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SEPTEMBER IN THE GARDEN

| by Melanie Kinsey

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*).



CAPTION – Me standing in front of an enormous Bottle Tree in Tambo Qld

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 steps. 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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Recognising our senior volunteers

In recognition of the many seniors who volunteer in our community, Council will be interviewing five dedicated volunteers, sharing their inspiring stories with the community, and gifting them a special hamper as a token of our appreciation for their generosity, time and efforts.

Free music concert!

2pm, Thursday 10 October, Castlemaine Town Hall
(Cnr Frederick and Lyttleton streets)

Council is providing seniors with free tickets and transport from Gisborne, Woodend and Kyneton to the Castlemaine Music Concert, featuring a tribute to the first queens of country music, 'The Honky Tonk Queens'! Amber Joy Poulton and The Holy Two present the songs of Loretta Lynn, Dolly Parton, Patsy Cline and Tammy Wynette. Bookings are essential. Call Council's Sharon Gill on 5422 0333.

To view the activity schedule, read the volunteer stories, or find out more about the free music concert, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/Seniors-Festival



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The Romsey Mechanics' Institute is on Crown Land & is owned by the people of Victoria. It is overseen by a volunteer Committee of Management (CoM) which answers to the Department of Energy, Environment & Climate Action (DEECA)



ESTABLISHED 1865

WOOL & YARN FESTIVAL: This festival was first held at the RMI in 2023. It was so successful that the organisers have returned in 2024. This year the festival will be on **Sunday September 15th**. Doors will open at 10.00 am and there will be a \$2.00 cover charge. There will be a wide variety of items on sale at the many stalls. Why not come along and see just what is on offer?

REPAINTING THE MAIN HALL: By the time this report is printed we will have finished and submitted our application to the Bendigo Bank "Community Investment Scheme" for funds to assist us to carry out minor repairs to and then repaint, the main hall and stage in heritage colours. We also hope to install an acoustic pin-board at the rear of the stage so that performers may use backdrops without peeling the paint off the wall and also to reduce the reverberation into the hall. If we are successful with this application we will be using local trades to complete the works. We have been impressed by the large number of community groups who have heard of this project and who prepared "Letters of Support" for the application.

ROLLER SKATING CLASS: A Roller Skating class will be held at the hall on the **Curriculum Day of Monday October 7th**. The class will run from 10.30 am until 12.30 pm. If you, or your children, are interested in this class please keep an eye out for more information on the local Social pages.

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WATER damage to the ceiling

ROMSEY LANCEFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS

Bendigo Bank Bus Trips

- *Our September trip will be held on **Tuesday 10th of September**, (not the 3rd).*

We are heading up to Boort to visit the **Spanner Man Sculpture Gardens**. We will visit the property near Boort and view the wonderful sculptures that the late John Piccoli has made out of spanners. There are sculptures of a family of deer, a shearer, a pair of fighting stallions, a mallee bull and many more. Cost will be \$50, which includes lunch.

For more details on **pick up times** give Jan a ring for more information (*on the number below*).

Up coming trips:

- **October 1st – Tesselaar's Tulip Farm** (*in time for all the bulbs to be flowering*)
- **November (date to be confirmed) – Werribee Open Range Zoo**
- **December – Our Christmas breakup at Highland Hotel** (*always a good day*).

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 or Jan on 0408 338 759.



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Brooks Falls Brown Bears - Katmai National Park in Alaska

Have you ever heard of Otis, Chunk, 801, Holly or 747? These are some of the Brown Bears from Brooks Falls in Alaska. In early July of every year, people from all around the world tune in to the solar power cameras that are set up on the falls, to see how well the Brown Bears have survived their hibernation.

The Brown Bears wake from hibernation and begin arriving at the falls in late June for the annual salmon spawning up the Brooks River in Katmai National Park. Just about everyone has their favourite bear and are keen to make sure they have arrived at the falls.

The salmon spawning is a huge event in the year for the Brown Bears. Many have lost well over 60% of their body weight during hibernation and the salmon provide a massive supply of easily accessible high protein.

Yearlings and cubs from the hibernation also come with their mothers and often sisters help look after each other's cubs. Many a male has discovered it is not wise to come between a mother and her cub.

Every year viewers get to vote on the bear that has put on the most weight over the July - September period. Pictures of the top bears, July and September, are on the website to help with the vote.

www.explore.org is the wonderful website where this amazing wildlife activity can be found. Just look for; brown bears, Katmai Alaska, or scroll through all the other sites that are on offer; polar bears, puffins, orcas, African wildlife, live nest cams etc.

As we move through our daily lives we regularly see examples of unique flora and fauna. What can we do to highlight these wonderful plants and animals and maybe to get some of these amazing creatures and plants on to this inspiring site?

SUPERSITIONS

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Comings and Goings

| Bike Repair Station

Did you know that Romsey has its own Bicycle Repair Station at The Hub, next to the Neighbourhood House carpark. It is available to all cyclists in need of minor repairs. There is a range of maintenance tools available on the stand as well as a pump.

| TBA Law has moved from Romsey

Local lawyers TBA Law have closed their Romsey office to consolidate their operations into their Nagambie, Seymour and Wallan offices.

Romsey residents who have documents held with that firm need to be aware that those documents are now held at their Nagambie office. Their phone number is on the door of their former office.

Celebrating Schools Tree Day 2024 at Romsey Primary

On Friday 24th July, Romsey Primary School and Deep Creek Landcare Group worked together planting pollinator species as part of the Junior Landcare White Ave Pollinator Project that began in 2020. The students, teachers, parents, and landcare group volunteers worked together as a fantastic crew, managing to plant and tree-guard ALL 600 plants by the end of the day.

We had: 8 adults, 600 plants, 300 tree guards and stakes, 100 students, lots of cold wind and drizzle, surprise chocolate treats and 100% fantastic attitudes and planting skills!

The plants were paid for by grant money from Planet Ark and tree-guarding materials were donated from Deep Creek Landcare Group. Additionally, 100 plants were donated by the group so that each student could take home one to plant as a memento of the day. The Deep Creek Landcare Group also awarded each student with a book of their choice to take home. The books were funded by a grant from the Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank.

Deep Creek Landcare Network's Junior Landcare Facilitator, Emma Stevens organized the day. Emma works with the local schools to help educate our young minds to understand ecosystems, the importance of looking after our environment and the benefits of "getting our hands dirty".

With the school in recent years, we have planted blackwood wattles, tea tree, silver banksias, dogwood and correas. This year the task was to add more mid-storey and lower-storey pollinator species. Wattles such as: prickly moses, golden, hedge and gold dust were chosen along with hop bush, grevillea rosmarinifolia, bush pea, bacon and egg bush and paper daisies. Important grasses like poa, lomandra, kangaroo and dianella were added along the border.

On the last day of Keep Australia Beautiful Week, Sunday August 11 we conducted the second of our twice-yearly clean ups. In addition to a number of sites around Lancefield we cleaned up the southern end of Knox Road in Romsey. Across the sites we easily filled a large, caged trailer with discarded rubbish. In March next year in conjunction with Clean-Up Australia Day we are hoping to enlist more volunteers and expand our clean up. Ideas would be greatly appreciated and remember cans, bottles and other eligible containers can be taken to the Container Deposit Scheme depot at 8 Mitchell Ct in Romsey. Proceeds can be directed to Deep Creek Landcare if you would like to support us.

Deep Creek Landcare Group has nesting boxes for bats, birds and phascogales for sale from \$30. We also have Myna bird traps to lend out. Annual Landcare membership is \$20 per family. You can follow us on Facebook, contact our President, Phil Severs (0476 324 000) catch us at the Lancefield Farmers' Market or attend our monthly meetings in the Lancefield Mechanics Hall. We would love to see you!





ROMSEY BRANCH OF C.W.A. INC

CWA is a Volunteer Organisation

As I write this issue the sun is shining and the daffodils are popping. It feels as if spring is on its way.

We are all looking forward to enjoying the warmer weather.

Unfortunately, due to many of our members, grey nomads, still away we have cancelled our September meeting and craft day, but we will all be back for the October meeting. New members are always welcome. We welcome Rosemary to our branch and hope she enjoys our little group.

Once again the Central Highlands group will be participating in the Kyneton Daffodil Festival. Come along and join us on Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th September at the Masonic Hall in Kyneton. There will be various stalls including baking, plants craft and this year a de stash stall for all of you crafty people. Of course, there will have Devonshire tea and hearty lunches on offer.

ROMSEY BRANCH OF C.W.A. INC

2024 STATE THEMES:

THEME: Women Advocating For Change

PRODUCT/RESOURCE: Pulses

COUNTRY OF STUDY: Romania

THANKSGIVING FUND: Fiona Elsey

STATE PROJECT: Video Conferencing Facilities – improving Communication Technology to Regional areas

SOCIAL ISSUES FOCUS: Advocating for Change

FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:

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

WOODEND HANGING ROCK PETANQUE CLUB

As the warmer weather approaches and we see less puffer jackets around, we are seeing more members partake in a few



games of petanque at the Old Racecourse in Forest St, Woodend on a Monday and Thursday afternoons from 2pm til about 4pm then as the cooler day sets in we head home to the fire and warmth !t Knowing we had enjoyed the great outdoors!

We have had an eventful month, with Bastille Day held in July, and as per normal it was a cold one out at Hanging Rock, but an enjoyable day had by all that enjoyed the park, lunch and of course the petanque!

The Golden Boule competition wound down on Saturday 3rd August with Smythesdale Petanque Club joining us at the Racecourse to battle out the last of this great event that had included six clubs from around the region.

It was a great way to showcase our game and for the members of all clubs to experience different pistes (*the area on which we play our game*), strategies, rules, tactics and the etiquette of the game.

As the summer season approaches, and all clubs prepare their calendar for their upcoming events, including tournaments throughout the state, we are looking forward to many more members enjoying the season.

We open on Monday October 7th at the Old Racecourse and on Thursday 10th October at Hanging Rock.

Any inquiries regarding joining us please email Louise Potter at president@petanqueattherock.com.au

Immunisations on again

Council is offering FREE childhood immunisations under the National Immunisation Program.

Mark your calendars for our bi-monthly sessions: catch us in Gisborne, Kyneton and Woodend on the first Thursday, and in Riddells Creek and Romsey on the third Tuesday.

Plus, don't forget – we're also providing FREE flu vaccines to children under five.

To view our timetable and make a booking go to mrc.vic.gov.au/immunisations.

Let's keep our kids healthy and thriving together!



PAW PAW

Paw paws, or papaya, as some people call them, grow in abundance in Queensland. The paw paw is a fruit, of course, which most people eat but there are some people who make a paste of paw paw and rub it on lumbago, ingrown toenails, lumps, bumps, bites and all sorts of things.

No doubt you already know paw paws grow on trees. But you may not know that there are female trees and male trees and, if you'll pardon the expression, one male tree services eight female trees, and the female trees not only have to put up with that, but bear fruit as well.

Paw Paw is also a meat tenderiser as well as a fruit and it's particularly good for you because it's rich in Vitamin A, B, B1 and C. But not only is it a meat tenderiser (*like the Kiwi Fruit*) it's also a very good digestive. Most countries, for instance, eat the little black pips. Most Australians throw them away. So next time you have paw paw, eat the pips and banish indigestion naturally. As well as being rich in vitamins and digestive qualities, paw paw is full of dietary fibre, also the enzyme called papain which decomposes protein. So if you're cooking a couple of old shins or gravy beef or something, cut up some paw paw, throw it in with the shins or whatever and it'll tenderise them.

You can even tenderise with paw paw leaves as the Chinese do. They might have an old boiler (*an old chook not the missus*), and to tenderise it, I'm told, they simply hang it in a paw paw tree.

I'm sure you know without me telling you that ripe paw paws you eat raw for breakfast or dessert or with the roast, and green ones you cook.

So here goes with a recipe.

STUFFED PAW PAW

INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 250 g minced steak
- 1 medium sized white onion, finely chopped
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- pinch of cumin
- freshly ground black pepper
- 1 firm green paw paw
- 1 cup blanched almonds
- whole strawberries and sprig of mint for garnish

METHOD

1. Melt half the butter in a large, heavy frying pan, throw in the minced steak, onion, crushed garlic, three quarters of the cup of blanched almonds (*keep the other quarter to sprinkle over the finished product*), and sprinkle with the cumin and some freshly ground black pepper. Saute until the meat is just cooked.
2. Peel the paw paw, cut off the top and take out the pips so that you have a hollow right through the centre. Stuff the hollow with the meat mixture, put the rest of the butter on top and stand it in a buttered, ovenproof dish.
3. Put the paw paw into the oven and bake at 180c for about an hour, basting from time to time with the butter and juices from the meat and the paw paw.
4. Decorate with a few whole strawberries and some sprigs of fresh mint and take to the table. Cut into thick slices, sprinkle with the rest of the almonds and serve hot.

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A few surprising facts: around 600 volunteer knitters and groups hand knit Teddies in Australia. Around 50,000 Teddies get produced each year. Romsey-Lancefield Red Cross are happily involved in the process of creating Trauma Teddies.

We have volunteers from the Neighbourhood House Wednesday Craft Group helping out and other groups within the town who also help us with knitting, stuffing and sewing the Teddies. Their work is greatly appreciated.

Romsey Red Cross members are very proud to be part of this very important Red Cross initiative.

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ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB

We are located in Park Street Romsey, within the Romsey Sports Precinct. We have a state-of-the-art bowling green and a comfortable, licensed clubhouse.

We are a small, supportive club and are always welcoming new members. Everyone is welcome, from 8 to 108. Lawn bowls and coaching are available if you have never bowled before.

Practice is held on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 4pm and we are currently running Social Saturday Bowls from 11.30am. Please feel free to come down and try out Lawn Bowls, you only need comfortable clothing, flat soled shoes, a little bit of humour and your enthusiasm.

We had five teams make their Divisional Grand Finals in season 2023/24, an exceptional effort for our small club. Our 2024/25 Pennant Season is about to commence in October, with teams competing in Division 1, 2 and 3 on Saturdays and Division 1 & 2 on Tuesdays. We have three practice matches scheduled for September and our highly regarded Grand Final Eve Open Fours Tournament was filled in 4 hours.

The Victorian Seniors Festival is a major state-wide festival for and involving seniors. It runs from 1–31 October every year right across Victoria. This year's theme is Explore. Engage. Evolve and The Romsey Bowling Club will be taking part in the festival this year. Each Thursday through October from 1pm, you are welcome to come on down to the club, have a roll, a chat and a laugh.

If you're interested in bowling please feel free to reach out to Garry Templar, our Head Coach on 0413 089 292 or via FB at Romsey Bowling Club.



Portraits, Pets and Pots

Jahne Hope-Williams, Macedon Ranges multi-disciplinary artist, presents **Portraits, Pets and Pots - adventure into direct photographic transfer and encaustic technique – miniatures and not-so-miniatures**

Jahne uses old fashioned artistic techniques incorporating many processes. As a scientific illustrator, realism makes sense to her. She gilds and hand paints over the images. In case it wasn't time consuming enough (*I do complicate things, she says*) Jahne explores the use of beeswax, using it instead of glass in front of the works.

The exhibition has works in 8 x 8 inch format on canvas, although she completed an A3 image and looks forward to larger portraits in future. Images from religious icons and Buddhist Thangas, portraits and angels are in Jahne's signature work – and her portraits of pots, and her cat as Queen Elizabeth 1st.

Portraits, Pets and Pots runs from 2nd-30th September at Mt.Macedon Gallery – down the lane beside The Trading Post. The official opening is at 2pm on Saturday September 7.

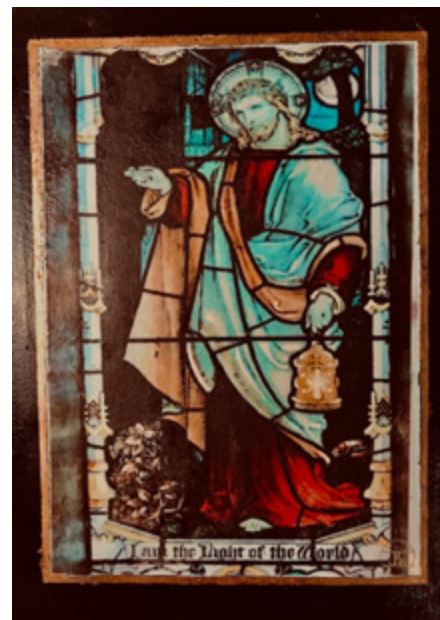
The Gallery is open Friday to Tuesday, 10am to 4pm.

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THE MOUNT PLAYERS HAPPENINGS

Hard to Believe We Are Now in Full Rehearsal for Our Final Production for 2024!



The Mount Players

The players have enjoyed a very successful year to date with the staging of Wild, Looped and Family Values. These productions, along with drop in shows from outside theatre performers, musicians, community groups and our own members social evenings has ensured the Mountview Theatre has been a real hub of activity all year.

Our 4th production has been cast and will be staged in November. A Bunch of Amateurs By Ian Hislop and Nick Newham is a lovely English comedy set in a sleepy, country village in Suffolk. An amateur theatre group putting on King Lear find themselves in a desperate plight to save their beloved theatre. But desperate times call for desperate measures and so the story unfolds. Great characters, a witty script and basically a good laugh that's a lot of fun! More details about this show next month. Or go to our website www.themountplayers.com for full details and ticket bookings.

If you haven't been to our theatre then do yourself a favour and come along. With a fantastic show, complimentary sherry on arrival, an incredibly well priced bar and complimentary tea, coffee and treats at intervalit's great value.....you'll love it!

See you at the theatre.

By Karen Hunt



I TEAM NEWS!

We thank our community members for their patience and apologise for any disruptions in our branches as we've been getting our newest team members up to speed.

With that, we warmly welcome Belinda Cattlin. Belinda is a Romsey local that many in town will know. She will be based in our Romsey branch, so be sure to drop in and say hello!

I RDFNL JUNIOR SEASON WRAP

We came on board, along with other local Bendigo Bank branches, in 2022 as Major Sponsor of the RDFNL in a three-year deal to support the league, our local clubs, and most of all, our local football and netball players.

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

We saw the 2023 Junior season out with of plenty of fun on Grand Final day handing out hats to the premiers, and at the Junior Presentation Evening, celebrating our local clubs and players.

Congratulations to all of the Junior Premiership Teams.

I COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Thanks to the better banking of our Community Bank customers, we can reinvest our local profits back into the community, so that great local initiatives get funding.

Applications for Round 1 of the 2024-25 Community Investment Program have now closed. The Board of Directors of Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey are presently considering all applications with notifications to be issued in October.

To make sure your community group is registered updates on future grants and sponsorship programs, email Lauren Harrison via cip@lrcfsl.com.au.

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EASTERN MACEDON RANGES BUSINESS AND TOURISM ASSOCIATION INC (EMRBATA) - UPDATE

EMRBATA Business Breakfast – “The Power of Brand” Success

The Lost Watering Hole was buzzing from early morning on Friday 26th July when approximately 100 guests arrived for the Annual EMRBATA Breakfast. After indulging in an amazing grazing table breakfast provided by Eastern Macedon Ranges producer businesses, Ken Cato AO (<https://www.catobrandpartners.com/>) engaged the audience with his reflections on his design career and the notion of brand. Ken is regarded as one of the world’s leaders in his field. In addition to his work with mega brands such as Qantas, Commonwealth Bank and Australia Made, Ken designed the branding for the Lost Watering Hole locally.



Many thanks to Nicholas, David and the Lost Watering Hole team for their wonderful support. As always, EMRBATA is grateful for the sponsorship support for this event from the Bendigo Bank which has been on board with this event since its inception in 2010!

JOKES

Q: Why was the equal sign so humble?

A: Because she knew she wasn't greater than or less than anyone else.

Romsey Town Centre Action Plan UPDATE

The active working groups recently presented their proposals to the other Action Team members. It was decided to pursue a Bendigo Bank grant to support the Main Street Lighting Project. Also, since the last Action Team catch up, another working group has been established to brainstorm initiatives to enhance empty shopfronts, potentially with temporary installations.



There are many initiatives identified in the Romsey Town Centre Action Plan (https://easternmacedonranges.au/s/240508_Romsey-action-plan-FINAL2.pdf) just waiting to be activated. For more information or if you would like to assist this great group of local “do-ers” in the Action Team, email contact@easternmacedonranges.au.

BUDBURST WINE FESTIVAL – 16-17 NOVEMBER, 2024

Discover the cool wines and warm hearts of Macedon Ranges winemakers at their annual wine festival. Budburst is a once-a-year opportunity to step behind the vines and meet the family-owned and small-batch makers who shape mainland Australia’s coolest wine region.

Budburst
MACEDON RANGES
WINE FESTIVAL

Across the weekend, more than 20 Macedon Ranges winemakers will open their wineries and cellar doors to wine enthusiasts. From 10am and 5pm Saturday and Sunday, you can enjoy wine tastings, curated food menus championing local produce, art shows, sculptor walks and live music.

Festival and bus tickets are on sale from 1st September (*early bird until 30th September*). For more information and to book tickets, visit budburst.com.

W. E. Tom 4BBB Shield

The quarter and semi finals of the shield have been played. The final is on August 17th. Teams competing are; Mal Mottram (0)/Dean Kohler (1) Vs Dylan Harris (1)/Simon Donovan (2). Four long hitting, low markers on a course that is drying out; has the potential to be a hard-fought final

Park Lane Puddle

For years the 15th green has been quite wet, puzzling everyone as this area receives the same rain as most of Romsey Park. Enter club member and plumber, Mitch Atlas. Mitch regularly has a coffee at Pitstop, just across the road from the 15th green. While having a coffee, he noticed a large puddle on the East side of Park Lane. On closer inspection he saw it was behind the 15th green. Water was draining from the puddle, under the footpath, into the 15th green. An email to Michelle Nolte of MRSC; and quickly people were on site with machinery and crushed rock to fill the puddle and redirect the water into the storm water sytem. Our thanks to Michelle and the team who worked on site.



Park Lane, Romsey
(PO Box 200, Romsey 3434)
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SECRETARY: 0400 768 040
mail@romseygolfclub.net
www.romseygolfclub.net



THE Park Lane puddle draining under the 15th green

GOLF CLINICS: In 2023 the club ran very successful clinics for beginner golfers. We are finalising details with a teaching professional for another series of clinics in October. For information please keep an eye of the RGC website or Facebook page.

HEAVY WINDS BRING DOWN A TREE: Heavy winds are not uncommon at RGC. On Wednesday July 24 they were strong enough to bring down a medium sized pine tree. No-one was within 100m of the tree when it fell. Steady work by our volunteers saw the timber cut up, some going to the odd "Man Cave" and smaller branches going to the burn-off pile.

Gambling Harm Prevention Policy

At its July 2024 Council Meeting, Council deferred consideration of the Draft Gambling Harm Prevention Policy to the 28 August 2024 Council Meeting, allowing officers additional time to meet with potentially impacted parties and further explain the Draft Policy and its implications.

Officers have since developed a fact sheet to clearly outline some of the key statements within the Policy, the implications of these and examples where practical.

Examples of these key Policy statements include:

- *guidance around Council support where a group is also being financially supported by an entity with gambling revenue; and*
- *working with sporting and community groups to support them in delivering gambling-free environments.*

The Draft Policy is also proposed to be renamed to the Gambling Harm Minimisation Policy.

You can download and view the fact sheet on the MRSC Website.

Annual tree planting and elm leaf beetle programs to get underway

Council will soon begin its annual street tree planting and elm leaf beetle treatment programs, to improve and protect the Macedon Ranges' natural environment.

Under the street tree planting program, a different town in the shire is typically prioritised each year, depending on available budget. Carefully selected tree species are planted at strategically chosen locations along streets to enhance a town's landscapes.

Acting Director Assets and Operations, Simon Finlay, said Kyneton would be prioritised for street tree planting this year, with planting set to occur between August and September – the cooler months giving the trees the best opportunity of establishing through the following summer.

From new trees, to existing trees; the Macedon Ranges is home to a significant and healthy population of about 2,400 elm trees. This year, elm trees in Romsey and Lancefield will be the focus of Council's elm leaf beetle treatment program which will commence in the coming weeks.

The treatment will ensure that the elm trees in these areas are protected from damage and defoliation caused by the elm leaf beetle and remain healthy and vibrant.

The elm leaf beetle feeds on the leaves of elm trees, leaving distinctive round holes which, if left untreated, can severely weaken the trees, leading to reduced visual appeal, safety concerns and a shortened lifespan.

Treatment includes spraying and injecting the soil around the tree's root zone with low-toxicity insecticide. This safe and effective method protects the trees for up to three years.



Other Recycling

We all have a colourful range of rubbish bins as well as Orange Bags, green FOGO bags and the opportunity to leave a range of specific waste items at the tip, waste transfer station, Resource Recovery Facility all for no cost, but there are other specialty drop-off points in Romsey.



- Used tablet blister packs can be left at Romsey Pharmacy,
- *Small batteries are accepted at the Romsey Library as well as-*
- Safety equipment and protective gear (*Masks, ear plugs etc*)
- General office supplies
- Printer Cartridges
- Mobile phones

And the Neighbourhood House accepts 10c deposit cans and bottles as well as canned food and other non-perishable foods for their FoodBank program. Call them on 5429 6724.

Romsey Mens Shed

Working on Friendships



ROMSEY MENS SHED - FRIENDSHIPS AND COMMUNITY LINKS

Romsey Mens Shed - Part of an International Movement

Romsey Mens Shed is part of a movement originating in Australia in the 80's, as a way of improving older mens' health and wellbeing. However, most sheds now have an open age policy. The movement has now spread internationally.

Our Romsey Mens Shed helps men maintain relationships and at the same time enable a broader link to other Romsey and District Community Organisations. We regularly meet with other Mens Shed representatives, from the Macedon Ranges Shire.

Open times

Located in Romsey Park at 47 Barry Street, our usual operating times are:

- *On Tuesdays from 9-4 for coffee, chats and for "hands-on" their project work;*
- *Wednesdays around 9 30am. for the woodwork enthusiasts and of course coffee and chats:*
- *and Thursday is our most popular day, from around 9 30am to around 2pm. Any noisy project work stops around 11am to allow for social chats and we then have a five-dollar donation barbecue/light lunch at 12noon. The menu varies and sometimes we have a main supplemented with donated Joshs Eggs.*

We occasionally have a guest speaker. A brief report of committee activity is usually given by the Committee President. We also have a five dollar donation "pub style" meat raffle, to subsidise occasional lunch outings.

Hobbies

Members can do woodwork, metal work, welding and automotive activities. Basic WH&S and hands-on skills are taught from time to time. Some members have skills in other less common hobbies and work with keen members on their skill development.

1925 T Model Ford truck restoration project

This is a longer-term, keystone restoration project. Doug Newham gifted the vehicle to the shed for the community and we have received some help from the Bendigo Community Bank to enable mobility and public display. Some local suppliers have also helped. The T Model Ford has some distinct historical features and there is a global T Model community who can help source parts.



T model line-up from a recent club visit.

Shed extension proposal

We only have a small Building Fund, so are seeking finance /grant/s and will need Shire approval to proceed.

OUR FACEBOOK PAGE IS: Romsey Mens Shed Inc. We have a GO FUND ME for the T model project.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: SECRETARY: romseym@gmail.com or drop in at 47 Barry Street

ROMSEY LIBRARY

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E: romsey@ncgrl.vic.gov.au

FACEBOOK: Macedon Ranges Libraries

OPENING HOURS

Please refer to our website

www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au

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

What's On at Romsey Library in September 2024?

| Seed Library

In addition to borrowing books, DVDs and magazines from the library, you can now also borrow seeds! The Seed Library is supported by the Macedon Ranges Seed Savers who meet regularly to help sort, pack and label the seed packets. Meetings take place at the library on the 4th Friday of the month at 10:30am and new seed helpers are always welcome.

- Next meeting – Friday 27th of September, 10.30 – 11.30am.

| A Curious Circle

Continue your creative journey and join us to make a Felt Needle Book.

All materials supplied and refreshments provided.

New members always welcome.

- Tuesday 17th of September, 5 – 7pm.

Bookings required -

<https://goldfieldslibraries.com/> or phone 5429 3086.

| School Holiday Activities

To find out what's on at the Romsey Library these Spring school holidays, call in and pick up a brochure or check our website - goldfieldslibraries.com or phone 5429 3086.

| Romsey Movie Club

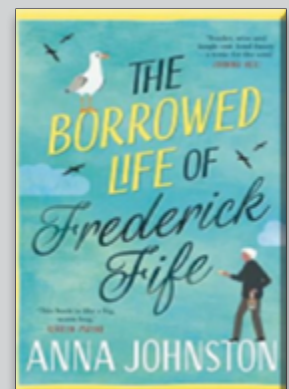
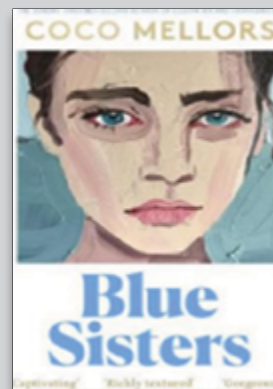


Our regular movie club continues this month with the fabulous Barbie movie! If you thought this was a movie just for children, be prepared to be surprised. It's funny, clever, historical and moving – well worth watching.

- Wednesday 11th of September, 10.30 – 1pm.

New Releases Titles Order in the Library Now!

To reserve a loan of these titles, head to www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au or phone 5429 3086.



Romsey's

WHOLE TOWN GARAGE SALE

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Saturday 14th September

8am - 12:30pm

Register to be part of our Romsey Whole Town Garage Sale! Start collecting NOW!

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Maps will sell for \$5 on the day 8am - 12.30pm at Romsey Hub

There has been a multitude of activities happening at St Mary's over the past few weeks and it doesn't look like slowing down until the end of term. With so much going on, here's just a snippet of each one to give you a taste of life at St Mary's!



**St Mary's Lancefield
and Romsey**

I Excursions / Incursions

- **Year 1/2 'Hands on Science' Incursion** - The purpose of this incursion was to launch their Term 3 Inquiry Unit - 'Look & Listen'. During the incursion our 1/2 's learnt some new words to add to their vocabulary - opaque, translucent, transparent, reflection, diffraction and refraction. They experimented with making shadows, saw rainbows with a peephole and a magnifying glass and made a ping pong ball move with the vibrations from a tuning fork. They made a guitar using boxes and elastic bands and experimented with how different sounds could be produced. Overall, it was a thoroughly enjoyable experience with lots of great learning opportunities.
- **Mini Vinnies Feed it Forward** - Here's what Lara had to say about her first Feed it Forward lunch. 'I think Feed It Forward was an amazing experience because we got to talk to people, serve food and go outside of our comfort zone. At the start we didn't really know what to do because there weren't many people there, but when it was time for lunch, we got really busy. We got to serve people lunch and dessert and I got to dish up some of the dessert. When everyone was done eating, we cleaned up the dishes and we got to have lunch. For lunch we had chicken drumsticks and vegetables and for dessert we had an extraordinary sticky date pudding with caramel sauce. I'm really glad I got to go and I think it was a great experience.'

- **2024 SHC Junior Chef** - Our team for 2024 consists of Lily, Bridie, Carolann & Ella. In early August they participated in Round One. They had 45 minutes to make pancakes with a berry sauce, plate it for presentation and clean everything up. The girls were extremely efficient and had time to spare at the end! Feedback received from the judges included:

Organisational Skills - Excellent communication through team discussion, planning, collaboration with clearly defined roles, and time management.

Final Product - Large fluffy pancakes and tasty sauce. Overall Delicious.

We are super proud of their amazing efforts and wish them all the best for the final round on the 20th August!



- **Year 3/4 Excursion to Bendigo Discovery Centre** - For their Inquiry Unit 'What's the Matter?' they're looking at scientific processes. Here's what some of the students had to say about their valuable experience at the Bendigo Discovery Centre -

We learnt that vinegar and bi carb of soda can create gases when mixed. (Marlie)

We learnt that water and oil don't mix together. We did an experiment where the oil was poured into water. The oil floated on the top. (Mollie)

We learnt to conquer our fears by tackling the vertical slide and you're meant to feel nervous. (Scarlett)

I learnt two new scientific words called endothermic, meaning cold energy and exothermic meaning hot energy. (Lily)

- **Prep** - Two 'NED's Mindset Mission' - A valuable incursion teaching students about YET - Never giving up, Encouraging others and Doing our best. All of these mindsets assist us throughout life and a good example of this is when using a yo-yo! The students listened and watched Steph as she told them a story about the power of YET using a yo-yo, she was absolutely amazing!
- **Prep Excursion** - Lancefield Neighbourhood House - During Religion the students were learning about the importance of Community. The children decided they would do a job at home to earn some non-perishable food to donate to the Lancefield Neighbourhood House for people having a tough time. So, in early August with trolleys full of food they visited the Neighbourhood House where they met Vivien and Deidre and found out how it all worked. What a meaningful experience for our preps - making a valuable contribution to the community.

Prep Celebrate 100 Days

On Friday 2nd August our amazing preps celebrated 100 days of school! To make this day extra special our prep staff organised many exciting '100' activities and decorated the hallway and classrooms with '100' balloons and signs. All students (and staff!) wore tops to go with the theme '100 Days of Loving School'. The day began with the 5/6 students making a guard of honour for the preps to run through as they chanted '100 days of school'. All prep students brought in a collection of 100 things and they made '100 Days Smarter' crowns, sang and danced to songs about 100 and had their photos taken by the local newspaper (keep your eye out for this week's *North Central Review!*) In the middle block, students moved into the hall where a number of activities were set up - making '100' cookies, fairy bread, monsters with 100 body parts, playing 'Race to 100' and 'What can I do in 100 seconds?' They each got to take home a '100' balloon, their cookies and a packet of smarties for being 100 days smarter. An amazing day of celebration for all!

So, there you have it, just a snapshot of what has been going on at St Mary's. We're currently involved in Bullying No Way - National Week of Action and we have the following activities still to come for the term: Book Week, Books to Life Performance, Father's Day Activity Hour, St Mary's Feast Day celebrations and still more excursions and incursions! We look forward to sharing it all with you next month!

Jo Shannon
(Community Liaison Leader)



Giving Young People the Facts They Need to Stop Vaping



The State Government is backing a new initiative that will see local councils, universities, sporting clubs and community organisations join forces to help stop young people vaping.

Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas announced a \$2 million investment to deliver workshops, community events, and develop a peer-to-peer digital platform for young people aged 14 to 25 – to educate young people about the harms of vaping. The two-year project is being delivered by the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation (*VicHealth*) in partnership with UNCLOUD.

UNCLOUD is a digital platform which provides peer-reviewed and scientifically backed information about vaping and allows young people to share their stories with each other.

More than 30 local councils, including Macedon Ranges, five sporting teams, and five universities will join the project by sharing the UNCLOUD platform at community events and activations.

As part of the project, the Alcohol and Drug Foundation will upskill coaches at sporting clubs across Victoria with anti-vaping education.

The Victorian Government will continue to work with the Commonwealth and other states and territories on the implementation of the Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment (*Vaping Reforms*) Bill 2024.

Banning retail sales and making vapes available only through pharmacies will ultimately keep vapes out of children's hands.



Romsey - Lancefield Probus - Welcome to friendship

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

The Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club is for active retirees or semi-retired people to meet, relax and enjoy the welcoming company of those at the same stage of life. There is a regular monthly meeting with guest speakers, 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.

In August our guest speaker was Daniel McKenna who talked about his early career working in remote areas of New Guinea with his wife Claire. His talk certainly provided insights into working in remote areas with indigenous groups.

Our outing for August was to Chin Chin Farm run by Sonia and Stewart Whiteman at Chinton. It is the only commercial Lavender Farm in the Eastern Macedon ranges and offers a wide range of products and experiences both at the farm and at local markets. The day started with morning tea, then a tour of the farm, damper making using native ingredients followed by lunch of soup, damper and strawberry gum soda. A thoroughly enjoyable day's outing!

Next month we have Angela Dickins from the Bendigo Bank to talk to members about scamming and what to do to keep yourself safe.

In September we are off to the Pig and Whistle hotel in Trentham and in October, Trackside in Kilmore for lunch.

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.

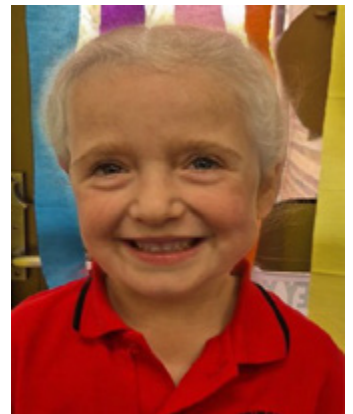
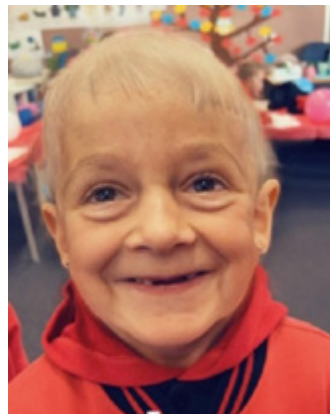
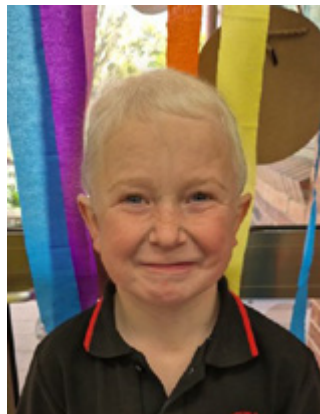
Romsey Primary School August 2024 (For September)

happy 100 days of school

100 Days of Prep at Romsey Primary School

The Preps enjoyed a day of celebration for their 100 Days at School. They decorated t-shirts to wear at assembly where they were presented with a certificate. Students iced and ate special cookies for morning tea and made special crowns to wear. They all had a fantastic day!





Congratulations to all of our amazing Prep students for 100 days of school!



Romsey Primary School Paris Olympics Recap

In 3/4 k we have been researching about the Olympics and we were asked to share some of the information we know about the Olympics to the Romsey Rag. Most of the kids in my class have made small articles for you to read. There is lots of information about the Olympics and we all hope you enjoy reading our articles. By Honey.



SUMMER OLYMPICS 2024

The 2024 summer Olympic ceremony opened on 26/7/24, the time of the ceremony was starting at 7:30pm to 12:30 central European summer time. The Olympic started at sun set in Paris on Friday JULY 26. There are 5 new sports for the 2024 Olympics - skateboarding, sports climbing, surfing and breaking are four non-traditional sports at the Paris Olympics. Last night on 31/7/24 the swimming was on. China came 1st and 2nd and Canada came 3rd in the 2024 swimming summer Olympic.

By CHARLOTTE .



Olympic 2024 information-Skateboarding

Arisa Trew wins a Gold medal at 14 years of age in the Woman Skateboarding Finals for Australia. Palma Keegan came 1st place in the Men's 2024 Paris Olympics with gold at the age of 21 years old for Australia.

By Honey



Rachael Gunn and Jeff Dunne

They are the Australian breaking team or break-dancing team. Rachael is breaking in the Olympics alongside Jeff Dunne, who plays for Australia. Breaking in the Olympics is break dancing. Rachael grew up in Sydney and was born in Hornsby, NSW. Jeff grew up in Casuarina, NSW but was born in Davao city, Philippines. Rachael is 36, Jeff is 16, their ages are 20 years apart, WOW! This is their first Olympics for both of them. Rachael Gunn's husband is Samuel Free they have no children. Jeff Dunne was born in 2008 and she was born in 1997.

By Norah



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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR TIM

Encourage



At Encourage Church, our purpose statement says "Encouraging one another to be ALL that we can be in Life and in God".

The definition of the word encourage is "to inspire with courage, spirit, or hope" (Mirriam-Webster dictionary). The word encourage literally means to put in courage to someone; to build up where there is a lack of courage or confidence, to spur someone on where doubt exists.

Encouraging each other is something we like doing at Encourage Church. "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing" (1 Thessalonians 5:11 NIV). We encourage each other because we have first received God's encouragement. "May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us **eternal encouragement** and good hope, **encourage your hearts** and strengthen you in every good deed and word" (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 NIV).

Is there someone today, who you can encourage? Someone who could do with you putting a bit of courage into them? As the first half of Hebrews 3:13 (NIV) says: "But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today"".

If you want to be encouraged, 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).

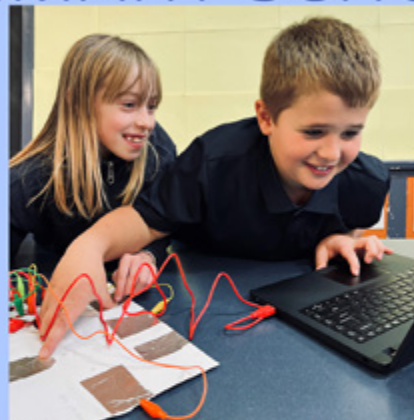
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- Sept 1st Church Service at both St Pauls 9:00 & Christ Church 10:30
- Sept 8th Combined Service Christ Church Lancefield 10:30
- Sept 15th Church Service at both St Pauls 9:00 & Christ Church 10:30
- Sept 22nd Combined Service Christ Church Lancefield 10:30
- Sept 29th Church Service at both St Pauls 9:00 & Christ Church 10:30
- Oct 6th Combined Service Christ Church Lancefield 10:30
- Oct 13th Church Service both St Pauls 9:00 & Christ Church Lancefield 10:30
- Oct 20th Combined Service Christ Church Lancefield 10:30
- Oct 27th Church Service both St Pauls 9:00 & Christ Church 10:30

PRAYER MEETING: Church Hall Lancefield Thursday 9:30am

BIBLE STUDY: Christ Church Lancefield Hall Thursday 10:30am
(Come and enjoy a cuppa while spending time pondering the Bible.)

MONTHLY PARISH COMMUNITY LUNCH: The lunches' are held each 2nd Saturday of the month at Christ Church Hall Lancefield.

- Next Lunch will be on Saturday, Sept 14th @ 12:00 noon. The day is free to all and

Everyone is very welcome to join us with good homemade food & a great time to meet new people & chat with old friends and time to make new acquaintances.

St Paul's OpShop:

- **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 damage 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 are very much valued and appreciated.

The St Paul's Church Hydrangea's are pruned and cuttings are available for purchase at \$1.00 a bunch of 10 cuttings.



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GIVING IS LIVING – Because He First Loved us by Cara Wells.

Often the motivation behind giving is that “*you reap what you sow*”. The biblical principle is not as formulaic as that – not the ideology in Karma.

Ten years ago I saw a tram hit a man and I became a witness, without offering to be. I remember how annoying it was, that next time I saw an incident, I’d run away to avoid anyone getting my details.

Also a while ago, I was in a car accident where the other driver was at fault – but there was no direct proof. Then, I had three strong witnesses who came to my aid and did all they could so justice was done. I was overwhelmed and humbled by their generosity - I may not have done the same thing in their situation. Realising what a difference they made in my life, I determined to be helpful next time I had the chance.

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All past & present parishioners, Parish Priest's, friends, family and members of the wider community welcome! Mass will be followed with an afternoon tea in the Parish Hall. (no 9am Mass on this day).

I 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. John directly at Woodend on 5427 2690 or Fr. Brian directly at Lancefield on 5429 2130.

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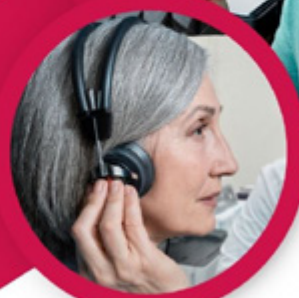
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