes on the night with cold and hot food in each box, they sold well and we were very pleased with them ,our first adventure into this type of catering.



I think overall it was a great night for all those who attended.

With the Help of The 1860 Hotel , CWA were invited to be the recipients of the Raffle on Sunday the 5th May. We would like to thank them for asking us to participate and help us raise funds so we can help the community .

## GENTLE EXERCISE CLASSES

At St Marys Church Hall, Romsey  
**Mondays at 10.30am**  
**Wednesdays at 10am**

**\$8 PER CLASS**

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Build and maintain your strength and joint health.

Optional use of light weights, a strength band or a small ball.

All equipment supplied, standing and chair based exercises



**Romsey COMMUNITY Co-Op**

### New and Pre-Loved Clothing Boutique

We are excited to announce the opening of our New and Pre-Loved Clothing Boutique.

Romsey Community Co-Op's Pre-Loved Boutique is an initiative, where the community can sell new, or as new, quality clothing, shoes, handbags and accessories, on a consignment basis.

Located at the rear of the Romsey Community Co-Op.

Contact Romsey Co-Op to make a time for an appraisal of your goods - Tuesdays and Thursdays  
(03) 4411 8222  
OR  
Romsey Neighbourhood House (03) 5429 6724

Quality items only  
Conditions Apply

**ROMSEY** Neighbourhood House

## ROMSEY GOLF CLUB REPORT

**THE 2023/24 ROMSEY PRESENTATION DAY;** given that we share rooms with the Bowls Club holding our Presentation Day at the end of the year when both clubs are active has proven difficult. This year the committee decided to hold the 2023 Presentation Day on the final day of the Club Championships. Both men and women were playing the final round together. The presentations will include the '24 Algie Mitchell Shield and the '24 Club Championship shields.

**ALGIE MITCHELL SHIELD;** The final saw a tough contest between Andrew Laing (13) and Mal Mottram (0). After 16 close fought holes Mal was able to take out the shield 2/1.

**PENNANT GOLF:** The Sunday Pennant teams had mixed results.

**SCRATCH** won three and lost one to make the final at Strathbogie against Lancefield on Sun May 5th. It was not our day going down 3.5/1.5. Congratulations to Lancefield who will now move up to Division 1.

**HANDICAP** had an inconsistent year but good results towards the end of the season auger well for 2025, they ended up clear in 3rd position.

**MID-WEEK PENNANT** were very steady, winning two matches and squaring two others to make the final against DDGA Veterans at Lancefield on Monday May 20th

**2024 RGC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS BEGAN IN THE FIRST WEEK OF MAY. THE "CLUBBIES" ARE PLAYED OVER THREE WEEKS. AFTER THE SECOND ROUND RESULTS WERE;**

**A GRADE STROKE:** Dylan Harris; 75, 82 – 157      **Nett:** Dylan Harris; 157/14/143

**B GRADE STROKE:** Davey Kenney; 86, 92 – 178 **Nett:** Ben Owen: 181/30/151, Davey Kenney; 178/26/152, Andrew Laing; 190/38/152

**C GRADE STROKE:** Anthony Lakey; 98, 102 – 200 **NETT:** John Freestone; 208/56/152, Zac Scales; 225/72/153

**WOMEN'S STROKE;** Darlene Baker – 177 **Nett:** Lorraine Robb – 145, Jenny Hartley – 154



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MICK Nicholls Snr (with Mal Mottram) at 87 took out the April Monthly Medal – (98/25/73)



## Having Fun, Making New Friends, and Catching-up with Old Ones!

The Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club is for active retirees or semi-retired people to meet, relax and enjoy the welcoming company of those at the same stage of life. There is a regular monthly meeting with guest speakers, morning tea and time to socialise with the other members. Each month there is a regular outing for lunch held at different venues around the region as well as short and longer trips throughout the year. There is a coffee morning at 10 am every Friday at the Lancefield Corner Store where members meet for a chat and a bit of fun.

Sonia and Stewart Whiteman from Chin Chin Farm were very informative and provided an interesting insight into their business and philosophy. Our next speaker is Noel Vincent a local Lancefield resident who was head of marketing at IGA. It should be very informative.

The bus trip to Maryborough was very successful with a number of club members and friends attending. In June we are booked into the Bendigo Gallery to see 'Paris Impressions of Life 1880-1925.' with lunch at the Lakeview Hotel and in July the club is having a boxed lunch with musical entertainment provided by Helen Keanan and the Mechanics Institute Annex at Lancefield. The Romsey Expo was attended by club representatives providing information to residents about Probus and what we do in the local community

In October the club is planning a 10 day tour to the South Island of New Zealand with another trip in November to Canberra and the Snowy Mountains.

### 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.*



# ANZAC Day Events 2024

## ANZAC Day began early with one of our still-serving members Flight Lieutenant Paul Liistro laying a wreath on our behalf at the dawn ANZAC Day service at the Mount Macedon service.

At 8.30 am we held a wreath laying service at the Romsey Cenotaph that was attended by 200 residents as they remembered our fallen with approximately 20 individuals, groups or organisations laying their wreaths.

At 9.30 am we held our main service at the Lancefield Cenotaph. This was very well attended as well, with members of Federal and Local parliamentarians and local residents. All the primary schools in the area were represented and had roles to play either before or during the service. Some of the local secondary colleges were also represented with Braemar College cadets providing our Catafalque Party services and others involved in the wreath laying services.

Our guest speaker was Flight Lieutenant Adam Breetvelt from the Royal New Zealand Air Force who spoke about our link with New Zealand past and present.

The service was concluded by a beautifully moving rendition by a local singer David Allen who sang *"They call him the ANZAC"*.

At 2.00 pm our members were invited to the Lancefield Football Netball Club ANZAC Day Football Match. Our President and Senior Vice President were involved in the coin tossing and first bounce of the match.

Our ANZAC Day events concluded with a special church service at Encourage Church held on Sunday 28th April. Fittingly, the very first ANZAC Day remembrance event was at a church in 1916, and it was the last event for the Romsey Lancefield RSL sub-branch.

Thank you to all the individuals, groups and organisation who have supported us throughout this remembrance period with a wide range of support ranging from purchasing a badge from our volunteers to attending our services, to inviting our sub-branch to partake in their activities. You have all contributed to a very memorable period for our community and ourselves.







TOWN Centre Clean Up Day participants ready to go!

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

### ROMSEY TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Following the 16th April Romsey Town Centre Action Plan workshop, the Romsey Town Centre Action Plan was completed by Village Well by early April. It was initially distributed to workshop attendees and is now available for broader community perusal.

A Romsey Town Action Team has been formed comprising business and community "doers" and has already ticked off some Action Plan "quick win" items. These include the Town Centre Clean Up on 11th May and a Community Engagement Sausage Sizzle on 18th May.

The Action Team is now considering which Action Plan items to address next so there are exciting times ahead!

EMR BATA is supporting the Action Team to realise the Action Plan's aspirational Vision for Romsey's Town Centre:

*"Romsey, a town of surprise and wonder (Town positioning statement). A vibrant and beautiful community full of creative enterprises, deep connections and experiences for all. A place to shop, eat, rest and play in a delightful green oasis."*

The Romsey Town Centre Vision and Action Plan document can be viewed in full at:  
[https://easternmacedonranges.au/s/240508\\_Romsey-action-plan-FINAL2.pdf](https://easternmacedonranges.au/s/240508_Romsey-action-plan-FINAL2.pdf)

For further information,

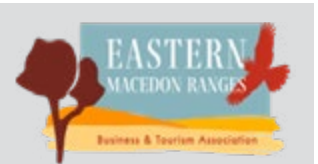
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### EMR BATA BUSINESS BREAKFAST – SAVE THE DATE!

The Annual EMR BATA Business Breakfast is on again and will this year be held on Friday 26th July at The Lost Watering Hole in Lancefield. Following on from last year's successful "local producer" showcase, this year's breakfast menu will include contributions from local provider and producer businesses.

**STAY TUNED FOR FURTHER DETAILS VIA**

**FB** [HTTPS://www.facebook.com/EMRBATA](https://www.facebook.com/EMRBATA)  
 and [www.easternmacedonranges.au](http://www.easternmacedonranges.au)



**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

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LAST year's amazing EMR BATA Business Breakfast Grazing table

## Kyneton Town Hall events



- *Lucy Wise and the Heart Songs Community Choir*  
7:30pm, Saturday 22 June

Join us for a special performance by Lucy Wise, accompanied by our very own Heart Songs Community Choir!

The Heart Songs choir was formed specifically for this project and consists of members from all over the Macedon Ranges. This performance is a culmination of 10 weeks of choir rehearsals under the guidance of choral leader Andrew Price.

Lucy Wise draws on acoustic, traditional folk, roots and pop musical influences. She sings about growing up, love of all kinds, city life, country towns, beaches and bushlands. Her fourth album, 'Into The Blue', won Best Folk Work in the 2023 Music Victoria Awards.

This special performance is not to be missed!

## Don't put textiles in your recycling bin

Did you know textiles don't belong in your yellow-lidded recycling bin?

Drop off unwanted clothes that are still in excellent condition to your nearest op shop. It's always good to call ahead first and check they're happy to accept what you have.

Any items that are damaged and can't be donated can be dropped off at your local resource recovery facility. Ask a staff member to point you in the direction of the textile recovery chutes.

For locations and opening hours, visit [mrrsc.vic.gov.au/RRF](http://mrrsc.vic.gov.au/RRF)

## Environmental health updates

### Wood Smoke and Air Quality

As the weather becomes cooler and the leaves begin to fall, Council sees an increase in wood smoke complaints across the Macedon Ranges. Many residents rely on wood heaters and internal fireplaces for internal warmth during autumn and winter.

The smoke generated from wood heaters and fireplaces can pollute the air we breathe in and consequently be harmful to our health.

It is important that consumers purchase the right wood heater and then use and maintain it correctly to ensure that the wood smoke pollution is reduced.

The Environment Protection Agency (EPA) also recommends that you:

- *always use dry, seasoned, untreated hardwood in your wood heater*
- *leave about two centimetres of ash at the base of your wood heater*
- *make sure your flue is clean.*

If you are concerned about smoke from a neighbour's wood heater, it is recommended you try talking to them first. If this doesn't help, you can report the wood smoke pollution to Council by calling 5422 0333.

For information, visit [mrrsc.vic.gov.au/smoke](http://mrrsc.vic.gov.au/smoke)

### Septic Tanks or Onsite Wastewater Management Systems (OWMS)

Council is responsible for the assessment and approval of permits for septic tank systems within the shire.

Septic Tank Systems or Onsite Wastewater Management Systems (OWMS) are used on residential, community and business premises in unsewered areas. They treat, recycle or dispose of raw sewage. Raw sewage contains harmful bacteria and is commonly a combination of wastewater from toilets, bathrooms and kitchens.

There are laws that apply to the owner or occupier (*i.e. a renter*) of land with an OWMS. The system must be properly installed, operated and maintained, to ensure there are no public health risks arising from raw sewage.

Permits are issued by Council where someone wishes to construct, install, or alter an existing OWMS. Council is responsible for issuing permits for smaller-scale systems with a design or actual flow rate of sewage not more than 5000L on any day. A system that is larger than 5000L is approved by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

Our permit system includes desktop assessments, Land Capability Assessments (LCAs), multiple site visits and liaison with the plumber and/or owner of the land. Council's planning team is also consulted to ensure they are also satisfied with the proposal prior to permits being issued.

For information, visit [mrrsc.vic.gov.au/septic-tanks](http://mrrsc.vic.gov.au/septic-tanks)

## Join our large tree and hollow survey

### Are you interested in exploring the large habitat trees in Council's bushland reserves?

Throughout winter, Council is running a series of large tree surveys where you can join us for a fun and educational walk and help gather information to create a database of large habitat trees.

Learn how to document large tree locations, look for hollows, and learn their critical role for fauna such as possums, gliders and birds.

To register, visit [mrrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events](http://mrrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events). While you're there, sign up to Council's monthly environment eNews and you will be the first to hear about environmental news across the shire.



**On the 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2024 our guest speaker was Michael Garnett (OA) who has sponsored a small plaque on the Avenue of Honour together with his brother Gerald Garnett of Berkshire England commemorating the Malayan Emergency 1948-1960 and the effectiveness of the Avro-Lincoln bomber.**

Michael was born in Essex, England and was a member of the Framlingham College – Combined Cadet Force in Suffolk. In 1956 he commenced his National Service with the Royal Air Force and was posted to the Far East Air Force (*as it was titled at the time*) that consisted of British, Australian and New Zealand squadrons. He and his brother Gerald were stationed at RAF Station Tengah No 1 Squadron RAAF and crewed the Avro-Lincoln bomber during the Malayan Emergency fighting guerillas of the Malay Communist Party.

After this period Michael managed tea plantations in North-East India and coconut plantations in Papua New Guinea before settling for good in Australia and then employed by the oil industry.

He later joined the City of Melbourne N0 21 Squadron as a reserve officer based at RAAF Laverton (*Melbourne*). Michael lives in Romsey, takes an active part in the RSL (*especially Kyneton RSL sub-branch*).

Michael is a prolific historical author and was in part responsible for the establishment of the Romsey Fountain (*outside the Romsey Mechanic's Institute*) in 2001 to commemorate the Centenary of Federation. He has been a keen player in Royal Tennis and published a book in 1983, titled *A History of Royal Tennis in Australia*.

Michael regaled to the Rotarians his experiences growing up in England after the war and his many exploits around the world.

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

For information please contact our Club Secretary - Anne Collins via email [anne.collins@outlook.com.au](mailto:anne.collins@outlook.com.au) or on 0411 097 187



(PHOTO): Michael Garnett (left) is seen here at The Lodge (Lancefield) with Rotarians holding pictures of the Avro-Lincoln bomber and its crew (himself a very young member of the RAF).

### **We have come to the end of our pétanque season which goes from the first Monday in October to the end of daylight saving. But that doesn't mean it's the end of our playing the game!**

On our official last night, April 11th, we held the finals of our last Hanging Rock Challenge Teams Night.

The committee catered for our final night of play at the Hanging Rock Reserve, with a delicious BBQ and desert dinner, enjoyed by 35 or more members. We then had the prize-winning ceremony for the winners which, in this case, was shared by Louise Potter and Rod Gell. Congratulations to all the members who have participated in this event, each month since the season began last October.

It was a beautiful sunny day in Nagambie, on Sunday 14th April when they held their Mixed Doubles Tournament. Many teams travelled from Woodend, Avoca, Ballarat, Bendigo and from various clubs in Melbourne to spend a day in the sunshine and have fun playing pétanque.

Our Chantal Moritz and Guy Mercier from the Camberwell club were runners up, coming second on the day. Congratulations to all who played!

The North and West Region Cup is held at this time every year between all the clubs from this area, and for the last few years it has been played in Hall's Gap as the winning team gets to host it the next year! We sent ten players and David Shaw, as an umpire, to try and win the prestigious honor of being host, but it was not meant to be. We had experienced players and new, who played their best.

Congratulations to all. Mount Macedon won over the Cup so next year it will be played in the Macedon Ranges

On April 27th our club held their inaugural Doubles Tournament at the Old Racecourse in Woodend with 26 teams travelling in from near and far to participate in the day.

The day had an Italian Theme overlay and we also hosted an Italian dinner after the play.

The Italian dinner was held in our club room with Shane Wellington cooking a delicious lasagna and Cassandra Simmons making a delicious tiramasu. The prize for best dressed Italian went to Mark Simmons!

A fun night was had by all with trivia and prizes with David Potter, son of Louise and Clive, as the excellent Emcee.

What a great day was had by all with winners from Melbourne taking home the First and second prizes.

The last of the club tournaments was the Forster Cup held in Maldon on May 5th. Ten players from Woodend attended with two of our teams in the top eight.

So, as you see, we really don't rest from playing the game of pétanque and if this all sounds a bit busy for you but would like to participate in the game we would love to hear from you at any time.

EMAIL: [president@petanqueattherock.com.au](mailto:president@petanqueattherock.com.au)





# ROMSEY TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

**The Macedon Ranges Thriving Villages Project has been launched!**

Last year, Eastern Macedon Ranges Business & Tourism Association (EMR BATA) secured funding to engage Village Well to deliver the **Romsey Town Centre Action Plan** ('Plan')

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## **The Plan**

The plan focuses on creating a vibrant and thriving town centre to be led by its community through a 'Town Team'.

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## **Town Team**

The Town Team model is a proactive, non-profit group that includes businesses, landowners, residents and others working collaboratively with their local government (or equivalent) to help deliver the plan and improve their local place or area.

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It is inclusive and open to everyone – businesses, residents, community groups and anyone keen to help..

If you're interested and want to know more or get involved, contact EMRBATA at the email below.



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**View the Romsey Town Action Plan in full via QR Code**

## Anzac Day

On Wednesday 24th April we held a special Anzac Day service at school to commemorate the men, women and animals (*remembered with a purple poppy*) who have served our nation in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. We were privileged to have members of the Romsey Lancefield RSL join us for this service. Leading up to Anzac Day, our students spent time learning about the sacrifices that were made and how this has shaped our country. All classes made a commemorative wreath, this time containing purple poppies for the animals. These were laid during the service. We thank the members of the Romsey-Lancefield RSL for their attendance, especially John McCosker OAM for reading the reflection and Reinhard Goschiniak (*Sub-Branch President*) for reading The Ode.

On Anzac Day, some of our student leaders, Ruby, Sophie, Emmett, Millie, Meg, Charlotte & Harper represented St Mary's at the service held in Lancefield. They had roles to play including reading, assisting with the flags, handing out service booklets and laying the wreaths. We are very proud of them and thank them for being part of what is always a poignant service. We'd like to thank the Romsey Lancefield RSL for giving us the opportunity to be a part of this very memorable day.

## BUPA - Clean Up Australia Day

On Tuesday 30th April the Mini Vinnies headed over to Woodend to meet up with some of the residents from BUPA Aged Care to assist them with their Clean Up Australia Day event. We first met them at the Gilbert Gordon Reserve. There we joined some of the residents along with students from Newham Primary School to walk part of the 5 mile walk and clean up as we went. With gloves at the ready and giant garbage bags, students headed off to clean! It was a pretty cold day, so walking kept us warm but it was hard going for the elderly residents. We met Janice who was just amazing, joining us for quite a large part of the walk using her walking frame. It was lovely to get to know her a little better and she enjoyed participating along with the students. After about half an hour and a good amount of walking and collecting rubbish, we moved locations to the Woodend Children's Playground. Our students cleaned the enclosed playground area, checking under equipment and in the garden beds. Once we had cleaned this area we bid farewell to the coordinators from BUPA (*by this time the residents had all gone back, it was just too cold!*). It was a great adventure for the Mini Vinnies who enjoyed their day and being part of a community event.



## Yr 1/2 Excursion to Bendigo

On Tuesday 7th May our Year 1/2 students travelled to Bendigo to visit The Great Stupa of Universal Compassion and the Golden Dragon Museum. This excursion was to compliment both their Inquiry Unit on 'How is life in Australia the same and different to life in other countries?' and their Religion Unit on 'How is our religion the same and different to other religions?' At the Great Stupa of Universal Compassion the students were able to participate in a meditation, they spoke with a monk, spun the prayer bells and sent healing energy to all the sick children in the world. They learnt about the Four Harmonious Friends (*the elephant, monkey, rabbit and bird*), how they get along with each other to make the world a better place.

At the Golden Dragon Museum they saw the longest dragon which is 120m long! A highlight was one of the students' Poppy helping them to learn about Chinese culture. It was a magnificent day in Bendigo and the students thoroughly enjoyed their amazing day out!

## Mother's Day Liturgy & BBQ Lunch

On Friday 10th May we held our annual Mother's Day event to honour all our mums, grandmas and special friends. This year we chose to do something a little different - we began with a beautiful liturgy to show all our special guests how much we love and appreciate them. This was followed by a BBQ lunch where all families could enjoy each other's company. At the completion of the BBQ our students went out to recess and we invited our special guests to join us in the hall for a cuppa and some afternoon tea.

Each term seems to go a little quicker than the last and they all seem so jam packed with events and activities. Our students have also participated in many excursions including our Year 3/4 's attending the Melbourne Aquarium to enhance their Inquiry Unit investigating food webs and the interdependent relations that exist in marine environments. Our Year 5/6 's attended Werribee Open Range Zoo as part of their Inquiry Unit on animal adaptations, with the highlight being the amazing safari! Our Year 5's had their annual visit to Sacred Heart College in Kyneton to experience a day in the life of a secondary school student and many of our Year 3-6's have participated in Cobaw Sports, some competing in the Cross Country at Hanging Rock and others competing in Soccer held at the grounds in Gisborne. We're coming to the end of Week 5 with so much more booked to fill the weeks ahead. We look forward to sharing all our wonderful experiences with you next month and remind anyone that has a preschooler that we'd love you to come along and join our Playgroup @ St Mary's, held every Monday morning from 8.30am - 10am. It's free and for everyone, so why not give it a try!

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

# ROMSEY LIBRARY

## ROMSEY LIBRARY (THE HUB)

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## OPENING HOURS

Please refer to our website

[www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au](http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au)

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

## IDENTIFYING AND AVOIDING SCAMS

- Wednesday 5th June, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Online scams are increasing, with scammers becoming more sophisticated in their approach to potential victims. Learn how to protect yourself from being scammed, and what to do in the unfortunate case that you're the victim of one.

Bookings required – head to [goldfieldslibraries.com](http://goldfieldslibraries.com) or phone us on 5429 3086.

## LIBRARY FILM CLUB

- **June screening:** The Dry (MA rating) Wednesday 12th June, 10.30am – 1.00pm

Based on Jane Harper's bestseller, The Dry follows a detective investigating two crimes in a drought-stricken farming community. A compelling exploration of guilt, grief, and the impact of corporate farming on small-town life.

Includes interval with tea and coffee provided.

Bookings required – head to [goldfieldslibraries.com](http://goldfieldslibraries.com) or phone us on 5429 3086.

## A CURIOUS CIRCLE: SEWING PATTERNS

- Saturday 22nd June, 1.00pm – 3.00pm, using sewing patterns to create cards, bookmarks, tags etc

Join us for a fun and creative afternoon of card making!

Enjoy crafting for fun and connection in our fun and inclusive setting. No skills required.

Refreshments provided.

Bookings required – head to [goldfieldslibraries.com](http://goldfieldslibraries.com) or phone us on 5429 3086.

## CRAFTING CONSENT: BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES WORKSHOP

- Saturday 15th June, 2.30pm – 4.00pm, an adult workshop to boost your confidence to support young people when they open up about relationships, consent and sexual violence.

When a young person discloses experiences around sex, it can be hard to find the right words.

After this workshop, adults will:

- have a greater understanding of consent laws and the relationship challenges that our teens are facing both in person and online.
- be able to recognise signs of a disclosure of sexual violence, feel confident to offer immediate assistance and know where to go for help.

This session will be delivered by qualified staff from the Centre Against Sexual Assault.

Bookings required – head to [goldfieldslibraries.com](http://goldfieldslibraries.com) or phone us on 5429 3086.

## CRAFTING CONSENT: CREATIVE CONSENT WORKSHOP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

- Saturday 15th June, 2.30pm – 4.00pm, a creative consent workshop made by young people, for young people. For ages 12-17 years.

Young people aged 12-17 can learn about healthy relationships and consent laws in a safe, LGBTQIA+ inclusive space, run by young people!

Learn more about the project by heading to <https://casacv.org.au/advocacy-education/ypac/>

This session will be delivered by qualified staff from the Centre Against Sexual Assault.

Bookings required – head to [goldfieldslibraries.com](http://goldfieldslibraries.com) or phone us on 5429 3086.

## New Releases – Order in the Library Now!

To reserve a loan of these titles, head to [www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au](http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au) or phone 5429 3086.



Free by Meg Keneally



Only the Brave by Danielle Steele



My Favourite Mistake by Marian Keyes



The Instruments of Darkness by John Connolly



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ROMSEY**

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**FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR TIM**

**UNFORGIVENESS**

Everyone has been wronged by someone else. Whether through words or actions, someone has hurt us. When this happens, if we let resentment or anger build up – we end up holding unforgiveness towards the other person.

*"Forgive"* according to the Oxford Languages dictionary is to *"stop feeling angry or resentful towards (someone) for an offence, flaw, or mistake"*. Studies have shown that forgiving someone can have a major impact on your mental wellbeing and physical health. Words such as *"reap huge rewards"*, *"powerful health benefits"* and *"significantly improve"* were words used to describe the impact.

The opposite is true too - holding onto unforgiveness towards someone can lead to negative impacts on our mental wellbeing and physical health. As Marianne Williamson, an American author says: *"unforgiveness is like drinking poison yourself and waiting for the other person to die"*.

Note that forgiving someone is something that happens inside of you. It is a choice that you make to stop those negative thoughts towards the other person for something that they have done to you. Also note that forgiveness is different to justice, it doesn't necessarily mean that there will be or needs to be reconciliation, it is not a sign of weakness as it actually takes more strength to forgive than to hold onto the grudge, it doesn't mean that you forget what happened to you as there are just some things you cannot forget, and it doesn't mean you put yourself back into a vulnerable situation.

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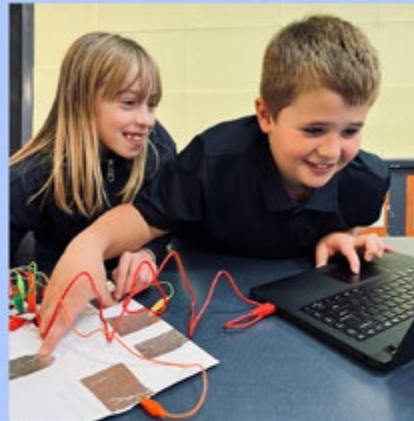
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# Local Autistic Artist Finalist in Young Achiever Awards



Local Gisborne artist, 17-year-old Charlie Jackman has been named as a finalist in the 7NEWS Young Achiever Awards (*Victoria*) in the Josh's Rainbow Eggs, Ethical Business category. The Awards recognise, encourage, and reward the positive achievements of young Australians.

Proudly autistic, Charlie communicates a powerful message of inclusion and inspiring others with disabilities. Charlie is a talented artist who runs Charlie by Art, an art micro-enterprise he co-founded with his mum.

Charlie's vibrant art works have earned commissions from prominent figures like former Victorian Premier Dan Andrews and Federal NDIS Minister, Bill Shorten. Charlie uses his platform to raise awareness and promote acceptance for the autistic and neurodivergent community. He sells thousands of his greeting cards and framed prints online, at markets and through a growing list of stockists. Local stockists include the Corner Café and the HMS Community Clinic, both in Gisborne. A 2023 recipient of a Macedon Ranges Youth Award, Charlie is a full-time VCE Vocational Major student and works locally as a kitchenhand.

Charlie and his family will attend a presentation dinner at the Sofitel Melbourne on June 14 for the announcement of the winners in each category. A People's Choice Award is an additional way that the Young Achiever Awards acknowledge young people and Charlie would love your vote.

Link to voting: [bit.ly/4d8tOnW](http://bit.ly/4d8tOnW) Contact: Susanne West (*Charlie's proud mum*) – 0410 342 216



## ST. MARY'S PARISH LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

**IT'S NEARLY TIME TO SAY GOODBYE:** Fr. Martin Fleming has announced both his retirement, and the details of who will be taking on his position as Parish Priest of St. Ambrose Parish, Woodend and St. Mary's Parish, Lancefield & Romsey.

**FR. JOHN HEALY WILL TAKE UP THIS ROLE EFFECTIVE 10 JULY, 2024:** Fr. John comes to us from Holy Trinity Catholic Parish in Laverton, Altona Meadows and Point Cook.

**SAVE THE DATE – JUNE 16TH:** Fr. Martin will celebrate Mass with us on Sunday 16th of June at 9am in Romsey. Mass will be followed by a farewell morning tea in the hall. *(Please join us in thanking Fr. Martin for his service to our parish and wishing him well for his retirement).* Everyone Welcome!

### I Current Mass Times:

**SUNDAY MASS:** Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 9am and will alternate between Lancefield & Romsey. 1st & 3rd Sunday's of the month in Romsey, 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday's of the month in Lancefield.

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

**BAPTISMS;** Baptism's are held on the 4th Sunday of the month. Please contact the office for the next available dates.

**SACRAMENTS - 2024:** Bookings are still open for parish children to register for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2024. Please contact the office if you would like to register your child.

Should a parishioner want to go to Reconciliation, please contact Fr. Martin directly at Woodend on 5427 2690 or Fr. Brian directly at Lancefield on 5429 2130 to make arrangement.

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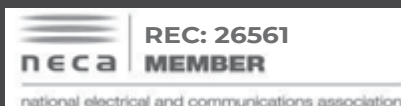
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**Hobbies: Members with hobbies can do woodworking, metal work, welding and automotive activities. Even glass cutting work by arrangement. Some basic training – “how to” and WH&S - is also conducted for the hands-on members.**

**T Model restoration:** A keystone project is to restore a 1925 T model Ford truck, which has historical significance as the first of the Henry Ford mass production process and widespread use of vanadium to harden steel. It started working life in the district. Some funds from the Bendigo Bank have been helpful. We occasionally get donations and have a fund-raising activity to try and meet the 100 years anniversary of the T's build.



PHOTO caption. T Model - “T Model Skeleton and parts store” Wheels – “Hickory spokes removed and individually refurbished. Rims repaired with Bendigo Bank Grant”

**Self-sufficiency:** As an incorporated body, we are responsible for our own management as part of the Romsey Community. Members also work on community-based activities. Donations of tools, machines and various materials have been very helpful in getting us viable, as funding is always an issue in a volunteer organisation.

**Membership Fees:** Our membership fees are kept at a minimum and mainly cover mandatory outgoings like insurance and utility services.

**Tuesdays:** Open 9 to 4 for coffee, chat and hobby work for the “hands-on” men.

**Wednesday open times: The Woodwork group gather on Wednesdays. Open times depend on their projects, but are usually 9am - 1pm.**

**Thursday \$5 BBQ/Light lunch day:** The Thursday \$5 barbeque/light lunch at 12 is well attended. Members guests and men interested in discussing joining, are welcome. 9:30am to about 2pm is the usual Thursday operating time. Occasionally we have a guest speaker. And about three times a year we shut up and go to local restaurant venues, part funded by the weekly “Pub-style meat raffle”.

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