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## ROMSEY MECHANICS INSTITUTE

“RENOVATING A GRAND OLD LADY”; our application to the Community Investment Program for funds to repair some upper windows and repaint the main hall was not successful. It was felt that the works were maintenance and as such were the responsibility of the building’s owners.

We then looked at submitting a similar application to the “*Tiny Towns*” program but one of its guidelines states that the town must have a population of under 5,000. Romsey’s population is more than that figure so no luck there either. We would like to thank all those who took the time to prepare Letters of Support for our application.

**ROLLERSKATING SESSION;** This activity, Mon Oct 7th, was a great success and the organiser is looking at running additional sessions so keep an eye out for dates and times of the session/s.

**RMI ACTIVITIES;** October has been a very busy month with CoM members organising the hall for numerous birthday parties and other activities. Chairs and tables have to be put in place and later packed away.

**RMI COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT TRIENNIAL MEETING:** Every three years all DECCA volunteer Committees of Management must hold a General Meeting. At this meeting reports on the operation of the facility over the previous three years are presented and a new committee and executive is elected.

### The RMI’s Triennial GM will be held on Wednesday February 12th.

The Romsey Mechanics’ Institute is on Crown Land & is owned by you, 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).



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CLOSING the Roller-skating day.

## NOVEMBER IN THE GARDEN

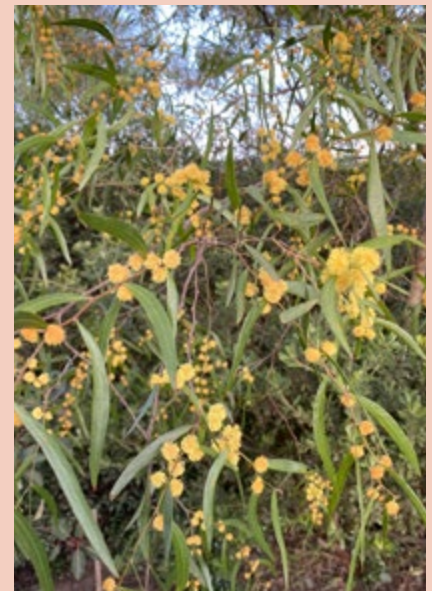
### I by Melanie Kinsey

Such a windy spring we have had! I have lost several trunks on my multi-trunked mallee tree and enough twigs and leaves to carpet all the gravel areas! Mallee trees by their very nature are multi-trunked and I’m sure the wind plays a process in weeding out the growths that are less strongly attached. However, it’s still sad to lose anything in the garden.

I retired from full-time work a few weeks ago and it’s been great to be able to spend day after day in my garden – especially during spring! I have been fertilising a lot of plants as it is their first year in the ground and I want them to get off to a good start. I have also been weeding, installing some garden art and potting up cuttings.

The Virginia creeper growing up the verandah posts has come into leaf and is already rocketing away with new growth. I will have to spend the next few months regularly training it in the right direction.

I am excited to announce that a chance apricot coloured seedling from *Acacia leprosa* ‘Scarlet Blaze’ that came up in my garden 7 years ago has finally been released onto the market! It is called ‘Apricot Confetti’ and will probably only be available in spring when it flowers (*August to October*). Its ball-like flowers open deep apricot and fade to a salmon-orange. I was thrilled when it first flowered in my garden – the fine leaves and haze of apricot flowers looked gorgeous! My tree is in the middle of a reasonably dense planting where it receives shelter and support on all sides.



This is not destined to be a stand-alone specimen tree so plant it with other plants. With its graceful semi-weeping habit and being drought and frost tolerant this small acacia should do well in the Macedon Ranges. Look for it or order it next spring from your local nursery!

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# Heart Disease

## I'm too young, it couldn't happen to me... could it?

Just about everyone sees Heart Disease as a problem for those in later life. This may be incorrect, as local Justine O'Loughlin(37 Yrs) can testify.

Justine has two children. She leads an active life and has been careful with her diet. She is heavily involved in junior sport in the local community.

Justine and her partner Shannon were away for the weekend. Suddenly, late Saturday afternoon, she became short of breath, developed leg cramps and found her ankles beginning to swell.

**RR;** What happened next?

**JUSTINE;** Early Sunday morning we packed and headed home. I knew I was sick, and things were not right,. I had a real wheeze and soon I was gasping for air. By mid morning on Monday it got far more serious and we called an ambulance. Shannon, at work, rang the neighbours and eight came round to help. In seven minutes the ambulance arrived, did an EGG and saw my heart was "way out of wack". We rushed to hospital with sirens and lights flashing.

Over the next five days they took two litres of fluid from my heart and lungs, and found several micro clots we didn't know of. The fluid had caused the ultra-sound to be unclear. My heart rate was 132 and my blood pressure was 184/134. I was put onto medication via a drip and given oxygen to help me breathe.

Over the next few days I thought all was reasonably well until, at 4.00am on Friday morning, I woke to nurses around me and the defibrillator in action. I had had 20 irregular heartbeats in a row; 22 was a cardiac arrest and very slim chances of coming out of it. A very near thing!

I had an angiogram before I left hospital that showed no clots and no blockages... and I had lost over six Kg.

**RR;** Justine, have you ever smoked.

**JUSTINE;** Yes, I was a weekend, social smoker. I gave up over seven years ago when I was pregnant with Coda, my 2nd child.

**RR;** Is there history of heart disease in your family?

**JUSTINE;** I knew a few people in the family had died young. I didn't know these deaths were related to heart disease, Angina and Transthyretin amyloidosis (*ATTR-CM*) occurs when your liver produces faulty transthyretin (*TTR*) proteins

**RR;** So, Justine what would people learn from your frightening experience?

**JUSTINE;** In hospital the doctors went through the symptoms of heart disease. I recognised most of them from my own life. I was completely unaware! Such as:

- grabbing the chest,
- increasing shortness of breath,
- increase in anxiety, things that would usually not bother you becoming problem,
- waking in a fright, during the night ,
- waking up and feeling tired,
- being low in energy, feeling like taking a nap,
- constantly feeling like you are on high alert.

Heart disease is a massive killer, far too many people, me included, do not know enough about it. It is up to all of us to educate ourselves about the symptoms, when to act, seek advice or call an ambulance

There is no time when it is too early to act but there can be a time when it is too late.



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# Group Show

**14<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> December, Old Auction House, 52-56 Mollison St Kyneton**

An immersive showcase of painting, pottery, textiles, woodwork, sculpture and works on paper.

The artists' background and work covers traditional and contemporary works.

An opportunity to purchase locally handmade art for yourself or a unique Christmas gift.

The Macedon Ranges Potters will launch their book *"The Potters Kitchen"* on Saturday November 30th – an insider's look into Macedon Ranges Potters, their inspiration and cherished recipes.

Photos allow us a peek into the homes and studios of the potters and their unique pottery.

It is for sale on the day.

Buttlejorrk Artists and the Macedon Ranges Potters have two free *"Meet the Artists"* events where you can engage with the creators and discover their stories. Everyone is welcome.

- **Meet the Artists:** Saturday November 16th from 2-4pm
- **The Potters Kitchen book launch:** Saturday November 30th from 2-4pm

The art is also on Instagram @buttlejorrk @macedonrangespotters

The display is open 7 days from 10am to 4pm.



The Project Manager overseeing the Coles Supermarket development at 51 Main Street, Romsey has been requested by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council to advertise upcoming roadworks in the local paper.

The works are scheduled to begin in mid-November and will conclude by February 7th, 2025. These works will involve upgrades to the turning lanes and slip lanes on Main Street, Romsey. Please be aware of these changes and take care in the area.

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# **ROMSEY MARKET**

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# Recycle & Reuse

**In November, the Focus Room at The Gallery will feature "Recycle & Reuse" a theme which is very close to the hearts of many of Macedon Ranges residents. Members of The Gallery are turning their minds and hands to creating a diverse collection of artifacts and products that have taken on new forms and purposes.**

The variety of exhibits will demonstrate the breadth of talent we have in our gallery. While the artists are constantly updating and extending their skills, they are also conscious of the effects their use of certain materials have on the environment and the need to be ethical about disposal of the artifacts when they are no longer used for their original purpose. For this exhibition they aim to give a new purpose in a new form that is environmentally sound and satisfying, using humour, flair and practical applications in the mix.

There will be a range of wall art, a variety of textiles, as well as metal and woodwork to list a few objects in this exhibition.

The exhibition begins Tuesday, 5 November until the end of the month.

The Gallery is at 684 Mount Macedon Road, Mt. Macedon (*behind The Trading Post Cafe*) and is open 10am - 4pm Friday to Tuesday.

**I Sue Anson 0413 581 632**



PATRICIA Danko - Recycled men's shirts from the local Op Shop reconstructed into women's shirts, using lace, Japanese prints, eco dyed fabric or sashiko stitching

## THE MOUNT PLAYERS HAPPENINGS

### Don't Miss the Final Show for 2024... It's a Hoot!

The theatre is winding up their 2024 year with a lovely, English comedy. Come along and immerse yourself in a sleepy village in Suffolk and enjoy watching The Stratford Players prepare for their production of King Lear. Of course, as you will expect, not all things go to plan especially for the American 'star' who is brought in to help save their humble theatre from the developers. He thinks he is in Stratford on Avon, birth place of the Bard... how wrong he is!

A Bunch of Amateurs will have you smiling and hopefully laughing out loud as you watch these delightful characters work towards presenting their show to the Stratford community. A real 'feel good' show, something we all need right now!

The show opens 1 Nov – 17 Nov so do yourself a favour and come and enjoy a complimentary sherry, free tea, coffee & treats at interval and of course the bar offering drinks at very reasonable prices... you'll love it.

To book tickets and everything theatre we invite you to our website [www.themountplayers.com](http://www.themountplayers.com) or call 5426 1892.

See you at the Mountview Theatre.

**I By Karen Hunt**



The Mount Players

## Mortgage Choice Woodend's Nathan Newlan Wins 'Best New Broker' Award

**Nathan Newlan from Mortgage Choice Woodend has been named as the best new broker in Victoria and Tasmania run by the respected mortgage and finance magazine The Adviser.**

The awards recognise brokers' commitment to excellence and dedication to serving in their clients' best interests.

Nathan joined Mortgage Choice Woodend after four years with the Commonwealth Bank. He has built a strong reputation for his level of service, as shown by the many glowing client testimonials and Google reviews.

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#### 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



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## ANIMAL FACTS

*Pet parrots can eat virtually any common "people-food" except for chocolate and avocados. Both of these are highly toxic to the parrot and can be fatal.*

#### FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:

**PRESIDENT:** Dianne Purtil, M: 0409 214 520 **SECRETARY:** Wendy Foster, M: 0409175 667 oemail: cwaromsey@gmail.com

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.

## OPEN STUDIOS MACEDON

**10am – 4pm, Saturday 30th Nov -  
Sunday Dec 1st**

Longer warmer days give you the chance to visit Open Studios Macedon members in their 'studios in the gardens' at Macedon. See these diverse workplaces in typical Macedon Ranges rural settings.

The artists will welcome you to their studios where you will see a local skills and art ... pottery, painting, drawing, jewellery, textiles and printmaking - as well as work in progress.

Brochures with maps are at The Gallery Mt. Macedon, in local cafes and businesses, and at tourist information sites online.

Studios are a short drive from each other ...don't miss the pop-up display at Top of the Range Tearooms. Art in beautiful gardens with food at nearby cafes.

SUE ANSON 0413581632

INSTAGRAM: @openstudiosmacedon



Sue Anson - Linocut - Thistle Study #1



Marian Alexopoulos - Acrylic on paper





### A ROSE SHOULD SMELL SO SWEET

My wife, Jan, a north of England girl, often laughs as she tells of when, as a schoolgirl, she left the shores of England to visit a pen friend in France and, on visiting a Museum of Art, was struck by the stench of Garlic emanating from the French guards who had finished their lunch and so polluted the air with their breath. "In Lancashire we didn't use anything as a flavour enhancer stronger than salt'n'pepper."

But now she's a devout advocate of the 'stinking rose' as the garlic bulb is known.

Mind you, as a boy growing up in Tumut we had no Art Museum with Neopolitan guards to breath on and discolour the varnish of the paint, either in frames or on window sills or door frames. So it's only as time passed and our palates grew up that I've become a devotee of garlic and so pass on this Aioli recipe for your approval.

### AIOLI. (GARLIC MAYONNAISE)

#### INGREDIENTS

- 2 large egg yolks
- 300 ml olive oil
- 3 large cloves of garlic
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- salt

#### METHOD

- Crush the garlic cloves with a pinch of salt and beat them into the two egg yolks in a bowl till they're well mixed. Still beating, add the olive oil a little at a time, making sure that it's being thoroughly absorbed into the mixture. When you've used about half the oil, add the lemon juice (*a little at a time*) and then, still beating, the rest of the oil - again, slowly - till the aioli is thick and smooth. Store as you would any other mayonnaise.
- Aioli is traditionally served alongside Mediterranean fish soups, but it's also excellent with other foods such as eggs, fish, vegetables, salads - in fact anything you would use a mayonnaise with.

### ROAST GARLIC WITH THYME

#### INGREDIENTS

- 6 large heads of garlic
- salt
- 100 ml olive oil
- 6 sprigs of fresh thyme

#### METHOD

- With a sharp knife, cut off the top third of each head of garlic and trim off the roots at the other end. Pack the heads tightly, cut side up, in a single layer in an ovenproof dish. Drizzle with the olive oil and sprinkle with salt then tuck in the sprigs of thyme between the garlic heads. Roast, uncovered, in a pre-heated oven (200 deg.C) for about an hour until the garlic is soft.
- You can serve them as a 'starter' with crusty bread and a soft cheese, or as an accompaniment to any other food. You just squeeze out the cooked garlic cloves with your fingers.



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# Tournament Weekend

Women's & Men's events  
 Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
 Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

## **4BBB Stableford**

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**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

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**8.30am onwards: Breakfast**  
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**9.30am:** 12 holes golf  
**12.00pm:** Lunch  
**1pm :** 12 holes golf  
 Followed by afternoon tea

### **Entry Details**

**Closing Date:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024 COB

**Entries to:** Secretary, Elaine Scanlon

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## SEASONAL FIRE PREVENTION WORKS STARTING AHEAD OF SUMMER

Annual fire prevention activities in Council-managed areas are ramping up in coming weeks, aiming to keep grass low and trees a safe distance away from powerlines.

Council's roadside grass slashing program is already underway, while an electric line vegetation clearance program is set to begin next week. Additionally, private property inspections targeting potential fire risks will commence in early November.

CEO Bernie O'Sullivan said contractors started roadside grass slashing in Malmsbury and would be gradually working their way south, to provide initial coverage of the shire.

*"This program prioritises high-use Council-managed roads and our contractors work within strict guidelines to complete these works safely,"* he said.

*"Cutting grass on these roadsides, combined with other activities such as the powerline clearance works and property inspections, is all part of our efforts to proactively protect our townships and residents ahead of the higher-risk fire season."*

In the lead up to summer, and during summer when safe, Council slashes roadsides to reduce the likelihood of fires starting from hot vehicle exhausts, mechanical failures and collisions. Transport Victoria manages the roadside maintenance of state-managed roadsides.

Council is responsible for keeping powerlines clear of vegetation on nature strips and Council-owned properties within declared areas of Gisborne and Kyneton. Powercor is responsible for most other non-declared areas of the shire, with Jemena responsible for Gisborne South.

As part of the program, qualified arborists inspect street trees and powerlines to identify potential breaches of clearance guidelines and organise trimming where appropriate, adhering to Council's Electric Line Clearance Management Plan 2024-25.

Council's Municipal Fire Prevention Officers will also soon be conducting private property inspections to check for fire hazards such as unmaintained long grass, excessive woodpiles or other debris.

Officers may issue Fire Prevention Notices where necessary. If a property owner does not comply, they may face an infringement of nearly \$2,000, plus any costs associated with completing the required works.

*"Our officers don't seek to fine people – we would prefer to work collaboratively with property owners and help safeguard their property,"* Mr O'Sullivan said. *"However, we also have a broader responsibility to protect our towns and support residents who are doing the right thing."*

Visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/fire-heat](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/fire-heat) to find out more about how you can prepare ahead of summer.




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## I LANCEFIELD AND ROMSEY TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

We are committed to investing in our local youth, and one of the ways we continue to do this is via our local scholarship program. In 2024, we awarded 7 tertiary scholarships to local youth and a once off \$500 bursary to a further 11 students beginning their tertiary studies.

It's that time of year again – applications are now open for our 2025 scholarships!

Our scholarships are not based on academic achievement, rather community involvement, leadership and challenging circumstances to be overcome, so we'd encourage all local youth to apply. See below for details;

### 3 YEAR TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIP

\$3,500 per year, up to 3 years (5 scholarships available), open to those studying full-time at University, TAFE or College for the first time in 2024.

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

To find out more and apply, visit our Lancefield or Romsey branch or head to;  
<https://communitybanklancefieldromsey.smartygrants.com.au>

## I MISSED OUR VICTORIAN HOME BUYER FUND SEMINAR?

We recently held an online information session about the Victorian Home Buyer Fund. It's a great scheme for those that would like to purchase their own home and always thought it was out of their reach. If you missed the session but would like to find out more about the scheme and see if you're eligible, call our Home Lending Specialist, Chris Smith on 0411 435 561.

## I 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services Limited (*the local company that owns our Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey*) will be held at 6:30pm on Thursday, November 28th 2024 at The Lancefield Lodge. Shareholders will have received formal notice of the AGM along with supporting documents early October.

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# Lancefield and Romsey Tertiary Scholarship Program



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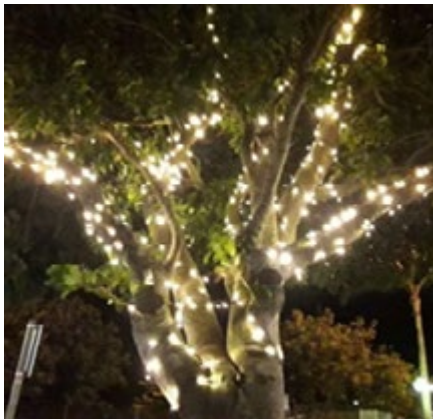
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### The Romsey Town Centre Action Plan Team continues to enthusiastically work on Action Plan ([https://easternmacedonranges.au/s/240508\\_Romsey-action-plan-FINAL2.pdf](https://easternmacedonranges.au/s/240508_Romsey-action-plan-FINAL2.pdf)) projects as follows:

- **Main Street Lighting:** Stage 1 of this project involves the proposal to illuminate 40 Main Street trees with solar lights. Given the much-welcomed success of its Bendigo Bank Community Investment Program grant application, the Lighting team will now progress this project with support from Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Department of Transport.
- **Murals:** A number of privately owned sites have been earmarked for Stage 1 of the Murals project. Engagement with property owners is ongoing, and the theme for the artwork is being developed. Funding opportunities are also being explored.
- **Signage:** The Action team is organising a draft concept for wayfinding signage that would support awareness of local businesses (*as an alternative to A-frames*) and other landmark sites/resources. The concept will be presented to local business operators for feedback before being discussed with Macedon Ranges Shire Council.
- **Roundabout:** The Barry Street roundabout was noted in the Town Centre Action Plan as a key “town centre entry point” enhancement opportunity. Action team members recently met on-site with Scott Gilchrist (*Council’s Acting Manager Parks, Recreation and Depots*) to discuss the potential for improved aesthetics and the possibility of a future feature inclusion in the roundabout (*consistent with Action Plan suggested themes*). As a result of the discussion, Scott has suggested some extra support for the current plantings as well as some extra “infill” plantings this Spring to boost the landscaping before Summer. In addition, he was supportive of the Action Team developing some concept ideas for a central “feature” that could be presented to Department of Transport and Council.

There are many other initiatives (*big and small*) identified in the Romsey Town Centre Action Plan 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](mailto:contact@easternmacedonranges.au).



### Environment events

- *Citizen science Clover Glycine survey*  
*Black Hill Reserve, 1 November 10am-12pm*

Join local volunteer citizen scientists to survey the rare and threatened species of Clover Glycine at Black Hill Reserve. The reserve has an expanding population of this pretty plant, which is only visible over spring before disappearing back into the ground before the summer heat arrives.

- *Koala Count at Hanging Rock*  
*18 November, 10am-12pm*

Come along as a citizen scientist to walk the Hanging Rock grasslands or summit on the lookout for koalas. Bring your smartphone, and learn how to contribute to Hanging Rock Reserve’s biodiversity data by recording sightings in the iNaturalist Australia app.

To register for events or to sign up to the monthly environment eNews, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events)

### Healthy Landscapes events:

#### Grass identification field days

**Session 1: Greater Bendigo area - 28**  
November, 10am-12pm

**Session 2: Macedon Ranges - 4 December, 10am-12pm**

**Session 3: Clunes - 12 December, 10am-12pm**

Using our Grasses of Central Victoria guide, our skilled grass identification practitioner will show you:

- *how to use our new grass identification guide in the field*
- *traits of grassland plants*
- *how to identify native and exotic plants in the field*
- *how to identify important weeds in the region.*

For information and to register, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/healthy-landscapes](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/healthy-landscapes)

## ROMSEY GOLF CLUB REPORT

**THE RGC ANNUAL GOLF TRIP;** This year the crew headed up to Rich River Golf Club on the Murray. Leaving Romsey early Friday morning, saw plenty of time to get in a round that afternoon. Many thanks to Shannon Wright and Mick Squire who did the bulk of the organising and to ex RGC Member Jim Patton (*who now lives in Echuca*) for helping out with the bookings and accommodation. A regular event on these trips is the playing of the "Sevi Wilkins Masters". The 2024 Masters Winner was Simon Donovan, '23 winner, Dean Kohler, was on hand to present the "Green Jacket".

**CLUB AGM;** The AGM was held on Wed Oct 9th,, many attended in person, others came in via Zoom. long term president, Anthony Lakey, (2011 – 2024) was not standing for election. After a very informative meeting reviewing the previous 12 months, elections were held. The executive for 2024 will be, Ben Owen (*Pres*) Shaun Scales (*VP*) Elaine Scalnon (*Sec*) & Kevin Dunn (*Treas*). Others elected were, Malcolm Mottram (*director of golf*), Craig Sandy and James Simpson (*general committee members*). Congratulations to all and good luck for the coming year.

**2024 MACEDON RANGES SPRING CUP:** This annual event, sponsored by Drummond Golf Niddrie, was held at Romsey on Oct 27th. The event rotates between Mt Macedon, Romsey and Lancefield Golf Clubs. It is a team's stableford event and is open to all golfers. An equal number of players from each club are selected, (*the top scorers*) and their scores totalled. The club with the largest total wins the shield. In the past it has always been the home club who have come out on top however, Lancefield upended this by winning at Mt Macedon last year.

**2024/25 TWILIGHT GOLF;** Twilight Golf fields will get to experience all three RGC rated lay-outs. This will see some players off +1 – +5 off the Yellow then back to -5 or -6 off the Blue or Red courses. It promises to be both interesting and a very enjoyable competition. Hit-off is from 3:00pm on Fridays, \$500 for members & \$1000 for guests. The Friday Twiligh Golf will continue until early March.

**JUNIOR CLINICS:** We began a series of clinics for juniors in early October. Once again PGA teaching professional, Emily Pell, took charge of the boys and girls who enrolled for the course. The clinic was fully subscribed. We hope to run more of these junior clinics in the future.



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2024 "Sevi Wilkin's Masters" Champion  
Simon Donovan

## Calling all tourism businesses and events in the shire

**October is here and the festive season is fast approaching. We'd love to see our local tourism and event operators make the most of the free Visit Macedon Ranges website, which reaches over 400,000 users per year.**

Business operators - Please check that your business information, trading hours, and images are up to date on the Visit Macedon Ranges website ahead of summer and autumn. Log in to Operator Admin to check your listing/s. Forgotten your password? Request a new one or contact us.

New listings - Listings are free and provide an opportunity for local tourism businesses based within the Macedon Ranges to reach over 400,000 users per year, not to mention our social media and email newsletter following. Tourism businesses without a listing can sign up free too. To list your business, visit [visitmacedonranges.com/sign-up](http://visitmacedonranges.com/sign-up)

Events - Whether you are a business operator hosting exclusive seasonal events, or a standalone annual event operator, we want every tourism event based within the Macedon Ranges to appear on our website. Existing business operators with a one-off event can add it after you login to Operator Admin. One-off/annual tourism events can list free too. To list your event, visit: [visitmacedonranges.com/list-your-tourism-event](http://visitmacedonranges.com/list-your-tourism-event)

If you notice any new or existing Macedon Ranges tourism businesses missing from our website, tell us about them at [visitmacedonranges@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:visitmacedonranges@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

# Romsey Mens Shed

Working on Friendships



## ROMSEY MENS SHED - FRIENDSHIPS AND COMMUNITY

Romsey Mens Shed is part of a multi-national movement originating in Australia!

Our main objective is improving mens mental and indirectly, their physical health, particularly older men and their guests, but younger men are always welcome. Participation in community activities is encouraged and our members help out wherever practicable, on small community projects.

### Open times:

**We are in Romsey Park at 47 Barry Street and 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 Thursday is our most popular day, from around 9 30am to around 2pm. We have a five-dollar donation barbecue/light lunch at 12 noon and members guests are welcome.

The Thursday lunch prepared by the catering team is often supplemented with donated Joshs Eggs. Potential members often come along to a lunch before joining. A brief report on committee activity is usually given by the Committee President and occasionally we have a guest speaker.

We also have a five dollar donation "old pub style" meat raffle, to subsidise occasional outings and a short quiz that keeps members on their toes

### The shed is a hobbies and social venue

The shed is a venue for social gathering - coffee and chat - or hobbies. We are equipped for woodwork, metal work, welding and automotive activities. Work Health & Safety and some "hands-on" skills training is available.

Some members also have skills in other less common hobbies and will work with keen members on their skill development. We occasionally have a guest speaker and several days a year we go on field trips to points of interest, such as museums and Crane Training International in Riddells Creek.

1925 T Model Ford truck restoration. When finished will be community asset.

This is a long-term, keystone, restoration project. We have received some help from the Bendigo Community Bank and some local suppliers. A global T Model restoration community also helps source parts and advice.

### Shed extension-Lancefield/Romsey Bendigo Bank support

With more than 60 members plus occasional guests and with a wide range of tools and equipment - most donated by community members - and while some items are a bit old, most are of a quality not seen today and we now need more space!

Lancefield/Romsey Bendigo Community Bank have given us a grant to build an extension and the concrete flooring. The October 24 Community Investment Evening saw a number of presentations by the bank, to various community bodies.



PHOTO CAPTION: The 1925 T Model Truck is unique and we hope ours will look like this. It would be good if it was complete by the 100 year anniversary, but there is still a lot of work to go.

**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](mailto:romseym@gmail.com) or drop in at 47 Barry Street



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



**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:**

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### LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS - MEET THE EAST WARD CANDIDATES EVENT

Organised for the East Ward community by EMRBATA, with support from Romsey Neighbourhood House, the Meet the East Ward Candidates event was held at the Romsey Community Hub on Saturday 12th October.

With community members from Romsey, Lancefield and Riddells Creek listening intently, the six East Ward candidates in attendance were given a 5 minutes presentation opportunity before adjourning for morning tea and "meet-and-greet" with those who wanted to chat further.

EMRBATA congratulates all who nominated for grass roots government that is Local Council. It is a challenging and often thankless job, but nevertheless very important for local community.

### ROMSEY ECOTHERAPY PARK FEATURED IN ABC RADIO'S CONVERSATION HOUR

Romsey Ecotherapy Park's recognition as a "special place in nature" was further consolidated when it was included in a recent ABC Radio "Conversation Hour" program highlighting the importance of parks (<https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/theconversationhour/the-conversation-hour-what-makes-a-good-public-park/104363624>). The Park was also included in the itinerary of the Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program when participants recently visited the Macedon Ranges as an example of a great community project that underscored the need for project vision and collaboration with key stakeholders.



## Fire prevention works in the shire

### Property inspections

Council's Municipal Fire Prevention Officers have begun inspecting properties around the shire and will be issuing notices to landowners that require fuel reduction works to be completed.

Officers will be checking for fire hazards such as unmaintained long grass, excessive woodpiles or other debris. Officers may issue Fire Prevention Notices where necessary. If a property owner does not comply, they may face an infringement of nearly \$2,000 plus any costs associated with completing the required works.

If you plan on bailing grass and receive a notice, please let us know by completing the application for extension on the back of the notice. If you are grazing stock, you must demonstrate that the number is sufficient to reduce the risk, and if not, you may be required to do additional fuel reduction work.

Visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/fire-heat](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/fire-heat) to find out more about how you can prepare ahead of summer.

## Annual Plant Sale

Spring has truly erupted, and we are now appreciating the efforts of labours in our gardens over the cooler months. If you have found that there are a few patches that need a bit more variety or even updating, then we might just have you covered.

The return of the ever popular, Kyneton Horticultural Society and Friends of Kyneton Botanic Gardens Annual Plant Sale is just around the corner. The volunteers have been nurturing hundreds of groundcovers, perennials, bulbs, succulents, shrubs and trees and will be selling them at the Kyneton Rotary Market, Saturday 9th November, 2024 08:30 am – 1:00pm at the Kyneton Uniting Church, Ebdon and Yaldwyn Street West.

This is a great opportunity to purchase plants that have been grown locally and are already acclimatised to the Macedon Ranges weather. This year there will be a raffle, merchandise and members offering free advice and guidance about plants for sale, or any questions that you have about your garden. Be sure to bring your barrow, box or bags to take home your new additions.

## Hazelmere Open Day

Margot and James McDonald are known for their exuberance when it comes to their passion for plants and gardening with Hazelmere Garden representing the embodiment of such passion.

An eclectic mix of both native and exotic trees, shrubs, grasses, and perennials, set in a harsh and difficult rural environment. The garden is not watered so only the resilient plants survive the long dry summers and that of voracious native birds.

Join the Kyneton Horticultural Society for their annual fund-raising event on Sunday 17 November, 10am – 5pm, for a tour of the Hazelmere Garden. KHS Members free, Non-Member - \$10. Booking essential <https://events.humanitix.com/host/kyneton-horticultural-society> or by contacting 0499188815 or [kynetonh1894@gmail.com](mailto:kynetonh1894@gmail.com).



rear of Romsey Mechanics Institute hall (off William St)



Only \$2 per visit



**About Us**  
We are a Ukulele group taking members from across the Macedon Ranges. We meet on Saturday mornings at 10am for an hour then a cuppa and chat.

**Contact for more info**  
☎ 0418 581 885 Allan

**New members**  
No experience necessary. We are self taught but will give you a few tips. You will get our songbook for just \$5 and this includes free updates as our list of songs grows. We are keen to hear from singers who wish to exercise their vocal chords.



**New Players Welcome**



**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.**

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 1<sup>st</sup> September (*early bird until 30<sup>th</sup> September*). For more information and to book tickets, visit [budburst.com](http://budburst.com).

## WOODEND HANGING ROCK PETANQUE CLUB

**Well, our summer season has finally begun and will continue until the end of Daylight-Savings next April.**

We have had members playing during the winter, at the Racecourse in Woodend on each Monday and Thursday, who battled the wind and rain on many occasions, but not deterred we played on, hail, rain or shine!

Now the fine weather is on its way. We celebrated our first night of the season at our shelter at the Hanging Rock Reserve. Thirty three of our members gathered to play 3 games of petanque, some having not played all winter, it was fun getting back into the petanque rhythm.

The games were out-of-a-hat so all the teams were varied over the three games. We had winners, Louise Potter, our President taking out the trophy with winning three games, and Bob Hickman and Robyn Aitken runners up for second and third place.

A delicious BBQ was prepared by our new Social Co-ordinator, Marni Hickman, who put together chicken, salad and crusty baguettes, to be followed by sweets, prepared by Cassie Simmonds, Robyn Aitken and Louise Potter, thank you everyone on the night for the setup and clean up.

We continue to play on Mondays from 2pm at the Old Racecourse in Woodend and at Hanging Rock from 4pm on a Thursday. So, if you think this sounds interesting drop by and have a chat to one of our members. We would love you to join us. No experience necessary! or SMS Louise on 0438 302 218.



LEFT to Right – Presidents Cup winner Louise Potter and runners up Robyn Aitken and Bob Hickman,



# Road Maintenance Blitz Revs up Across Regional Victoria

**The State Government is rolling out a major road maintenance blitz to rebuild, repair, and resurface roads right across Victoria – fuelled by the largest single-year investment in road maintenance in the state’s history.**

Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne recently launched the \$964 million road maintenance blitz at the South Geelong depot of Fulton Hogan, one of the contractors that will deliver these works between now and mid-2025.

An army of road workers will begin delivering the equivalent of \$2.6 million worth of works for every day of the year – with around 70 per cent of funding going to regional Victoria.

Over the next nine months, crews will complete thousands of projects on our network, ranging from road rehabilitation and resurfacing, to patching potholes and maintaining bridges, traffic lights, signage and road infrastructure.

To deliver major works such as road rebuilding and rehabilitation, there must be extended periods of warmer and drier conditions, which is why most work is done between now and May each year - ensuring repairs last.

## **IN MACEDON THE FOLLOWING ROADS ARE INCLUDED:**

- Gisborne-Kilmore Road
- Tylden-Woodend Road
- Kilmore-Lancefield Road
- Heathcote-Kyneton Road

## **WITH ROADS NEARBY INCLUDING:**

- Vineyard Road Sunbury
- Midland Hwy between Blampied and Newlyn
- Bendigo Redesdale Road.

Repeated flooding and above-average rainfall caused unprecedented damage to our roads which meant our maintenance program needed to focus on rebuilding damaged roads last year – simply resurfacing these roads would not have prevented further degradation.

**LOST WATERING HOLE**

**LOST WATERING HOLE**  
THE LANCEFIELD BREWERY

**GLUTEN FREE**

**HARD LEMONADE**

**NOW AVAILABLE IN CANS!**

4% ABV



**Global warming, climate change and climate anxiety can be overwhelming. So economists talking about “nature positive” is encouraging – not just GDP, CPI, the NAIRU. We know the world has changed.**

Economics and the environment are being linked. The 2021 World Economic Forum in 2021 called for the world to become net zero and nature positive for people and the planet. Nature positive means enhancing planet resilience, to halt and reverse nature loss. It is disruptive ie. to think about our place in the world.

Economists have now recognized the importance of “*natural capital*”: the world’s stock of natural assets, such as geology, soil, air, water and all living things.”<sup>1</sup> Ken Henry (*former Treasury secretary*) says that “*the historical loss of natural capital denies us reason to believe that future generations will have the capacity to achieve our level of wellbeing.... It is irrational to suppose that we are custodians of sustainable development.*”<sup>1</sup>He argues for nature repair, so much has been lost ...we must become nature positive!

The first global nature positive summit was in Sydney recently, hosted by Tanya Plibersek, Minister for the Environment. Terrific, but what nature positive action is taking place now?

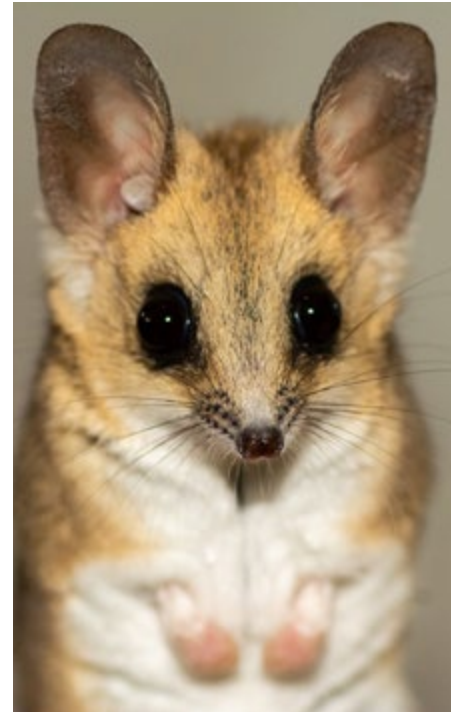
Deep Creek Landcare and environmental groups work with local, state and federal government on nature positive projects. Six Macedon Ranges Biolinks and more indigenous plants along creeks, roadways, parks etc will enhance resilience. Also, recycling at Romsey Tip, cat curfews, brumby control, less native logging, ending professional fishing in bays and lakes and breeding programs for critically endangered flora and fauna are a few.

In Melbourne, Moonee Ponds Creek is a living creek not the sterile concrete drain of the 1970’s. Project Cultivate at Melbourne Cemetery plants natives and grasses to revitalise the site, intending to expand to the program. Much more can be done; ending duck hunting, more environmental flows to rivers and creeks and less light pollution spring to mind.

Rewiring to electrify Australian with renewable energy is vital. As ageing coal fired power stations close, the Government aims for 82% renewable energy by 2030. More can be done if we look. Growth of Lancefield and Romsey could direct stormwater from new developments into wetlands - part of beautiful parklands, a nature stronghold that filters water before it enters our waterways. Can we be Nature Positive? Have you got ideas for us?

Deep Creek Landcare Group has nesting boxes for bats, birds and phascogales for sale from \$25. We also have Myna bird traps to lend out. Annual Landcare membership is \$20 per family. You can follow us on Facebook, contact our President, Phil Severs (0476 324 000) catch us at the Lancefield Farmers’ Market or attend our monthly meetings in the Lancefield Mechanics Hall. We would love to see you!

1. “If you care about future generations you should support nature positive” Ross Gittens The Age July 6 2024



### **SAFE SOCIALS: HAVE YOUR SAY**

**Parents have told us they’re worried about their kids using social media, but they feel powerless to push back against the tech giants.**

That’s why the Allan Labor Government is working with the Commonwealth to introduce age limits to protect kids from the harms of social media.

An online survey opening today will give parents, teachers, young people and the general public the opportunity to share their experiences and concerns about social media use.

Groups can also participate through self-guided discussions, using an online guide.

But age limits are only part of the equation.

Social media is a reality of modern life, and we need to make sure that when young people are ready to use social media they can do it safely. Findings from this consultation process will shape a new social media safety program. Safe Socials will be delivered in schools as a resource for students, teachers and families about how to navigate social media.

The survey at [engage.vic.gov.au/safesocials](https://engage.vic.gov.au/safesocials) will be open until November 1.

## Kyneton Town Hall events

- *Tim Rogers – Live in Concert*  
4-6pm, Sunday 8 December 2024

Thirty-one years after setting off on the great rock'n' adventure with You Am I, Tim Rogers is still operating at the top of his game writing songs as rich and memorable and as heart-breaking as any he has ever written. The songs he writes are a soundtrack for a lot of lives of others too. Don't miss this special Christmas show with Tim in an intimate, raw and live performance to remember all summer long and for years to come.



- *Soweto Gospel Choir – Hope*  
7:30-9pm, Friday 14 February 2025

Out of the darkness comes a new dawn! This all-new concert by three-time Grammy® winning Soweto Gospel Choir commemorates South Africa's Freedom Movement and the Civil Rights Movement in the United States.

Bringing joy to all, 'Hope' opens with a rousing program of South African freedom songs that inspired their Rainbow Nation. Then the choir's uplifting performance moves to the United States with beautiful renditions of the music of the Civil Rights Movement, including works by legendary artists Billie Holiday, James Brown, Otis Redding, Curtis Mayfield and the one-and-only, Aretha Franklin. Get ready, 'Hope' is a concert that will live forever in your hearts!



To purchase tickets to Kyneton Town Hall events, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/buytickets) or call 1300 888 802 (10am-4pm, weekdays).

## 72 hours after an emergency event: community-led resilience plans

**Council has been working with seven communities in the Macedon Ranges providing support enabling readiness in the first 72 hours after an emergency event has occurred.**

The Victorian Government has provided funding to local governments to assist communities to be aware of local services available to them prior to emergency activations.

'Community Readiness' can be as much as understanding who can provide immediate short-term accommodation and food and water services, as well as who is available to assist with communications and power back-up like generators.

Communities are creating individual documents outlining who and what is available locally with contact information accessible by the Emergency Management team at Council, which can assist if power and communication are impacted.

Following the 2019-20 Black Summer fires and 2022 floods, it was identified that communities themselves are the best supporters of community immediately after an emergency, and that when a community is prepared for an emergency, support can be offered immediately.

Please contact Council's Community Resilience Officer for further information on 5422 0333.

## Roadside maintenance

**Did you know that each year Council slashes around 1,000 km of roadsides for fire prevention?**

Fires can start on roadsides due to hot vehicle exhausts, mechanical failures and collisions. We slash high-use roadsides to reduce the chances of these incidents resulting in a fire. Typically, 80 per cent of traffic uses 20 per cent of our roads, so those roads are targeted as a priority.

Council contractors have commenced roadside slashing in Malmsbury and will gradually work their way south, to provide initial coverage of the shire.



## Zonta Says NO to Violence

**Monday November 25 is the International Day for the elimination of violence against women and December 10 is Human Rights Day. The 16 days that begin and end on these dates are recognised internationally as the '16 Days of Activism' to prevent violence against women.**

Violence against women has an impact on communities throughout Australia. On average, one woman a week is murdered by her current or former partner and intimate partner violence is the leading cause of death, disability and illness for Australian women aged 18-44 years.

The Zonta Club of Kyneton will work with Macedon Ranges Shire and with other community groups to raise awareness of gender-based violence, challenge discriminatory attitudes and encourage community-based support for those living with violence, through a program of activities.

In Kyneton, the Zonta Club will have a display in the community window in Mollison Street, and across the Shire, the club will work with local libraries to highlight the impact of violence against women. In Woodend, the Zonta Club will support financial workshops that will be held at the Woodend Neighbourhood House as a part of the 16 Days of Activism.

On Saturday 30 November, the Zonta Club of Kyneton will host an orange themed 'pop up' event at the Social Foundry Café in Kyneton from 10 am to 12 noon. Everyone is warmly invited to attend, wearing a touch of orange, and learn more about the 16 Days of Activism to prevent violence against women, while sharing a cuppa and cake with Zonta's passionate members.

Wherever you are on 25 November, please wear something ORANGE and say NO to violence against women.

If you would like to know more about Zonta and how we are 'Building a Better World for Women and Girls' contact the Zonta Club of Kyneton through our social media platforms (*Facebook or Instagram*) or email [zontakyneton@gmail.com](mailto:zontakyneton@gmail.com)

## Bendigo Bank Bus Trips

- Our November trip will be held on **Tuesday 12th of November** (due to Melbourne Cup holiday).

We will be visiting **Werribee Open Range Zoo**. Plenty to see and do there. Hopefully we might catch a glimpse of baby Jabulani (*Zulu for rejoice*), the male white rhino calf born in August. He was born after a 16 month pregnancy by mum Kipenzi.

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

### UP COMING TRIPS:

- **December – Tuesday 3rd of 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.

**| Hope to see you soon.**



## 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 Lost Watering Hole where members meet for a chat and a bit of fun.

In October our guest speaker was our Club President Noreen Yorke, the author of 'Benloch: A Journey through Time' as well as President of the Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society. Noreen shared aspects of her husband's career as an architect in the correctional system titled 'Correctional Architecture'.

Our outing for October was to Trackside in Kilmore where the members enjoyed a great lunch.

Next month instead of a guest speaker one of the club members is running a Trivia Competition as part of the general meeting. We have collected baby photos of members to run a guessing competition which could be very interesting. Also in November we have a lunch at the Tooborac Hotel with a tour of the brewery. We are then visiting Mclvor Meats as part of the day out.

#### Contact:

President: **Noreen 0401 579 180**

Secretary: **Betty 0409 359 048**

Visit our website: [www.rlprobus.org.au](http://www.rlprobus.org.au)

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



# ROMSEY LIBRARY

## ROMSEY LIBRARY (THE HUB)

98 Main Street, Romsey

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

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

## A SENSORY SPACE FOR CHILDREN AT THE ROMSEY LIBRARY:

- Tuesdays, 2.30pm – 4.30pm during the School Term

Feeling anxious or overwhelmed?

Sensory spaces can be of benefit to anyone wishing to relax and reset.

Did you know that your whole sensory system collects and organises a huge volume of information every day. It helps you unconsciously calibrate the degree to which you're affected by sensory inputs like sights, sounds and smells.

It can sometimes be overwhelming though. Loud noises and glaring lights – we've all felt the need to sit somewhere quiet and shut out the world for a time.

On Tuesday afternoons, between 2.30 and 4.30pm, the Romsey Library is switching off the lights in the children's area and asking all patrons to minimise noise. We have comfortable couches and soft cushions to help you relax. There are fidget toys available to borrow if you need to keep your hands busy while you read or listen to a story.

Visit us on a Tuesday afternoon and retreat from the busy world for a little while. In our quiet, darkened space, you can rest your eyes and slow your thoughts.

## SPEECHIE LIBRARY TALK AT THE ROMSEY LIBRARY:

- Friday 8th November  
10.30am-11.30am

Please join us at the Romsey Library to hear Scope Speech Pathologist, Penny Porter, advising on the role of 'speechies'

and libraries in the development of children's language and literacy, including tips and advice for parents and carers. Through a presentation and demonstrated book reading of one of the winning books from the Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year Awards, you will learn the skills on how to read to your child at home to best develop their language.

Aimed at parents and carers of 0-5 year old children. Children are also welcome to come along.

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## INTRODUCTORY CAR MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN:

- Saturday 9th November 10.00am-12.00pm

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- 13th November 10.30am-12.15pm

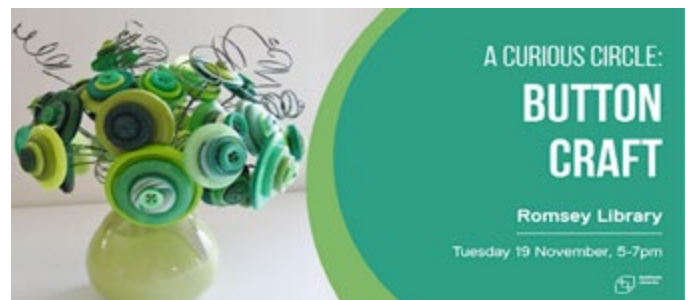
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## A CURIOUS CIRCLE, BUTTON CRAFT:



- Tuesday 19th November 5.00pm-7.00pm

We're inviting adult women to come together to connect and explore their curiosity in a creative way. Try out some new arts and crafts just for fun – no special skills required!

In November we're raiding our button jar to make a button bracelet or earrings.

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### 2024 Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour

Thursday 17th October saw the 2024 Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour visit St Mary's and the township of Lancefield. It was a hugely vibrant, fun and successful day for everyone. Joining us for this momentous occasion was three-time Melbourne Cup winning jockey Damien Oliver and former Chief Steward Des Gleeson. Along for the ride was Melbourne Cup winning horses Prince of Penzance and Twilight Payment from Living Legends. Not to mention the \$750,000 18ct gold 2024 Lexus Melbourne Cup! With everyone having the opportunity to get up close and personal. Thank you to everyone that helped make this a day we will never forget. Sponsors, supporters, businesses, organisations and individuals as well as the community as a whole. We hope everyone enjoyed the day as much as we did! Memories that will last a lifetime!



## Romsey Primary School



### **Feed it forward Neighbourhood House**

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August I was fortunate enough to attend our community Feed it Forward lunch at the Neighbourhood house with our school and wellbeing captains.

It was wonderful to see the students interacting with local community members and help with serving lunch. As a school we value these connections with our school and wider community.

Thank you to Michelle at the Neighbourhood House for giving our students this opportunity.





To celebrate the end of Term 3, we held our RPS School Concert, 'The Remote'. With both a matinee and evening performance from both our junior and senior students, it was great to see everyone having so much fun singing and acting up on the big stage!

Well done everyone!







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**FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR TIM**

**I Remembrance**

Monday the 11th of November is Remembrance Day – make sure you come along to the Lancefield Cenotaph for the RSL Service starting at 10:45am. On that day, we not only remember the signing of the Armistice at the end of World War I, but we also remember the lives sacrificed in the service of our country, and those traumatised and injured in conflict. Remembrance should also be a time of reflecting on the lessons learned from conflict and the terrible toll it takes, although sadly it seems that as a world we still haven't got there yet.

The bible asks us to undertake an act of remembrance. Jesus at the Last Supper asked that His followers take the bread, to signify His body, and the cup of wine, representing His blood, in remembrance of Him. Or as the Amplified translation puts it, *"Do this in [affectionate] remembrance of Me."* (1 Corinthians 11:24).

It is *"affectionate remembrance"* as we realise the great cost to Jesus of our wrongdoing and that through what He did, we can be saved and have a joyous relationship with God. Part of this remembrance that we call communion is reflecting on where we have come from and where Jesus has brought us to, so hopefully we are also learning the lessons from our past.

Communion is also about looking to the future, and the hope that followers of Jesus have in Jesus' return. *"For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."* (1 Corinthians 11:26).

Please join us for one of our services at 10am each Sunday at 7 Mitchell Court in Romsey!

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

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### I Temporarily Church Times for Nov 3rd-24th

- Nov 3rd Combined Service Christ Church Lancefield 10:30
- Nov 10th Church Service both St Pauls 9:00 & Christ Church Lancefield 10:30th
- Nov 17th Combined Service Christ Church Lancefield 10:30
- Nov 24th Combined Service Christ Church Lancefield 10.30 GENERAL MEETING followed by Combined Service. It is also a pleasure to introduce the Reverent Michael Kicevski to the Parish.

### From Nov 24th the Church services will return to the normal times at each of St Paul's Romsey & Christ Church Lancefield.

PRAYER MEETING: Christ Church Hall Lancefield Thursday 9:30am

BIBLE STUDY: Christ Church Lancefield Hall Thursday 10:30am - 12:00noon  
7 week study sessions titled Christianity Explored

### I 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, Oct 12th @ 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.

### I Parish activity:

- **Parish fishing day:** Sunday 10th November.... Leaving after Church Service at Lancefield. Look out for Fishing Location & further information.
- **Community Christmas and Carol:** Sunday 24th December. St Pauls Church Romsey grounds 11am-1:00pm followed by a Carols Service at 1pm... Face Painting, Craft, Children's activities,

**Sausage Sizzle along with lots of other fun activities, the day is free to everyone.**

### I St Paul's OpShop:

- **St Paul's OpShop Open Times:** - Friday 12:30-4:30 & 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.

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**MEDITATION MICAH 6:8**

*"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"*

Lord, what do you want? Another hour at work?  
A bit more in the collection plate?  
A smile, a cheque when the Oxfam man comes round?  
I reckon I can manage that, if it's clear that's what you ask.  
And in the giving I'll get a bonus too. I'll feel good, having made the effort.  
Feel more than good, as I stand warming my hands at the fire of self-satisfaction.  
Can we leave it that way. Lord? I'll do my bit and you'll do yours.  
My little world secure, unshaken.  
The even progress of my life undisturbed by earth tremors of real commitment.  
Many do less.  
But as I'm tempted to relax, I feel uneasy. I'm only playing games.  
Hiding the face of my selfishness behind gestures of good will.  
Counting to a hundred and hoping I'll not be found.  
Your words cut deep. Slice through the skin of my hypocrisy.  
Lay bare the truth inside. Your loving hands reach down to take,  
not the small things I offer in the hope they'll be enough, but me.  
No less.  
My world rocks in the earthquake of your approach, the impossibility of your demands.  
But as I let go, surrender, I find a new stability, as I stand, hands empty, in your presence.  
Your love seeps in through the cracks in my ego.  
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*(Written by Eddie Askew. (Deceased) 'No Strange Land')*

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**Notice of Annual General Meeting**

The **2024 Annual General Meeting** for the **Eastern Macedon Ranges Business and Tourism Association Incorporated (EMRBATA)** will be held on **Tuesday 19th November 2024**, commencing at **7.00pm**. It will be held at the **Romsey Community Hub**, 96 Main Street Romsey.

**Ordinary business** of the Annual General Meeting is as follows—

- (a) to confirm the minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting;
- (b) to receive and consider—
  - (i) Annual Report of the Committee on the activities of EMRBATA (formerly Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association Inc - RRBATA) during 2023-2024 financial year; and
  - (ii) 2023-2024 Financial Statements of RRBATA;
- (c) to elect the members of the Committee;
- (d) to confirm or vary the amounts of the annual subscription and joining fee.

**Note:** A member may appoint another member to act as proxy for the meeting.

**Members and Guests WELCOME**

**Further Information:**  
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# 100 YEARS OF ROMSEY CHURCH – CELEBRATED OCTOBER 6th

**To mark this important occasion a Mass was held in the afternoon on a beautiful sunny Spring day and was followed by an amazing afternoon tea in the parish hall.**

Archbishop Peter Comensoli officiated the ceremony and was supported by current Parish Priest, Fr. John Healy and Assistant Priest, Fr. Brian Muling, former Parish Priests, Fr. George O'Connor and Fr. Arnold Heredia and Retired Bishop Peter Connors.

Former and current parishioners attended along with family and friends and it was lovely to see people who have travelled some distance to be in attendance.

Original parish documents were presented for blessing and included Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage Registers.

Long time parishioner Kath Ireland was on hand to cut the Anniversary cake with Bp. Comensoli.

Thank you to all who helped celebrate this wonderful occasion by attending and to an army of volunteers who organised the day.

## I Current Mass Times:

### SUNDAY MASS:

Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 9am and will alternate between Lancefield & Romsey.

1st & 3rd Sunday's of the month in Romsey, 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday's of the month in Lancefield.

### SATURDAY HEALING MASS:

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

### BAPTISMS:

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

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 to make arrangement.

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

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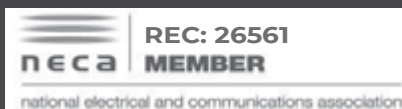
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Council's Local Laws officers are increasing their presence at popular dog walking locations, in response to strong community support for more enforcement in this area.

Council continuously receives community complaints regarding dog walkers ignoring the on-leash requirements and failing to pick up after their dog.

In January 2020, Council became an on-leash shire, meaning dogs in public places must be on a leash, except in designated off-leash areas. *(Note: all footpaths in the shire are dog on-leash, even those in designated off-leash areas. This is to ensure the safety of other footpath users including pedestrians, cyclists and others).*

It is also a legal requirement to pick up after your dog and to carry bags – or a suitable device – for the collection of dog poo from your dog.

Dog walkers not adhering to these requirements risk on-the-spot fines.

Local Laws officers will be enforcing both the dog on-leash and dog poo collection requirements. The current fine amount for walking your dog off leash in an on-leash area is \$198, while the fine for not picking up after your dog or for failing to carry a dog poo bag with you is \$395.

If out walking your dog, please do the right thing. Remember to take your dog poo bags with you and adhere to the dog on leash areas to avoid a fine.

For more information about dog on leash requirements, designated dog off-leash areas, and your responsibilities as a dog owner, visit [mrc.vic.gov.au/pets](http://mrc.vic.gov.au/pets)



## Volunteer

and make a difference in someone's life!

**Council is looking for volunteers to join its Aged Care Volunteer Visitor Scheme (ACVVS).**

The free program supports people living in aged care residential facilities or receiving home care packages who may feel socially isolated. Volunteers are matched with individuals with similar interests for weekly or fortnightly visits or outings.

**Why Volunteer?**

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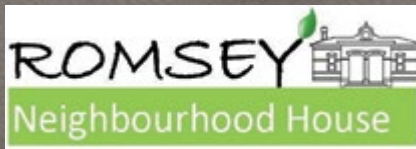
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