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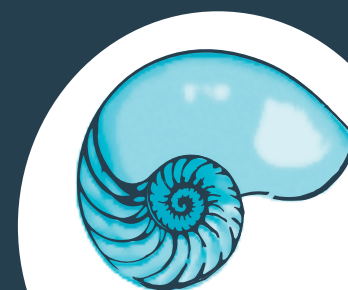


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RMI BOOKINGS: Over the last 150 years the RMI has been used by a wide variety of people, and activities, this continues today. We have had inquiries from groups who wish to use the hall for a roller-skating party, for a distillers' expo as well as many birthday parties. The CoM works hard to maintain and improve the Institute and endeavours to provide the community of Romsey and surrounding districts with the best possible venue at the best possible price.

GRANT APPLICATION; The CoM has submitted an application to the MRSC 2024 Community Funding Scheme for funds to assist us to remove, repair and reinstate the top eight windows in the main hall. Many of these windows are in very poor repair and no longer open and/or close properly. Fingers crossed that our application is successful

WATER LEAK: We recently received the RMI water bill and it was quite a surprise, water usage was "through the roof". A quick inspection of the meter found the pit full of water. Turn off the tap and come back in a few hours, meter pit dry. A quick call to "Mr Plumbing" and repairs were underway. Macedon Ranges Location services were able to narrow down the location of the leak, cut up the concrete, find the pipe, then the actual leak. It was in a very old ~36mm galvanised iron pipe about 1.5m from the meter box. A second large brass gate valve was just past the leak. The problem is of course, if one section of this old pipe has leaked then how long before another leak turns up, 10m or more down the concrete path? Repairs were carried out but an additional copper outlet was added so that if the pipes do leak we can use this outlet to bypass the old, damaged section of pipe. Thanks to Mitch and Tyler, great job gents.

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JULY IN THE GARDEN

Hasn't it been cold? I usually enjoy working in the garden even when it's cold because I rug up well. However recent weather has been even too cold for me despite thermal underwear! The weather however doesn't seem to deter the rabbits! In 30 years, we have never really been bothered by the bunnies before; but now the wretches are visiting every night and chewing and digging up my new plants! Grrrr!

I have spent every spare moment planting – trying to get the plants in the ground before autumn ended. I was mostly successful.

The new garden as been landscaped to a plan and has no lawn (*planning for ageing in place and not being able to mow one day*).

Large areas of Lancefield toppings are surrounded by shrub beds mulched with pine bark.



A large central mound made from mixing a three-way mix with sand will provide excellent drainage for my succulent collection. Bordering it is a dry creek bed with a rustic timber bridge.

Out the back near the rainwater tank I have my little greenhouse and the vegetable growing area with raised vegetable beds. Also, the storage of pots, potting mix and other bits and pieces. A large screen has been erected from concreting reinforcing mesh against the west facing wall and I have sown sweet peas in front of it for this spring. Next year I might try something different. Between the house and the shed is a small courtyard featuring a central water feature and bluestone steppers. This will eventually be shaded by a Chinese elm. The clothesline is on the west wall of the shed and is screened so you can't see it. A carport houses the two cars and our new gate of corten steel features cut-outs of the grass that grows on our land after which our home is named – Danthonia.

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Stuff The British Stole

This ABC TV show (50% funded by each of Canada and Australia) began as a 2020 podcast trying to shine a light on the behaviour of elements of the British Empire from about 1800 to the early 1920s. At its height the British Empire encompassed ~25% of the world's population and ~25% of the Earth surface.

During those years many treasures of "conquered" countries found their way to London or other parts of the empire. Perhaps the most famous treasure to be relocated are the Acropolis Marbles taken from the Acropolis by Lord Elgin. They now reside in the British Museum in London. The Greek people and government have been calling for their return for many years. These works adorned parts of the Acropolis and had been in place for well over 2000 years.

Many elements of our First Nations' culture have also been moved overseas or into museums and universities across Australia. You may be aware of skeletons being returned from overseas museums. The University of Melbourne has recently published a book, *Dhoombak Goobgoowana: A History of Indigenous Australia* and the University of Melbourne. This book includes chapters on the University of Melbourne's colonial and eugenics history and complicity in scientific racism.

The show's creator, Marc Fennell, openly states that the episodes are about making people aware of what has happened and what has been moved. It is not calling for the total return of everything, he says that the original peoples have the right to demand return or to leave these pieces, perhaps on long term loan, where they are, provided they are well cared for and that their exhibition is carried out with respect.



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Renaming of Hutchinsons Lane West confirmed

Following on from community consultation last year, Council submitted a proposal to Geographic Names Victoria to rename Hutchinsons Lane West in Romsey to Goodenia Lane.

This proposal has been accepted and the updated street name will be reflected in Council systems and the state's mapping data. New street signs will be installed upon availability. Council appreciates the contributions from residents throughout the consultation process.

Ooops!

The award for finding the (intentional?) error in the June edition goes to Perry White for seeing that Autumn is not spelled AUTUM (page 14).

Perry wins a years' supply of Romsey Rags for free. Editorial staff have visited the mirror room to have a good, long look at themselves.



We played two triples games at the reserve before lunch then returned to continue play for another 3 or 4 games. The pistes were very flat and stony, as it had been raining so it was a little easier than in the summer when it is flat, dry and hard !

The next one is held on Saturday 15th June at The Pyrenees Petanque Club in Avoca.

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Join us for the Launch of MRSPAG'S New “Mindful Moves” Campaign: An Integrative Fitness & Mental Health Program



The Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group (MRSPAG) is excited to launch a new initiative called Mindful Moves. This program has been designed to improve the physical and mental well-being of the Macedon Ranges community.

This initiative project will run for a twelve-month period, with the first event to be held on Saturday July 6th at 10am-12pm at Buffalo Stadium in Woodend. The events will be held monthly at different locations throughout the Macedon Ranges, to ensure accessibility for all community members.

The “Mindful Moves” initiative is open to all members of the local community and is aimed at promoting the benefits of physical fitness in promoting mental health and wellbeing. It will feature low-impact circuit training and will be organised by fitness instructors in the Macedon Ranges, who have a passion for improving the mental health of community members through physical fitness. Your personal trainer for the launch event is Adrian Migani, a local Woodend resident who brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the program.

The event has been designed to suit people of all fitness levels and abilities. It will also provide an opportunity for social connection amongst participants in a fun, inclusive, and supportive environment. As part of the event, there will be discussions about mental health and wellbeing facilitated by MRSPAG members and local professionals. At the conclusion of the session, there will be some healthy food options available and information about local support services available.

Fitness instructors and personal trainers who have joined the campaign will complete Mental Health First Aid training offered through MRSPAG. This will provide them with valuable knowledge and skills to become better equipped to support their clients' mental health needs.

For more information or to become involved please visit www.mrspag.com.au

To book a free ticket for the launch event held at Buffalo Stadium on Saturday, July 6th please visit the following <https://events.humanitix.com/mindful-moves-launch-event>

Please read more about MRSPAG at www.mrspag.com.au

ROMSEY LANCEFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS

Bendigo Bank Bus Trips Bendigo Bank

HO, HO, HO ITS CHRISTMAS (in July)

This year we will be travelling to Kyneton RSL for our Christmas in July lunch.

It will be held on Tuesday 2nd of July. Cost is \$50. It's sure to be a great day with roast and all the trimmings, plus plum pudding.

The bus will leave from Romsey at 11:15 out the front of the Mechanics Institute and 11:30 from Lancefield Post Office.

Our next bus trip will be in September to the Spanner Man. More details in next months report.

Remember, we meet every Monday at the rear of the Romsey Mechanics Institute for lunch, for \$10 – everyone is more than welcome. After lunch stick around for a chat or a game of cards.



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

I Hope to see you soon.

Romsey Ecotherapy Park Wins Two Awards

Victoria's regions recognised in awarded landscapes The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) has announced the winners of the 2024 Vic State Awards at an event held in Melbourne. The jury honoured 25 winners from a total of 68 entries across 14 categories, including three Regional Achievement Award winners. Victoria's regions recognised in awarded landscapes The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) has announced the winners of the 2024 Vic State Awards at an event held in Melbourne.



PICTURED: Romsey Ecotherapy Park by ACLA Consultants.

Romsey Ecotherapy Park by ACLA Consultants won a Regional Achievement Award and a Landscape Architecture Award in the Parks and Open Spaces category. The project is the result of a 14-year community-led initiative to transform an abandoned town primary school site into an innovative nature-based space for passive recreation. The park incorporates therapeutic gardens and water features for healing and wellbeing, a customised place space and picnic facilities. It can also host outdoor performances and community events. The park provides a special destination for relaxation, play and connection for family and friends. It provides a welcoming and safe space for people of all ages and abilities which ultimately encourages multi-generational use and repeat visitations. The jury says "Romsey Ecotherapy Park demonstrates an exemplary process and outcome – a park that sustains the wellbeing of the community along with an active design process that prioritises the community through an educative approach. The community was empowered through climate positive and culturally sensitive design practices, transforming an abandoned primary school into a community heart that integrates diverse activities, play, wellbeing and culture.

All winners at the State Awards level proceed to the National Landscape Architecture Awards held later this year.



Romsey COMMUNITY Co-Op & Cafe

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Let's celebrate!

The Details: 12pm – 2pm
Friday, 26th July
Romsey Community Co-Op & Cafe
3 Course Sit Down Lunch

Bookings Essential:
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ROMSEY LANCEFIELD ROTARY CLUB Inc and BBQs to Raise Funds for Avenue of Honour

The Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club Inc. held a successful BBQ and raffle at both the IGA Romsey and The Lancefield Farmer's Market where sausages were sold and tickets for a trailer load of firewood was on offer.

The winner was Carly from Wallan and was drawn by Vivien Philpots (*Coordinator of Lancefield Neighbourhood House, Pictured*) at 1 pm at the conclusion of the Farmer's Market in Lancefield.

Special thanks to all Rotarians and their families who volunteered their time over these two days to raise vital funds to continue our development of the Avenue of Honour between the townships of Romsey and Lancefield. This Avenue of Honour is a joint effort between the Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club Inc and the Returned & Services League of Australia (*RSL Romsey Lancefield – subbranch*) which commenced in 2008.

We will have more plaques erected this year to commemorate those soldiers, air force and army personnel as well as all servicing nurses and doctors associated with the Vietnam war. Other plaques have now been restored and updated and will also be replaced along the pathway.

We look forward to these being unveiled at the commemorative services on Remembrance Day 2024. This day since WWI has been a time to remember all who have given their lives in service.

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

For further information please contact our Club Secretary - Anne Collins via email anne.collins@outlook.com.au or phone 0411 097 187



Dr Greg Powell (*Past President*)

The Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club Inc.





LEMONS

If Eve had tempted Adam with a lemon instead of an apple, things may have taken a turn for the better.

Nevertheless, the apple was to take its place in history as the fruit which could seduce even the most self-centred of us humans.

No doubt Our Lord squeezed lemon juice on the fish he caught while fishing with Peter in the Sea of Galilee and mixed it with olive oil as a dressing for dates and figs and possibly even splashed it in the wine he had exchanged for water at that well-documented party.

When Captain Cook and his cronies landed at Botany Bay, the good botanist, Banks, took ashore seeds of a myriad of varieties of fruit and vegetables. Among these were lemons.

Yep, lemons had squeezed into the everyday life of the everyday Aussie.

Even the military boys of the Rum Rebellion became dependent on lemons. They not only splashed it in the tots of grog, they used its acid to clean the brass of the webbing and other equipment and fittings.

The colony's military and convict camps twinkled with lemon-brightened brass.

By the 1900s, practically every backyard in Australia had a flourishing lemon tree against the back fence or dominating the square of couch or buffalo grass which were bordered by vegetable gardens.

Eventually backyards became smaller and smaller as land became more and more expensive. The move from the outer suburbs into the inner cities and towns created a hotch-potch of flats and apartments as well as the demise of the family lemon tree.

Country towns and their environs still support the single lemon tree family, but the halcyon days of all of us being able to wander out the back door to pluck a bowl of lemons have become a fond memory.



LEMON CURD

INGREDIENTS

- 250g butter
- 1 1/2 cups caster sugar
- juice of 4 large lemons
- 4 large eggs, beaten

METHOD

Cut the butter into small pieces and put it into the top of a double saucepan, or a bowl suspended over a pot of simmering water (*but don't let the bottom of the bowl touch the water*). Add the sugar, lemon juice and rind and stir over the heat until it has melted together. Stirring constantly, pour a little of the mixture into the beaten eggs, then return all the ingredients to the pan or bowl and stir them over the simmering water until the mixture thickens - about 10 minutes. (*It should lightly coat the back of a wooden spoon.*) Put into warm jars, cover with an airtight lid and store in a cool place.

Remember - ONLY GRATE THE OUTSIDE SKIN OF THE LEMON (*the zest*), THE WHITE PITH CAN BE BITTER.

Jenny Retires After 33 Years' Service to Romsey and Lancefield Communities

Local beloved pharmacist Jenny Elston is hanging up the white jacket as she retires after 33 years' service to our Romsey and Lancefield community.

Jenny has been a constant familiar face at the Romsey Pharmacy over many years, seeing many generations of families come through the doors of the pharmacy.

She started out her career as a hospital pharmacist before turning to serving her local community as a much-loved community pharmacist.

She has been part of many changes, when she first started at Romsey Pharmacy it was located where the laundromat is, before moving to the space between the bakery and old National Bank before again moving to its current location next to IGA. She has also seen many ownership changes with each change she was a part of ensuring the smooth continuing running of the pharmacy as well as the familiar face behind the counter.

Jenny has been a true warrior of the pharmacy world. She has developed strong relationships with GP's, practice nurses, fellow staff members and the patients she has assisted. We will all very much miss her presence however we are also grateful for the years she has worked.

From the pharmacy staff and local community, thank you Jenny for being a listening ear for patients and for all the advice and care you have given the Romsey and Lancefield communities. Enjoy your retirement with your family and friends.

Jenny's last day was Wednesday 19th June.



Romsey's WHOLE TOWN GARAGE SALE

SALE



Saturday 14th September
8am - 12:30pm

Register to be part of our Romsey Whole Town Garage Sale! Start collecting NOW!
Call Romsey Neighbourhood House on 5429 6724 to make your booking or follow the link/ QR code below to register online. <https://bit.ly/RNHGarageSale2024>
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Week 4:	Reducing the Cost of Living: Tips & Strategies	11/8

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Keep Australia Beautiful

Keep Australia Beautiful: who can argue with that. It was a good idea when it started as KESAB in South Australia back in 1966 and morphed into the KAB National Association in 1971 and it was a good idea in 1972 to hold the inaugural KAB Week. This year, KAB Week is from August 5 to August 11.

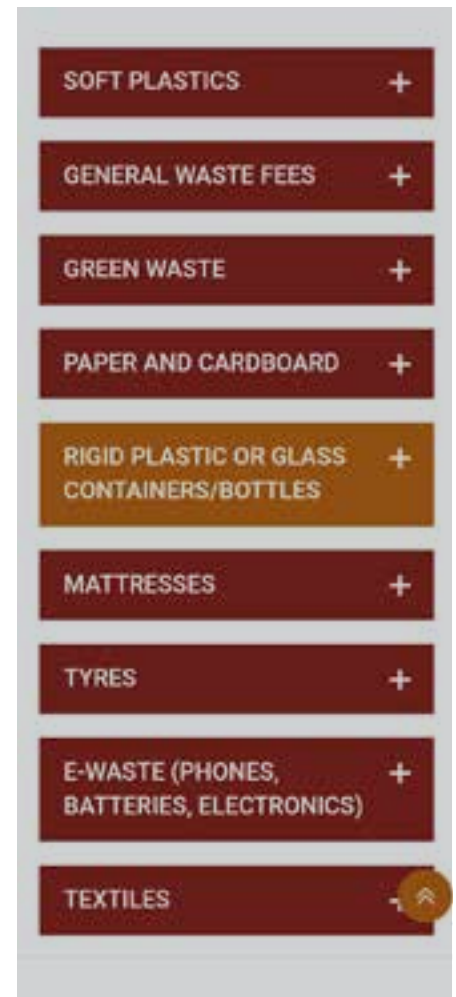
Over the years the campaign has developed and is now multifaceted. In 1991, the Australian Tidy Towns Awards commenced. It is not hard to notice the signs, proudly displayed by past winners as we enter towns. Beechworth was the winner in 2024 and in 2019, 2017, 2014 and 2009! Horsham has won the award seven times! A Macedon Ranges town is yet to salute...we know we can do better!

In essence the KAB campaign is about litter but picking it up is only part of the work. The KAB website can enlighten us through its past campaigns. *"In 2023, we encouraged you to DO THE RIGHT THING for Keep Australia Beautiful Week & #ReduceWhatsInYourBin by choosing one of KAB's 6R's of Waste: Refuse / Rot / Reduce / Reuse / Recycle / Restore."* In 2022: *"This year we're focusing on WASTE REDUCTION and asking you to #ContainYourWaste. Whilst it's certainly important to recycle and reuse, reducing waste right at the source is the most effective and efficient way to make a genuine impact in Australia, to decrease the amount of litter we find in our streets and public areas. So, for one week, we're challenging you to choose an existing container from around the house – a jar, a tub, or a bucket – and contain the amount of waste you produce in that week to the capacity of your container."*

The 2022 challenge was a good test for us to have a go at and the 6R's give us a mechanism to succeed. Refuse single use plastics. Rot your organic waste by mastering your FOGO bin or composting organics yourself. Reduce paper usage and waste. Reuse, repurpose or repair your fashion items. Recycle your tricky items and limit landfill by taking advantage of the many opportunities provided by the Romsey Resource Recovery Facility see photo, our 4 bin system and the Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) depot in Romsey.

Our Landcare group has been involved in KAB's Adopt-A-Roadside program for a decade. Twice a year we pick up litter along the Lancefield-Kilmore Road. Our next clean-up will be on Sunday morning, August 11 to align with KAB Week. We are hoping to expand our clean up to include other parts of Lancefield this year and into Romsey next year. We would love your help. You can also help us by donating through the CDS. It is as simple as taking your recyclable containers along to Andrew at the depot (8 Mitchell Ct Romsey) and informing him that you would like to donate the proceeds to Deep Creek Landcare. The depot is open every day except Sunday, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.

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!



COMMUNITY BANK CONNECTIONS

LOCAL STUDENTS OFF TO SYDNEY FOR YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

We are thrilled to announce that two local students, Chelsea McCarthy and Abigail Bonnici have been awarded scholarships to attend the highly anticipated 2024 Magic Moments Youth Leadership & Business Summit in Sydney. They will be joined by Emily Bonnici and Charli Laity, our graduates from 2023 who will be returning to complete the graduate program.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Congratulations to the following community groups who were successful in their applications to our recent Community Investment Program for Events.



COMMUNITY ORGANISATION	PROJECT	FUNDING
Lancefield Bowling Club	Sponsorship of Lancefield Bendigo Bank Fours Tournament 2025	\$1,500
Kerrie Hall Inc	Kerrie Hall 90 Year Celebration	\$1,800
Romsey Bowling Club	Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey Open Fours Tournament	\$2,000
Romsey Golf Club	2024 Romsey Golf Tournament	\$2,000
Lancefield Football Netball Club	Crime Investigation Evening	\$3,000
Romsey Football Netball Club	Heritage Football Jumpers & Netball Dresses	\$4,000
Lancefield Romsey Lions Club	Romsey Swapmeet	\$6,493
Cancer Council Victoria	Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life	\$6,629
Eastern Macedon Ranges Business & Tourism Assoc.	Christmas In Romsey 2024	\$8,500
Romsey Neighbourhood House	2024 -25 Community Events Grant	\$10,000
The Lancefield Gift	The Lancefield Gift	\$20,000
TOTAL		\$65,921

Our next Community Investment Program round will open in July and we welcome applications for grants and sponsorships both large and small.

To assist community groups with their applications in our new community investment hub; <https://communitybanklancefieldromsey.smartygrants.com.au>, we will be hosting an information evening on the 11 July. We invite representatives of all local community groups to attend. Refer to the accompanying invitation or email cip@lrcfsl.com.au for details.

Be sure to follow our Facebook page facebook.com/CommunityBankLancefieldRomsey or email cip@lrcfsl.com.au to be added to our notifications list to be kept up to date with our Community Investment Program.

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Community Investment Program Info Session

A Community Grant may be just what your organisation needs to make a great idea happen.

Grant and sponsorship applications are opening soon.

Join Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey and representatives from the Community Enterprise Foundation to find out if your community group is eligible to apply.

We'll also share our tips to assist you in your application in our new system to give your community group the best chance of success.

When Thursday 11 July

Time 7.00 - 8.00pm

Where Romsey Community Hub, 96 Main St, Romsey

RSVP By Monday 8 July 2023 to Lauren Harrison via email cip@lrcfsl.com.au or phone 0418 456 112



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. We have regular monthly meetings with a guest speaker, morning tea and time to socialise with the other members. Our monthly lunch outing is held at venues around the region, and we have short and longer trips through the year. Every Friday morning at 10am we have coffee at the Lancefield Corner Store and members meet for a chat and a bit of fun.

Noel Vincett a Lancefield resident and head of marketing at IGA spoke at our June meeting. Our July speaker is Allison Burns, founder of Bella's Footprint Foundation- Button Battery Awareness. One child every 3 weeks suffers permanent damage caused by button batteries.

A number of members car-pooled to see 'Paris Impressions of Life 1880-1925', at the Bendigo Gallery, with a great lunch at the Lakeview Hotel. On July 25 members will have a boxed lunch at the Lancefield Mechanics Institute Annex, with musical entertainment by Helen Keanan.

Trips to the South Island of New Zealand, and to Canberra / Snowy Mountains, are well into the planning stages and will go ahead later in 2024.

Contact:

President: **Noreen 0401 579 180**

Secretary: **Betty 0409 359 048**

Visit our website: www.rlprobus.org.au

We are a friendly, welcoming group from diverse backgrounds with a variety of interests and we'd love to meet you! Feel free to attend a meeting as a visitor.

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ROMSEY GOLF CLUB REPORT

The 2023/24 Romsey Presentation Day was held after the third round of the 2024 Club Championships. The final round saw the men and the women playing together. It was good to see life members John Laing, Peter Scanlon, Helene Newnham and Bruce Robb in attendance as well as many of the younger members' partners and children. Ben Owen and family did a wonderful job with the meal. During the evening awards for all of 2023 and the beginning of 2024 were presented. Next year it will be a simpler process

RELATIVE PAIRS SHIELD: This shield was played on the first Saturday in June in very cold conditions on a soft course. All players, with a familial relationship and who have GA handicaps, are eligible to play in this competition.

RESULTS WERE;

- **1st:** Mitch Atlas (RGC 6)/Kaye Atlas (Gisborne 27) – 39 pts
- **2nd:** Sophie Bannon (Kilmore 20)/Jill Bannon (Kilmore 32) – 35 pts

PENNANT GOLF:

MID-WEEK PENNANT: team were able to take out their division at Lancefield. Sadly the Dalhousie Veterans were unable to field a team so it was a "walkover" for RGC. Steve Wilkins went through the season undefeated.

2024 RGC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: The third and final round of the championships was played on the 18th of June. Conditions throughout the championships had been generally good but the final round saw heavy rain late in the week and the day's top temperature of 12C, so a cold finish to the championships.

CLUB CHAMPIONS;		Dylan Harris – 239	& Darlene Baker – 278
A Grade	NETT;	Dylan Harris	& Lorraine Robb
B Grade	STROKE;	Davey Kenney – 268	NETT: Davey Kenney
C Grade	STROKE;	Anthony Lakey – 300	NETT: John Freestone

2023/24 MEDAL OF MEDALISTS: On the final Saturday of each month the club plays the Monthly Medal, a stroke event. Each player who wins a Monthly Medal is eligible to play off in the Medal of Medalists (MoM), currently held on the last Saturday in May. This year the RGC MoMs were Zac Scales and Darlene Baker. Both players, having also won the May Medal, will be eligible for the MoM in 2024.



Park Lane, Romsey
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Our Continuing Series on Notable Buildings in Romsey



Huntingdon Elms Main Street Romsey

When driving into Romsey the most commented on aspect of the town centre is the avenue of trees that line both sides of the main road. Have you ever wondered who thought to plant them?

The trees are Huntingdon Elms they are an old English hybrid cultivar that were introduced into Victoria in 1865. These Elms in the Main Street of Romsey were planted in 1874. The man that was instrumental in the planting of this avenue of trees was William White. These trees bring a particular charm to Romsey's Main Street and are a fitting if largely unrecognised memorial to a man who left such a strong imprint on his adopted town.

William White was born in England in 1831. He came to Australia with his wife Sarah Grant as assisted migrants. William was a builder by profession which helped him secure building contracts after his assisted placement came to an end. Besides using his skills as a carpenter William carted supplies to the goldfields with bullock teams, and tried to run a butchering business. In 1856 William purchased land in Rochford from the Crown grant land sales in Kilmore. In 1866 on a road trip to the Newmarket sale yards, William suffered sunstroke which resulted in a long serious illness. Nevertheless, the following year he completed building 'Rochford Hall', a large home. The combination of illness and hard work took their toll and Rochford Hall was sold in 1867. William and Sarah moved to Romsey where they became Storekeepers and William a stock auctioneer.

The shop at 106-108 Main Street now known as Verdure was the general store and family residence of the White family for 80 years. This Store and residence are reputedly built in 1869 as the Hall of Commerce. By 1877 his son Frederick took over. William and Sarah retired in 1891 and left the district in 1895.

William White left a legacy of achievements for the town not only the Huntingdon Elms planted in Main Street. He also owned and ran the Romsey Examiner from 1872-82 and was once the registrar of births deaths and marriages at Romsey. He also served on the Woodend, Newham & Rochford Road Board and the Romsey Shire Council.

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

Soft plastic recycling coming to a bin near you!

Council is launching a shire-wide innovative soft plastics recycling collection pilot in July.

The pilot program is an extension of the 12-month trial that took place in Romsey. It is part of a national pilot program led by the Australian Food & Grocery Council (AFGC) and funded by the Australian Government.

Residents and businesses using Council's kerbside collection service can recycle their soft plastic by collecting it in the Council-supplied orange collection bag and, when full like a basketball, place it in their recycling bin (*yellow lid*).

All soft plastic items that carry the Australasian Recycling Label (ARL) – Return to Store symbol or REDcycle logo are accepted in this trial.

Residents can collect an initial information pack for free from Council's customer service centres – which includes a letter, fact sheet, and 20 orange collection bags. Additional bags can then be purchased for a fee as required.

Residents and business owners can continue to take excess soft plastic to resource recovery facilities for free.

A recent audit revealed that up to 70 per cent of the contents of general waste bins are soft plastic. By recycling soft plastic separately, residents can divert soft plastic from landfill and significantly reduce the contents of their general waste bin.

The soft plastics collected in the pilot program will be sent to specialist processors in Victoria to make new plastic products locally, supporting our objectives to reduce waste to landfill, reduce emissions and reduce litter.

For information, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/romseytrial

Romsey Town Centre Action Plan UPDATE

There was great community engagement with the Romsey Town Centre Action Plan when it was displayed at the Community sausage sizzle on 18th May and the Residents Expo on 19th May. Feedback from this informed the Action Team's identification of the first Action Plan items for implementation. As such, three working groups (*Signage, Lighting and Murals Project*) have been formed and are now collecting the information required to develop project plans for each of these elements. They all tie in with the overarching objective of Town Centre beautification. Updates will be posted on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/RomseyAction>) and in the *Romsey Rag*. EMRBATA is committed to supporting the Town Centre Action Team as it "gets things done".

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, EMAIL: contact@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

EMRBATA MEMBERSHIP:

<https://easternmacedonranges.au/emrbata>

EMAIL:

contact@macedonranges.au



LEFT: THE ACTION PLAN ON DISPLAY AT THE RESIDENTS' EXPO RIGHT: Community Sausage Sizzle at Mitre 10.

EMRBATA Funding Success

At the time of writing, sponsorship funding applications to the Bendigo Bank and Greater Western Water have been successful. This funding will support the Christmas in Romsey 2024 festivities. In addition, EMRBATA has strongly supported the Darraweit Valley Producers' Co-Operative with its successful application to State Government's Vic Grown – Regional Activation Grants Program. As such, our Deep Creek Valley producers will be showcased in a significant event later this year – STAY TUNED for more details!



DON'T FORGET!

- **EMRBATA Annual Breakfast** - Friday 26th July 2024
Lost Watering Hole, Lancefield

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/CSUQR>

Casual indoor junior sports programs

Council runs casual indoor sports programs for young children aged 1-5 years at Buffalo Sports Stadium in Woodend every Wednesday and Friday morning during the school term. Perfect for keeping kids active during the colder months!

Active Kids Sports children use a range of equipment from soccer, netball, hockey, basketball and more. Children will learn skills for catching, rolling and throwing in a fun environment. Wednesday mornings, 10-10:45am Wednesday mornings. For ages 3-5 years.

Kindagym children develop gross motor skills, confidence, balance and social skills. a fun class with free play option for children to explore the array of equipment on display.

- **Friday mornings, 10-10:45am for ages 1-3 years; 11-11:45am for ages 4-5 years.**
- **Casual visit: \$12 10 | 10 pass: \$108 90 (six months expiry).**

For information or to book term-based programs, email buffalo@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Village Connect coffee catch-ups

Are you 55 years or older, residing in the Macedon Ranges and looking to connect with others in the shire? Council's one-hour Village Connect coffee gatherings welcome new residents, individuals living alone, or those navigating life changes who are looking to strengthen connections with other like-minded individuals in our community.

The next round of coffee catch-ups are from 10:30-11:30am as follows:

- 2 July - Riddells Creek
- 11 July - Lancefield
- 16 July - Kyneton
- 18 July - Gisborne

Bookings are essential.
Visit: mrsc.vic.gov.au/village-connect
or call 5422 0333.



Dogs on leash on all footpaths

New signs and decals are popping up near designated dog off-leash areas of the shire to remind dog owners that all footpaths in the shire are dog on-leash, even those in designated off-leash areas.

The only exception is Council's two designated timed dog off-leash walking tracks; Campaspe River walk in Kyneton and Five Mile Creek walk in Romsey. Dogs are allowed off leash on the path at these locations between 7:30am – 10am daily.

Footpaths and walking tracks are shared spaces for dog and non-dog owners alike. Ensuring dogs are on a leash increases safety for all users.

Delivering this important message are 'For the Love of Paws' campaign characters Piper the Kelpie, Wombat the Jack Russell and Digs the Golden Retriever.

For more information visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/pets

Sutherlands Road works

Road rehabilitation works for just over a kilometre of Sutherlands Road in Clarkefield have been completed.

The works, focused between the Melbourne-Lancefield Road intersection and 477 Sutherlands Road, also included roadside drainage improvements.

This project was funded by the Australian Government's Infrastructure Investment Program.

THE MOUNT PLAYERS

Family Values by David Williamson, Directed by David Runnalls.

The next production by The Mount Players is a blackly comic drama by the very well-known Australian playwright, David Williamson. The set is being built and the seven cast members are busy rehearsing, with opening night on Friday, August 16th. A classic Williamson play, with crackling dialogue, perceptive insight, and fierce humour that skewers hypocrisy, *Family Values* is like your worst family Christmas lunch where deeply held beliefs are pulled apart and long-held resentments resurface...

Roger, a retired High Court judge, is turning seventy. He wants no gifts and no fuss, just quality family time with his wife Sue and their three children. However, the children, Emily, Lisa and Michael, have other things on their minds. Lisa is on a mission to save Saba, a detention centre escapee; all they need are the keys to Dad's holiday home and they'll be on their way. Michael has found religion and is now following God's plan. Emily's marriage has fallen apart with new love found in Noeline, a Border Force boat Commander. A simple family birthday get-together, right? Perhaps not!

- 9 performances over 3 weekends from Friday, August 16th to Sunday, September 1st.

Bookings can be made online from our website www.themountplayers.com or if you need assistance or have any queries, please call 5426 1892.



The Mount Players

DECISION

In the matter of an application by the Romsey Football Netball Club Inc. under section 3.3.4(1) of the *Gambling Regulation Act 2003* for approval of the premises, the Romsey Community Hotel, 90 Main Street, Romsey, VIC, 3434 as suitable for gaming with fifty (50) electronic gaming machines.

Commission: Fran Thorn, Chair
Andrew Scott, Deputy Chair
Claire Miller, Commissioner

Appearances: Michelle Sharpe of Counsel appeared to assist the Commission, instructed by Lilli Owens-Walton
Nicholas Tweedie SC appeared with Nicola Collingwood for the Applicant, instructed by BSP Lawyers
John Rantino appeared for the Responsible Authority (Macedon Ranges Shire Council)

Date of Hearing: 21, 22, 24, and 28 May 2024

Date of Decision: 21 June 2024

Decision: Under section 3.3.8(1) of the *Gambling Regulation Act 2003*, the application is refused



Signed:

Fran Thorn
Chair

ACTIVITIES OVER THE LAST MONTH HAVE ONCE AGAIN KEPT US VERY BUSY BUT THE MOST EXCITING NEWS IS THE LEXUS MELBOURNE CUP TOUR WILL BE VISITING ST MARY'S AND THE TOWNSHIP OF LANCEFIELD!



Just before the last school holidays one of our students' parents, Sam Strano contacted me to ask if we'd be interested in putting in an application to have the Lexus Melbourne Cup visit St Mary's as part of the Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour. Sam and her family had been lucky enough to have the Cup come to their property in Springfield as part of the promotions for the tour. Of course we were definitely on board to give it a go! So, during the last school holidays, Sam, myself, Anna Quigley and Vivien Philpott from Lancefield Neighbourhood House got together to finalise the application. It was amazing the amount of information we found out about previous racing in Lancefield. Did you know that Lancefield once hosted its own race meetings from the 1870's to 1930's? The original Lancefield Race Track had its own judge's box and grandstand. The Boxing Day races were the main draw card for locals and people from Melbourne to celebrate the Lancefield Cup. Early in the establishment of the races held, a train would run from Flemington to Lancefield, bringing race horses and race goers to the track in the morning and then taking them back at the day's end. The original mile old track still exists on a private property in Racecourse Rd just on the outskirts of the Lancefield township.

Our application also included a video of our School Leaders to promote a visit to St Mary's. We were pretty happy with our application and had a good vibe for a positive result.

On Tuesday 28th May, myself, Sam and Anna attended the official Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour launch at Flemington racecourse. There were 107 applications this year and the tour includes only 24 destinations in the whole of Australia as well as several overseas destinations. So, to be one of the chosen few is a huge privilege and something to get extremely excited about!

We will also be part of the Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour National Sweep, which sees the 24 rural and regional Cup Tour destinations across Australia allocated a barrier for the 2024 Lexus Melbourne Cup. The town which draws the barrier of the winning horse will be presented a cash prize of \$50,000 to put towards a charity of their choice. If we were to win, we have chosen the Lancefield Neighbourhood House as our charity. So exciting times ahead. Please keep Thursday 17th October free in your diary as that will be the big day. We'll keep you informed of ideas and plans to make it the most memorable day for everyone!

ENVIRONMENT GROUP EXCURSION TO KOLORA

On Friday 24th May the Environment Group were lucky enough to have the opportunity to visit 'Kolora' an inspirational Landcare property in Newham, that has been lovingly rehabilitated over 30 years, focusing on the land; rehabilitation of plants and vegetation and protection of wildlife. The property is a registered wildlife shelter, has a wombat enclosure release site, includes biodiversity plantings, farm dam rehabilitation, wildlife nesting boxes and insect hotels, native forest management, biolinks and shelterbelts. The owners Karl and Brigitte (*long time members of Newham Landcare Group*) were extremely friendly and welcoming on our arrival at their beautiful property. On our journey there we saw many kangaroos and wallabies and it surprised me to learn that many of the students had not seen these animals up close before. We began our day with a short presentation about the property. To be able to see what wildlife are using the nesting boxes, there are night time motion sensor cameras nearby. We watched some of the replays and got to see a number of different animals using the boxes, including the brush-tailed phascogale, a carnivorous marsupial that is distinguished by its black bushy tail! A very cute little creature indeed! We learnt so many things on this visit including:

- The spray painted cross on wildlife road victims indicates that a rescuer has attended and checked that the animal is definitely dead and has assessed the animal and surroundings for the existence of young.
- A biolink is a wildlife corridor that connects pockets of native vegetation. This allows animals to move more safely between these areas.
- A shelterbelt is a vegetative barrier that is designed to reduce wind speed and provide sheltered areas away from the wind.
- You can make insect hotels out of all sorts of materials such as logs, sticks, rocks and pallets.
- Both wildlife and birds use nesting boxes that are situated high in the trees.
- Wombats poop on top of sticks and branches that are lying on the ground to mark their territory. Wombat poop comes out square!
- You can rehabilitate old quarries/dams on land by adding logs, branches etc. and planting native vegetation.
- The Deep Creek begins on the property of Kolora at Newham.



We were lucky enough to be able to walk around the property and view all the amazing work Karl & Brigitte had done over the many decades. We saw even more kangaroos, clear signs of wombats, with fresh square poo in many different places! We saw some beautiful birds and learnt about how the first nations peoples would have managed the land. We observed some magnificent large and very old trees, saw the rehabilitated dams/quarries, checked out the insectariums, saw where the Deep Creek began and the students got to do some water quality monitoring. We observed many varied nesting boxes, some man made and others formed from hollows in trees. We were able to go inside a 150-year-old hut that remains on the property and is done up as a kind of museum - a great way for students to understand how very different life was over 100 years ago.

Some of us saw a very large and bushy fox and we got to see where Lancefield's water once came from. We had our lunch at the shearing shed with a bonus camp fire to warm our hands! All in all, it was an extremely memorable experience. We feel very privileged to have been able to view this property on the ground and see all the remarkable work that has and continues to take place there. It is a truly beautiful property that connects you to the land and the wonders of nature. We would like to thank Karl & Brigitte for their hospitality and sharing their knowledge and experience with us. We hope to look at making some nesting boxes to put in the trees around the school and raise some money to get night time cameras to see what kinds of wildlife we can attract here at St Mary's.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

During Week 7 (27 May to 31 May) we celebrated National Reconciliation Week. Each day during the first break students were able to participate in National Reconciliation Week activities as part of Clubs for the week. Students coloured indigenous pictures, made their own indigenous drawings and traced their hands onto red, yellow and black paper to make the Aboriginal flag. All of the work was displayed in the hall for our special National Reconciliation Week assembly. Year 3/4AO presented at assembly explaining the importance of National Reconciliation Week and the significance behind it. They also sang 'I am Australian' using Auslan signing during the chorus, a fabulous effort. Students who received awards at assembly had a very special indigenous inspired certificate presented to them and all staff and students were asked to 'Wear it Yellow' and bring in a gold coin donation for Children's Ground, an organisation that supports First Nations-led education, health, employment and wellbeing. Thank you to everyone for their participation, we raised a total of \$173. Moving forward, in recognition of National Reconciliation Week, we at St Mary's pledge to:

- Celebrate days of national significance for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
- Continue to celebrate National Reconciliation Week from 27 May to 3 June each year and,
- Look at developing a Reconciliation Project in collaboration with our school community.

OTHER ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE LAST MONTH INCLUDED:

Half of our 2024 Mini Vinnies finally got to experience the Feed it Forward lunch at Lancefield. They were very excited to attend and enjoyed being able to assist with a variety of jobs as well as meet many new people. We congratulate Charlotte, Ben, Anna & Zane for their hard work and positive attitude while attending the lunch. They're very much looking forward to the next one!

Our Year 5/6 's attended Cobaw Winter Sports, playing softball, football and netball. They proudly represented St Mary's and displayed great teamwork and sportsmanship throughout their games. We congratulate the girls netball team for winning their event and moving on to the next level at Castlemaine at the end of June. We wish them the best of luck!

On Wednesday 22nd May, students across all levels of the school had the opportunity to participate in National Simultaneous Storytime 2024, an annual event to promote Australian Literacy. They were treated to a reading of Aura Parker's 'Bowerbird Blues' and then able to participate in discussions, wonderings and activities around the story. A fabulous way to spend recess!

I Jo Shannon (Community Liaison Leader)

Bolinda Primary School

We were treated to this heartfelt speech at a recent assembly, and it was too good not to share it with everyone. In Term 1, the children of the 2/3/4 classroom looked at culture for their Inquiry unit. Everyone in the class was able to choose how they wanted to present their end-of-unit assessment task. Some chose a diorama, some chose a PowerPoint, some chose a movie and there was even a song. Zoe and Logan chose to write a speech about the culture of Bolinda Primary School and share it with the school community. Enjoy.

Good afternoon everyone. We are here today to talk about Bolinda Primary School's culture.

Bolinda Primary School was a train station before the school was built in 1870. You can still see the original train tracks at Bolinda Creek. The children at Bolinda Primary School sometimes dig up old parts from the train tracks.

Bolinda is a small school. We only have 44 students but at Bolinda Primary School, we don't have any bullying because kids are encouraged to be kind. Bolinda Primary School has kids who have come from many different schools. This is because our school fits for every child. We love our education at Bolinda Primary School and that's why lots of kids come from other schools. We are never afraid to be wrong with our work because we know that is just a part of learning.

Our school values are Learning, Respect, Resilience and Responsibility. These are the values we all follow every day. Everyone at Bolinda Primary School is lovely. Our great teachers and principal. Our kind business manager and our helpful aides. They all help us to do our best.

At our school, we have student leadership roles. Everyone can be a leader at Bolinda Primary School, especially in Grades 3 – 6. We have the student leadership teams of Junior School Council, Sustainability, Wellbeing, Sports and our Year 6 Captains. We have a whole school assembly every fortnight and we invite families to come and watch. It is important that families are included in our school. You might even receive a Values Award for doing something great in the school.

Everyone plays together in the schoolyard. Year 6s and Preps play with each other, it doesn't matter, everyone is included. This makes Bolinda Primary School a special school to go to. We hope we have taught you about the culture of Bolinda Primary School and what a positive school environment we have here.

We are very proud of our school.



Are YOU Looking for a Way to Involve Yourself More in Our Local Community?

The Lions Club of Lancefield Romsey has contributed to and served our community since August, 1973. We may be the perfect place for you! All money raised by our activities is used to help Our Community.



Whether you are passionate about where we live, looking for social connection, helping our community, or anything in between, our club offers a warm welcome to people from all walks of life.

Join us to:

- Help make positive changes in our community.
- Assist at our regular Monthly Market and our Barbeques. Everybody enjoys a barbeque!
- **Collaborate on our local projects** (eg: the new Romsey Skate Park) with fellow members.
- Make new friends and expand your social network.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to be part of something special and let's embark on this exciting journey together today!

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Romsey Primary School June 2024



RECONCILIATION WEEK

27 MAY - 3 JUNE

NOW MORE THAN EVER #NRW2024

As part of Reconciliation Week, Romsey Primary School students collaborated for a whole school art project based on Bunjil the Eagle.

We learnt that Bunjil the Eagle is a creator deity, moiety ancestral being and cultural hero for the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people, the traditional owners of the land our school is on. Students decorated feathers which when combined together made up the wings and body for the display. Our students have been learning about the meaning of many Aboriginal symbols and used these to represent our local environment and animals in their feather designs.

We had so many feathers that we were able to create a second display depicting Waa the Crow. Waa the Crow is a trickster, ancestral being and cultural hero and is the second moiety ancestor, along with Bunjil.

Our students have enjoyed seeing the final result of their hard work and creativity & have enjoyed learning about Bunjil and Waa and their significance to the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people.





Over the past 7 weeks our students and school community were very busy raising money for one of our major school fundraising events - our school Colour Fun Run on Friday 31st May.



Throughout the fundraising time we had 'Magic Milestones' to celebrate the awesome job our students and school community were doing to raise funds. Some of the 'Magic Milestones' were:

- the class who had the most profiles set up by a certain date received Zooper Doopers!
- for every \$1,000.00 raised over our '\$\$ goal' a teacher got SLIMED 😊 (10 teachers/staff were slimed in total).
- the top 5 fundraisers in each class (by a certain date) came to school in Casual Clothes.
- every student who raised money went into a draw for a \$4.00 RPS canteen voucher (10 student's names were drawn out).
- the class who has raised the most money overall received a HOT CHIPS lunch on the day of our Colour Fun Run!!!!

The afternoon of Friday 31st May was an amazing day. The students, staff and lots of parents were excited and ready to run around the obstacle course and pass through 3 colour stations. Our large crowd of spectators cheered on every participant and we even had a disco on the basketball courts for students to join in before and after their 'Fun Run' experience. It was definitely an afternoon everyone at Romsey Primary school will remember. Thank you to everyone that supported our Colour Fun Run and helped out on the day.





PREP INFORMATION SESSIONS AND SCHOOL TOUR DATES FOR 2025 ENROLMENTS

INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR FAMILIES & PREP CLASSROOM TOUR

Date : Thursday 1st August
Time: 10 am
Venue: Meet at the office then will head to the Prep rooms for an information session with the Prep teachers and school leaders.

REGISTER NOW

Please register your interest for any session by emailing the school on Romsey.ps@education.vic.gov.au or phoning 5429 5099
Bookings are essential for all sessions

CWA is a Volunteer Organisation

CWA is an opportunity for women of all ages to join an organisation which offers friendship with varied activities supporting the community. We all have skills to offer and CWA is not only sewing, tea & scones and craft but gardening and a wide range of interests.

Although there are Tea and Scones.

Contact us at any time for more information.



FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:

PRESIDENT: Dianne Purtill, M: 0409 214 520

SECRETARY: Wendy Foster, M: 0409175 667 or email: cwaromsey@gmail.com



C.W.A. 2022 STATE THEMES:

THEME: Sharing, fun and friendship.

PRODUCT/RESOURCE: Australian grown potatoes and Australian potato products.

COUNTRY OF STUDY: Malaysia.

THANKSGIVING FUN: Free 3D hands – Research and development of 3D hands.

STATE PROJECT: CWA of Vic. Inc. IT and Systems Upgrade and Maintenance.

SOCIAL ISSUES FOCUS: Safe Homes for All.



ENCOURAGE CHURCH ROMSEY

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Sundays @ 10am

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- Children's Church
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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR TIM

FINDING TREASURE

If you knew where a treasure was buried, what would you do to get that treasure? If you knew where to find the 'Holy Grail' of life, how much effort would you put into obtaining it? If you came across an object of immense beauty, what would you pay to own it?

JESUS TOLD A COUPLE OF PARABLES IN MATTHEW 13:44-46 ALONG THOSE LINES:

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it."

The lesson in both of these parables is that it is worth great personal sacrifice to enter the kingdom of heaven. Entering the kingdom of heaven is entering a relationship with God who created the universe and it is something of eternal value. We can enter the kingdom of heaven today, because of the personal sacrifice of God's son Jesus for us.

The two parables, whilst being similar, do differ in one respect. In the first, the man comes across the treasure by accident, he wasn't searching and he came across it unexpectedly. Whereas in the second parable, the man spent considerable time looking for the pearl. Regardless of whether it was an unexpected discovery or a long process, the same reaction occurred – they sold all they had to obtain the treasure or pearl because it was more valuable than anything else. Likewise, no matter how we have come to God, once we have found Him we give all of ourselves to Him because nothing else is as precious as knowing God.

If you want to learn more about the treasure of the kingdom of heaven, 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 or email us at office@encouragechurch.com.au.

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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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at Dromkeen, 1012 Kilmore Rd, Riddells Creek VIC 3431

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Owing to the retirement of Rev Len Greenhall we have changed our Church Service times to the 2-month table below. This will commence on 2nd June with Morning Prayer for Christ Church Lancefield every second week.

From 9th June service will be held at each St Pauls and Christ Church every second week. This is a temporary arrangement.

2 June	- Lancefield 1030am - Morning Prayer or Prayer, Praise and Proclamation
9 June	- Romsey 900am - Lord's Supper & Lancefield 1030am - Lord's Supper
16 June	- Lancefield 1030am - Morning Prayer or Prayer, Praise and Proclamation
23 June	- Romsey 900am - Lord's Supper & Lancefield 1030am - Lord's Supper
30 June	- Lancefield 1030am - Morning Prayer or Prayer, Praise and Proclamation
7 July	- Romsey 900am - Lord's Supper & Lancefield 1030am - Lord's Supper
14 July	- Lancefield 1030am - Morning Prayer or Prayer, Praise and Proclamation
21 July	- Romsey 900am - Lord's Supper & Lancefield 1030am - Lord's Supper
28 July	- Lancefield 1030am - Morning Prayer or Prayer, Praise and Proclamation

- **Prayer Meeting:** Church Hall Lancefield Thursday 9:30am
- **Bible Study:** Christ Church Lancefield Hall Thursday 10:30am

Enjoy a cuppa while spending time pondering the Bible.

ST PAUL'S OPSHOP OPEN TIMES: Friday 12:30-4:00 & Saturday 10:00-1:00pm. The Op Shop is now on the Parish Web site for viewing the week's specials. Your valued donations of clothing, Bric & Brac, craft items, books & good quality working toys can be left Friday afternoon and Saturday Mornings, these items are very much appreciated, unfortunately some donations were left outside of the OpShop open times. These items are either wet or damaged owing to the weather conditions and unfortunately as a result, consequently need to be sent to the tip. Please note that owing to regulations we cannot accept electrical goods, prams, baby cots, furniture or mattresses. Your ongoing support and donations is much valued and appreciated.

Donations of clothing, Bric & Brac, craft items, books & good quality working toys can be left Friday afternoon and Saturday Mornings, these items are much appreciated. Unfortunately some donations were left outside of the OpShop other times - these were then either wet or damaged due to weather and unfortunately, had to be sent to the tip. Please note that regulations prevent us accepting electrical goods, prams, baby cots, furniture or mattresses. Your support and donations are valued and appreciated.



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May God watch over us all and
keep us safe during this testing
time as we put our faith and trust
in Him.

ROMSEY DENTAL

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1. Your thumb is nearest you. So, begin your prayers for praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C.S. Lewis once said, a 'sweet duty'.
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the Prime Minister, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly comes our little finger, the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, *"The least shall be the greatest among you."* Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively. John Mark Ministries



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As we farewell Fr. Martin Fleming on the 10th of July, we welcome Fr. John Healy who will step into the role of Parish Priest of St. Ambrose Parish, Woodend and St. Mary's Parish, Lancefield & Romsey. Fr. John comes to us from Holy Trinity Catholic Parish in Laverton, Altona Meadows and Point Cook.

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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Participating in Plastic Free July will help you to find great plastic alternatives that can become new habits forever. Join millions worldwide taking steps to end plastic pollution, by choosing a single-use plastic to avoid this July.

Don't worry, Plastic Free July is not about being perfect or totally avoiding all plastic, it is about just doing what you can, where you are. Every person who joins the Plastic Free July challenge makes a real difference. By taking small, practical steps together, participants help to reduce the 300 million kilos of plastic polluting the world each year.

What single-use plastic will you choose to refuse this July?

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Online registrations for three and four-year old kindergarten in 2025 are also now open.

For information or to register online, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/kinder-rego or call our Enrolment Officer on 5422 0239

New Climate Emergency Working Group

**Are you interested in accelerating climate action
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established, to guide the implementation of the
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You are invited to demonstrate your passion and commitment to action on climate change by applying for a position in this exciting advisory group shaping climate action into the future.

As a representative, you'll be joined by other key community sectors, as well as council staff to inform and monitor the delivery of actions in the Climate Emergency Plan.

To learn more, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/climate-emergency

Romsey Mens Shed

Working on Friendships



ROMSEY MENS SHED

Motto-Building on Friendships!

Community focus: Located at 47 Barry Street, in Romsey Park, Shed membership helps many Romsey District Men to be involved in the Community and social interaction and friendships are our main objectives.

Members can just meet and chat, or do woodwork, metal work, welding and some automotive activities: and glass cutting by arrangement. Some basic "how to" and WH&S is also conducted for the "hands-on" members.

Occasionally, members also work on community-based activities with the Romsey Neighbourhood House.

Donations of tools, machines and materials have been very helpful in getting us viable, as funding is always an issue in a volunteer organisation.

T Model restoration: Our keystone project is restoration of a 1925 T model Ford truck, which started working life in the district. Some funds from the Bendigo Community Bank have been helpful. We had a visit by the Model T Ford Club recently and got some helpful hints and support.

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

Excursions: We have about four a year, part subsidised by a national government shed grant and the most recent was an interesting tour at the Crane Training International (CTI) site near Riddells Creek, with a nice morning tea provided.

Tuesdays: Open 9 to 4 for coffee, chat - and hobby work for the "hands-on" - but the social component is primary.

Wednesday open times: The Woodwork group gather on Wednesdays around 9³⁰/10 and closing time depends on projects, but is usually after 2.

Thursday-Social Day: Our Thursday \$5 barbeque/light lunch at 12 is our main weekly social gathering and when eggs are on the menu, they are courtesy of Josh's Eggs. Project work ceases at 11, so members can talk without background noise. Members guests and potential members are welcome!

Thursdays' operating times are 9:30am to around 2pm and on occasions we have a guest speaker. About three times a year we shut up and go to local restaurant venues, part funded by the weekly "Pub-style meat raffle" which often includes a short quiz with Tim Tams as prizes.

Shed extension: We have a small Building Fund, but need a significant financial grant and Shire approval to proceed.



THE RMS Team on Crane Training International Excursion.



MODEL T Ford Club visit to Shed.

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SHED TIMES: Tuesdays 9am - 4pm and Thursdays 10 am - 2pm. Open other days by arrangement.

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- *May* - September

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

- *29 June* - 14 July

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MOVIE CLUB – FORCE OF NATURE: THE DRY 2 (MA)

- Wednesday the 10th of July, 10.30 – 1pm

Five women participate in a hike, but only four come out the other side. Federal agents Aaron Falk and Cameron Cooper head into the mountains, hoping to find their informant still alive. Based on the book, Force of Nature, by Jane Harper.

SATURDAY STORYTIME

- 10.30am at Romsey Library, 20th July

Sing, dance, listen to stories and rhymes and complete a theme- based craft activity at the end of the session.

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A CURIOUS CIRCLE: INTRODUCTION TO CARD MAKING



- Saturday the 20th of July, 1 – 4pm

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SEED LIBRARY AT THE ROMSEY LIBRARY

- 12th of July, 11 – 12pm and the second Friday of every month

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STEM CLUB #1



- Saturday the 10th of August, 10.30 – 11.30am

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