

Romsey Golf Club Ladies Report

Results

18th May: Stroke: Kath Jekabsons won with a 73 net in cool conditions with wind and some light showers.
25th May: Stroke: Beryl Cole Net 74 a fine cool day after the wet day at Trentham.
June 1st Monthly Medal. Perfect weather but no one scored well. We welcomed Bev who remarked it was a bit hot as we were all over dressed. Leila Beasley won the day.
8th June 3: clubs. Our captain had scheduled 9 holes and lunch. This was after our busy weekend, playing golf on the Saturday and helping out with the men's tournament on the Sunday. We all enjoyed our lunch at the Bay Tree. Lorraine Robb was the winner on the day with 18pts.
June 15th: We were again blessed with perfect conditions. As the course is in such good nick we even had the summer run that we grizzled about missing out on in the summer. Bev Gaunt won with 39pts.
On Thursday 19th May, Kath represented the club at the Broadford Tournament. She enjoyed being drawn to play off the 1st tee and played with the Dalhousie President and Captain for the day. Some tree roots proved a challenge but the fairways and greens were good and the dams did not prove hazardous. They are trying to grow some new grass on the bare stony patches on some of their fairways. Lunch was also very enjoyable.
Tuesday 24th May: A cold windy day. Lorraine Kath and Beryl braved the conditions to play in the Silver Salver at Trentham. Soup on the turn was very welcome. I saw a few umbrellas turned inside out and some buggies were blown over. Scores on the day were not very high and it was a relief to finish and get back to the warm clubhouse. Although my score wasn't the best I won a NTP and the raffle so had good day.
Thursday 26th: Jan, Lorraine and I travelled to Strathbogie for their bowl. The weather was kind, not much sunshine but no wind so we could cope with the coolness. They had 80 players which they were very happy with and it made for

a very cosy clubhouse when we were all in at lunch. The views on the drive up the hill were worth the day out. Thursday June 2nd Beryl, Jan and Denise played in the Yea Bowl. The day was foggy and we were hitting the ball out of sight. They let the sun out for the last three holes. Denise had buggy problems as they are putting in more drainage and had the ditches dug ready to lay the pipes, this made for a rough ride which the buggy doesn't respond well to. Jan was our highest scorer on the day and lunch was very enjoyable.

We would like to welcome more new players. If you haven't played before come along and learn. All you need is a sense of humour, warm clothing and some play lunch. We can share clubs until you decide whether golf is for you or not. Play as little as you wish or come the full 18 holes with us.

Recipe for this month

Curried Cauliflower soup.

1 tablespoon sunflower oil
1 medium onion sliced
2 teaspoons curry powder
1 small cauliflower roughly chopped
900 mls chicken stock
Salt and pepper
4 tablespoons sunflower seeds, for garnish.
Fry onion over moderate heat for 2 mins
Stir in curry powder and cook 1 min.
Add cauliflower and stock and season with salt & pepper and bring to boil. Cover pan and simmer for 20 mins.
Cool slightly and blend.
Return to pan and adjust seasoning if necessary and re-heat.
Garnish with sunflower seeds.

Beryl Cole
54295411

Money talks for cancer research

The Lancefield-Macedon Ranges Relay For Life organising committee is hoping a fundraising forum on July 19 will bolster efforts to bring the amount raised locally for the Cancer Council Victoria since the event started in 2003 to \$1 million.

It is an opportunity for teams to hear and share ideas including what activities have been successful, as well as to discuss ways of supporting each other.

"Next year is the tenth anniversary of the local event and our target is to drive the total tally to \$1 million within ten years which is something that every contributor will remember with great pride," said committee chair manager Ken Wiltshire. "With 870,000 raised during the past nine years, the challenge is to raise in excess of \$130,000 this year and we are urging all past teams to register now and start this exciting journey together."

Past team captains and representatives of new and prospective teams are urged to attend the fundraising forum, at the Anglican Church Hall, 31-33 Chauncey Street, Lancefield. It will be held from 7.30-9pm and supper will be provided.

The 2012 Relay For Life will be at Lancefield Park over the weekend of March 3 and March 4. Registrations are open at www.relayforlife.org.au. Details are also available from

the Cancer Council on 1300 65 65 85. Each year teams comprising families, friends and work-mates raise money for cancer research, education and support services. Their efforts culminate over the Relay weekend during which they walk throughout the night, remembering loved ones lost to cancer, celebrating survivors, and uniting in support of the work to find a cure.

To RSVP for the Fundraising Forum contact Melissa McCarthy by July 10 via tmac31@bigpond.net.au or ring 54295014.



www.relayforlife.org.au

Lancefield-Macedon Ranges Relay For Life Media Contact: Nadine Hartnett 0439 399 838

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Thank you to all the ladies who supported the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea held at Black Range Business Group, 106A Main St, Romsey on Thurs 26th May 2011. We had some fantastic hats and tasty treats and importantly raised \$176 for the Cause.

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SEEKING OUTSTANDING SENIORS

Now is the time to nominate outstanding older people for the 2011 Victorian Senior of the Year Award.

This award gives us the chance to say thank you to an older person who deserves recognition for their contribution as a volunteer or for their inspirational achievements.

Previous award winners have included a volunteer at a local centre for disabled adults, a power-lifter and an art teacher who gives painting lessons to people in aged-care facilities. So if you know a senior who does extraordinary things for the community in any walk of life then the Victorian Senior of the Year Award is one way you can celebrate their achievements

The Victorian Senior of the Year Award will be presented at a special reception at Government House on September 30, 2011

Seniors over 60, who are Australian citizens, reside in Victoria and who have made an exceptional contribution to the community can be nominated for an award in the following four categories:

- the Premier's Award for Victorian Senior of the Year,
- the Council on the Ageing (COTA) Victorian Senior Achiever Awards,
- the Health and Active Ageing Award
- the Veteran Community Award
- the Promotion of Multiculturalism Award

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Gisborne – Thursday 11th of August 2011 at 7pm – 8.45pm Macedon Ranges Further Education, Hamilton Street, Gisborne, 3437 Contact: Marilyn 5428 3799

Riddells Creek – Friday 12th of August 2011 at 7pm – 8.45pm Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House, 59 Main Road, Riddells Creek, 3431 Contact: Henni 5428 7836

Kyneton – Tuesday 16th of August 2011 at 7pm – 8.45pm Kyneton Community & Learning Centre, 34 Mollison Street, Kyneton, 3444 Contact Mary 5422 3433

Romsey – Wednesday 17th of August 2011 at 7pm – 8.45pm Romsey Community House, 96-100 Main Street, Romsey, 3434 Contact: Amanda 5429 6724

Woodend – Thursday 18th of August 2011 at 7pm – 8.45pm Woodend Neighbourhood House, 47 Forest Street, Woodend, 3442 Contact Sarah 5427 1845

The Cultural Development Unit and Macedon Ranges Neighbourhood Houses are proud to announce the third instatement of Let's Break the Silence focusing on depression awareness. This year we have decided to go local and with the help of Neighbourhood Houses we will be doing 6 community awareness nights covering most of the Shire.

At these awareness nights there will be some music played by local musicians, Cobaw Community Health will have an information stall and will give a ten minute talk on a range of mental health issues, your local doctor will give a ten minute talk and will be able to give a community perspective on how and where to get help, and finally, there will be a soup made by a local restaurant and bread rolls supplied by a local bakery so people can chat and eat in a friendly atmosphere.

Romsey Red Cross Branch

meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Uniting Church Hall, Pohlman Street (off Murphy Street).

Please feel free to come along and join us, we are not only about fund raising, we also have an Emergency Services Team, and can always use new members to build up our Team.

Any queries, please contact Julie Reynolds 54293161.

We are looking for this night to be for all people affected by depression or mental illness. You might know a friend or a family member that is showing signs of suffering from mood swings or maybe anxiety and you want to get some right information that could assist them then come along and find out more. If you do suffer from depression or a mental illness (One in four women and one in six men will suffer from depression at some point in their lives) then this is the night to get out and pick through the resources and services that fit your needs. There will be registered people who can help you in your situation.

This is our motto and the goal of holding Lets Break the Silence goes Local:

“Depression and Mental Illness touches more people than all of us often acknowledge. Our aim is to make the community more aware that one in five people suffer from depression or a mental illness and we as a community can make a difference by making it easier for people to get the help they need and supporting them along the way.”

Example of how the night will work:
7pm people arrive.

7.10pm Singer/Songwriter performs for 30minutes

7.40pm Introduction & Welcome by Coordinator from Neighbourhood House

7.45pm Cobaw talk for 10 minutes

7.55pm Local GP talks for 10 minutes

8.05pm Thankyou by Terry Moore (MRSC)

8.10pm Serve Soup and Roll (35 minutes for people to mingle)

8.45pm Close.

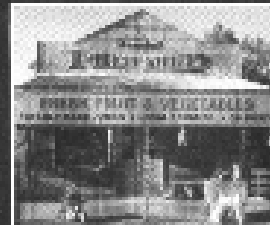
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Romsey Golf Club - Men's Report

Saturday May 21st – Handicap Match-play/Stableford

The sun was shining, the air was still and the course was in wonderful conditions as players hit off in the 2nd semi finals of the 4BBB Knockout competition, other players competed in a stableford competition.

Winners on the day were A & G Clement over M Hall/A Laing 3/1 and M Thornton/L Gaunt Over A Lakey/D VanDenHeuval 2 up. The day's winners will now play off in the final of this event. Stableford winner was D Richardson with 37 points. NTPs went to 15 & 16 L Gaunt.

Saturday May 28th – Monthly Medal, Stroke and Putts

Light drizzle and overcast skies met the players as they hit off in the May Monthly Medal. The conditions meant very little run on the fairways and made the greens slow. It was great to see ex Romsey champion and current OneAsia tour professional Chris Gaunt back for a round.

The Gaunt family reigned supreme with Les taking out the Monthly Medal - 77/9/68, while son Chris pared the course for a return of 71/+2/73. Mat Thornton took out the only NTP, 15.

Saturday June 4th – 4BBB Pairs

Day one of the 29th Romsey Open. 21 pairs competed in the men's, mixed and relative pairs 4BBB stableford competition. It was a still, sunny afternoon and the course was in wonderful condition, a credit to all the volunteers who work so hard to improve both the course and Romsey Park in general. The day's winners were;

Men's Pairs - Kev Milner (12) & Mat Thornton (5) 42 pts from Andrew Clement (11) & Keith Hocking (30) 41 pts.

Mixed Pairs - Dean Van DenHeuval (18) & Beryl Cole (27) 49 pts from Mick Nicholls (29) & Jan Harver (45) 45 pts.

Relative Pairs - John (27) & Andrew (21) Laing 41 pts on a count-back from John (21) & Darren (4) Freestone. (A Romsey Golf Club shield event)

NTPs went to 15 Les Gaunt and 16 Mick Keating (W/end).

Sunday June 5th - The 29th Romsey Open - 24 holes - A, B & C Grade stroke (2/3 handicap).

Day two of the 29th Romsey Open. A strong field, with players from 17 clubs, took to the course at 9.30 am to do battle with gusting winds under a slightly overcast sky. The round of the morning came from Mat Thornton (Rom) with an outstanding two over par 47/3.3/43.6, other fine rounds were Mat Hall, Nathan Hodge, Daniel Wright (Rom) & Adrian Dukeson (Zeehan, his first at the course) all with 49 "off the stick" Keith Hocking (Rom) also performed well with 62/20/42.

At 12.15 pm all 52 players sat down together for a roast lunch and a chance to catch up with old friends or to make new ones. By 1.00 pm the weather began to look threatening and the inconsistent wind began to play on the minds of the players as they went out for the 2nd 12 holes. The weather held off and all players were in the rooms well before the temperature dropped and the sky darkened. In a closely fought affair Mat Hall was able to pip Mat Thornton by one stroke to take out the 2011 title. Bert Parks (L/field) also had a good 2nd round with a return of 52/10/42.

Players enjoyed a country afternoon tea as scores were tallied and then presentations were made. The day concluded after a good number of prizes were drawn as part of the event's raffle.

The day's winners, 24 hole scores, were

A Grade - Stroke - Mat Hall 96/6.6/89.3, H/Cap - Mat Thornton - 97/6.6/90.3

B Grade - Stroke - Mick Corcoran (Melb Airport) 105/13.3/95.6, H/Cap - Ben Noel (Rom) - 111/18.6/92.3

C Grade - Stroke - Graeme Clement (Rom) 120/26.3/93.3, H/Cap - Keith Hocking - 126/40/86

am H/Cap - Keith Hocking - 62/20/42, **pm H/Cap** - Bert Parks - 52/10/42.

All winners made speeches commenting on the quality of the course and thanking all the volunteers who looked after the course, who prepared and served the food and who looked after the refreshments. Club Captain, Andrew Clement also thanked the sponsors, especially the two major sponsors; "Romsey Collision Centre" and "CIIC Insurance".

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The sun was shining, the air was still and the course was in wonderful conditions as players hit off in the 2nd semi finals of the 4BBB Knockout competition, other players competed in a stableford competition

4BBB Knockout results were A & G Clement **D** M Hall/A Laing - 3/1 and M Thornton/L Gaunt **D** A Lakey/D VanDenHeuval - 2 up. The two winning team will now play off in the final. The day's stableford winner was D Richardson with 37 points. NTPs on 15 & 16 went to L Gaunt.

Saturday 11th June - Stableford

Players hit off on a still, sunny, winter's afternoon in Romsey's Stroke competition last Saturday. Soft fairways and greens allowed the low markers to play attacking golf however flukey winds often played a big part in the final scores.

Winner on the day was Mat Thornton with a fine 76/5/71 from Andrew Laing 93/21/72 and Kev Milner 84/12/72 NTP went to 15 - Mat Hall

Monday June 13th - Stableford

Players were met by another clear, cold afternoon, however this time with almost no wind, when they hit off in the Queen's Birthday Stableford competition.

The day's winner was Graeme Clement with 37 points from Kev Milner with 35 points. NTPs went to 15 - Kev Milner and 16 - Andrew Laing.



Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club

President: Mrs. Jean Buist 5429 1116
Secretary: Mrs. Jeni Clampit 5429 5480

Probus Meetings are held at St. Mary's Hall, Main Street, Romsey at 10am on the fourth Thursday in each month.

Probus is a mixed club for men and women. There is a guest speaker at each meeting. We have an outing on the third Wednesday of the month. (Either a trip or luncheon)



Friday Morning Coffee



Musical Afternoons each month.



Ten Pin Bowling each fortnight.

Persons interested in this club and wish to have more information please contact the President or Secretary at the above phone numbers.

Our July meeting will be held on
Thursday 28th July, 2011.

On July 20th we will be going to the
Tutankhamun Exhibition.

Mayor's Message

Winter has truly set in, with the novelty of early snow falling on Mt Macedon and the Camels Hump, not to mention the buzz of another successful Woodend Winter Arts Festival. The dramatic change in weather is also a signal to take special care on the roads and to look after our health – I personally have been fighting off a winter flu which I hope only comes around once a year!



Post Your Art 2011

Council received more than 180 entries for the 2011 Post Your Art awards which, as its major prize, prints and distributes one artist's artwork on 5,000 postcards across the region.

Entries are on display at the Mad Gallery from Saturday 25 June – Sunday 3 July 2011. The exhibition will then tour local libraries in the Macedon Ranges Shire. Prize winners will be listed on the council website from early July, www.msrg.vic.gov.au.

Primary school students learning about council

I have been providing education sessions to Years 3-6 students at local primary schools in our region. This is a great way for students to meet the Mayor and learn about the three levels of government, how councils are governed and council services. They are followed by an open discussion with students.

It's a pleasure to talk to the children who are very interested and have lots of great questions. If they are unsure of my role on council, I ask them if they know someone called Quimby on the TV show, The Simpsons, and their eyes light up...

Each session runs for approximately 45 minutes and includes a PowerPoint presentation and a Local Government educational activity booklet for each student. If your school is interested in participating, please contact the council on 5422 0333.

Join a local Advisory Group

The Disability Advisory Group and the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee are each seeking community representatives. If you feel you have something to contribute in either of these areas, please pick up an application form from any of council's service centres in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend, or download one from the council website, www.msrg.vic.gov.au

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For further details, visit www.takeapeek.com.au and www.visitmacedonranges.com

Mayor, Henry McLaughlin
Macedon Ranges Shire Council

Did you know?

Since its inception, Post Your Art has attracted 820 entrants from as far as Monbulk in the Dandenong Ranges to Hove in South Australia.

Did you know?

Council runs eight advisory committees spanning the arts, emergency management, positive ageing, libraries, disability and Hanging Rock, each of which includes members of the local community.

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Romsey Primary School News

The Rocky Monster Show

Our year 5 and 6 students are preparing to showcase their talents in the forthcoming production of "The Rocky Monster Show". With snippets of Daphne Du Maurier's "Rebecca", a dash of Dracula, shades of Frankenstein and a bit of "The Rocky Horror Show" thrown in for good measure, this musical is a new take on some classic tales. Tickets at just \$10 each are selling fast at our school office for the 4 performances to be held on August 3rd, 4th, 9th and 10th.

Peer Mediation

Congratulations to the 27 year five students who trained as Peer Mediators earlier this term with Mr Tannenber and Miss Romaszko. The students went through an intensive training program and learnt many valuable strategies for conflict resolution. Role playing a range of scenarios helped the group to work through the 6 step process of mediation. The mediators have not only learnt skills to help them resolve their problems but will also be in the playground to help their peers. Students have been working in pairs at recess and lunch time providing valuable assistance to students when they have a problem and resolving minor issues quickly. Yard duty teachers are also available to support and supervise students.



Cobaw Winter Sport

Recently many senior students travelled to Woodend and Tylden to compete against local schools in football, netball and t-ball. The football team played extremely well, making it to the semi-final before finally being defeated. The girl's t-ball team played very well in all their games but unfortunately didn't qualify for the final. The boy's t-ball team lost the grand final by only 1 run! The two girl's netball teams also played extremely well, winning many of their games and displaying fabulous skills and sportsmanship. Congratulations to the mixed netball team of Abbie, Tilly, Tiahna, Matt, Ash, Paige, Bethany, Sam and Dakota who were undefeated on the day and have qualified for the Division Championships to be held in Bendigo on July 28th. Well done to all the students who participated!

Prep Concert

One of the highlights for the year is when the preps take to the stage in the Performing Arts Centre to entertain their parents, grandparents and the kindergarten students. They performed over two sessions using the theme transport and the students enjoying presenting a range of fun songs to the audience. Each item was introduced by a student and it was a delight to see student developing confidence and performance skills. Thank you to Mrs Craig, Mrs McGuffie and Kylie Pyne who trained the students.

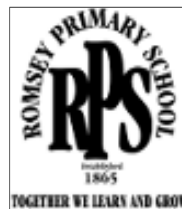
Learning in Different Ways

The last few weeks have been busy for our Year 1 and Year 4 students who went to the Melbourne Zoo to learn more about endangered animals, while our Year 2 students did scientific investigations with some hands-on experiments in our "laboratory" in the portable classrooms. The Preps visited the Lego Education Centre for a fun way to investigate technology and toys. These experiences enhance the traditional classroom learning that takes place every day at Romsey Primary School, and offer students another way of making different connections with what they are learning.



Prep Enrolments for 2012

Prep enrolments for 2012 are open. Enrolment packages have been delivered to Romsey Kindergarten, Lu-la Mays or can be picked up from the school's office. Parents need to bring the enrolment forms to the office along with your child's birth certificate and immunization record. If you know of a family whose first child is beginning school next year it would be helpful to inform them of this information. A school tour with the principal can be organised by phoning the school on 54295099 or emailing to romsey.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au



Romsey Uniting Church

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You are most welcome to come to the Romsey Uniting Church

Christmas in July



Do you ever feel too busy in December to *really* celebrate Christmas?

December is the end of the calendar year, the end of the school year, the beginning of the summer holidays. December can get so hectically busy with buying presents and preparing for family gatherings that even the most committed Christian can find it hard to observe Advent, the four weeks before Christmas.

This year the Romsey and Lancefield Uniting Churches are celebrating Christmas in July, as well as in December. Over the first four weeks of July we will celebrate the four Sundays of Advent, the period of preparation for Christmas, spending time in thoughtful exploration and preparation for the astonishing Incarnation of God in a baby born to an ordinary family.

Then, at Sunday@Six on the 24th of July, we'll celebrate the Feast of the Incarnation, Christmas, the astounding idea that God loves us so much that God became human to share that love with us.

If family commitments or summer holidays mean that you can't come to church on Christmas Day – come and celebrate in July. There'll be Christmas food beforehand from 5 pm, and then a service of glee and gladness at Romsey Uniting Church from 6 pm.

Romsey District Netball Association

New Junior Girls season starts in term 3. Please come down to the Rec Centre on a Thursday night and see Donna for a form. Games will be played on Thursday nights.

Netta begins again soon for 5-10 year olds wanting to learn netball skills. This is held on Monday nights at Romsey Primary School. Please call Sarah on 0466 211 358 to enroll.

Romsey District Netball Association now has **jackets and pants** available, full embroidery included. Please see Donna Cogger for details.

Tournament Details:

The girls competed in a tournament on Sunday June 19th at Castlemaine. We entered 3 Under 11 teams and 1 Under 13 team. The girls had a fantastic day and we are looking forward to our next one in Gisborne. A big thank you to the girls and the coaches, and the mums and dads for sitting in the freezing wind and rain all day.

A big thank you to our sponsors Chess Property, IGA Romsey, Romsey Tyres, Sarsons Garden Supplies, and Charlu Romsey.

The **next committee meeting** is on 12th July at the Rec Centre.

Wanted: Badged mpires for Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Please call Chris on 0407 855 082.

Sarah Giri, President. 0466 211 358



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Bolinda Primary School News

New building

On the 20th May Federal Member for McEwan Rob Mitchell opened our new building with two state of the art learning spaces. During a tour of the school Rob expressed how impressed he was with our facilities and our senior students who conducted the tour. Parents are always welcome to take a tour of the school.



Contact the Principal John Mackintosh on 54 285 317 to make an appointment.



What's on?

The Responsible Pet Ownership program and the Market Fresh program have both recently been conducted at our school. Both were excellent. We travelled to Queen Victoria Market and Etihad Stadium as part of our theme 'Healthy, Wealthy and Wise.' Students have been learning about budgets and managing money responsibly. They are earning money for completing jobs in the school (in Bolinda dollars) and now have a much healthier respect for why parents can't buy everything kids want. Our camp has been organised to the Pioneer Settlement at Swan Hill in September.



Trivia Night

Last years Trivia Night was a sell out and a very enjoyable night was had by all those who attended. This year it will be held at 'Seasons' in Riddells Creek on Saturday 30th July. Tickets are \$40 for a three course meal, drinks at bar prices. Contact the school on 54 285 317 for more information or tickets. Organise a table with family and friends and have a great night out.

Victorians warned about winter fire risk

Victoria's fire authorities are using today's launch of the *Winter Fire Safety Campaign* to urge all Victorians to be vigilant after a spate of home fires in the past fortnight. MFB Commander Frank Stockton, said so many residential fires prior to the start of winter was alarming.

"Winter is the peak residential fire period and so many of these incidents preceding June 1, really highlights the need to take fire risk within your home seriously," he said.

Last weekend, an elderly woman destroyed the front of her home and was treated for smoke inhalation after tripping and spilling methylated spirits onto a flame while trying to reignite her fire.

The week prior two bystanders rescued a baby from a burning home in Bentleigh East after clothes drying near a heater caught fire. The home did not have a working smoke alarm. Three days later in Carnegie, an elderly man lost his unit after flammable materials near his portable heater went up in flames.

And just weeks ago there was a fire fatality in regional Victoria - believed to be caused by a blanket on an electric fan heater - where there was no smoke alarm in the home.

In 2010, more than 1200 Victorian homes were damaged by fire. Of these, 42 percent started in the kitchen and 12 percent in the bedroom. Cooking and heating were the two greatest causes of these fires.

Speaking at the joint Country Fire Authority and Metropolitan Fire Brigade launch, Fire Services Commissioner Craig Lapsley called on all Victorians to be more careful, and to

follow the advice being put out by CFA and MFB.

"Winter sees a dramatic escalation in house fires which is why MFB and CFA work so closely together on the *Winter Fire Safety Campaign*. The call is to be a fire warden in your home not just for your own safety or to protect your property, but to ensure no one in your household has to carry a life-long reminder of what can happen because of a lapse of vigilance".

CFA Regional Commander David Sherry urged every Victorian household to maintain its smoke alarms on a regular basis and to develop a home fire escape plan.

"Talk with your family about what to do in a fire, how to get out and where to meet. Having a home fire escape plan will enable you to get out safely if a fire does occur."

Commander Sherry said home fires were most likely to start in the kitchen. "Never leave cooking unattended. If you need to leave the room, switch it off. Make sure your pots and pans are turned inward and that your curtains and tea towels are well away from your toaster and stove".

He urged Victorians not to place flammable items too close to heaters and fires. "It's tempting to dry clothes in front of the heater, but you need to make sure you keep them at least a metre from the heater".

For more on home fire safety go to

www.homefiresafety.com.au.

You can also view this story with more pictures at CFA

Connect: [Winter fire risk for Victorians](#)

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Learn from Successful Business Owners

For those out there who know me through various groups, business & organisations, you've probably noticed that I spend between 15 and 20 days per year at various planning, training and personal & professional development events. Like marketing, some of it is rubbish, some of it average and some of it brilliant – unfortunately, I only find out which category it falls into after I have attended the event.

Recently, I had one of these experiences. Michael Osborne (one of my fellow directors) and I dragged ourselves off to Deakin Management Centre at Warun Ponds (just out of Geelong) for a compulsory two day event required by CPA Australia. Our mindset as we travelled down there was "let's get this thing over so we can get back to doing some real work". Of course, you guessed it, the event turned out to be an extremely valuable experience and gave more insights than would have been possible if we were doing "real work". We were pleasantly surprised to have the four presenters, not professional speakers, but ordinary people who have some common traits.

Each were prepared to be honest by assessing that their businesses were far from perfect, yet each had tripled the size of their business in the last 10 years and still loved what they were doing – actually more now than ever.

So, what's the point?

Each said that a budget and cash forecast was one of the most critical elements to improving their profits since they stopped flying by the seat of their pants, started writing down targets (financial & non financial) and then measured actual results against the targets. There were a number of

other matters that came up however this was the common trait amongst all.

To grow and improve any business it seems logical to learn from the actions of those who have been successful. In the AFL Marc Murphy is learning from Chris Judd and is clearly a better player for it – why wouldn't we all do the same in business?

I really want to stress the message – if you want to grow and improve your business successfully at the very least you must have a forecast, budget and targets. We have one in our business and as a stand alone document it's something that is a handy reference point, however when we use it and refer to it and make decisions based upon the objectives stated in the forecast it comes to life and drives our business and us personally. It drives us to take on challenges and risks because they're never as scary when there is an underlying reason to change.

Make this your new financial year resolution - either set one up for your own business or better still, find someone who has done it in the past and learn from them (it's cheaper that way because they've already made mistakes that you can avoid!) We'd be happy to help but that's not the point – the point is that you need to do something and sooner rather than later.

These are my thoughts on the topic, please take them how you see fit and I'd welcome your thoughts and feedback on the topic either by email to tim@mcmahonosborne.com.au or twitter @tmccarthy31. I hope it provokes you and your business in some way.



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AN INTIMATE NIGHT WITH NORMIE ROWE; BANTER AND MUSIC

Ever wondered what it would be like to have Normie Rowe sitting in your lounge room, listening to the stories of his incredible life and hearing his music up close and personal?

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Normie, a Vietnam Veteran himself, heard of Roni Wildeboer's fundraising efforts for orphans in Vietnam and offered to help raise funds by travelling to Kyneton to entertain the locals. This will be a night not to miss. Normie Rowe has lived a fascinating and sometimes controversial life. Hear about his life in a cosy and intimate atmosphere.

Proceeds of Norm's night will go to the Vietnam Volunteer Network who arrange volunteers and fundraisers for several orphanages in Vietnam.

Many of the children are badly affected by Agent Orange and DDT.

BOOKINGS: The Albion Hotel
PHONE: 5422 2066
COST: \$50.00 (BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL AS NUMBERS ARE LIMITED)
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Tuning in to Kids is back Term 3! Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

Cobaw Community Health Services is pleased to announce further sessions of our highly successful program, *Tuning in to Kids*, offering practical strategies to parents to tune into their kids' emotions and assist children to develop emotional confidence.

This program is for parents with children from preschool to primary years who want to learn:

How to tune into the emotions of their children.

How to teach their children to understand and cope with their feelings.

Practical strategies to try with their children.

Tuning in to Kids will run for 8 weeks starting Wednesday 3rd August 2011 at:

Woodend Community Hub, 47 Forest St, Woodend.

Either: day session (1-3pm) or night session (6.30pm – 8.30pm) depending on interest. Please register your interest by 6th July.

Cost: \$40 total or \$20 concession, payable prior to course commencement. Bookings are essential. Please contact Patrick O'Sullivan on 5421 1684 to register or for further information. Note: Child care may be available.



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There was great joy in our church when it was announced that family Beaty welcomed the arrival of their third child - little Hannah Ruby. Congratulations to happy young parents and God bless.

A group of our members is undergoing training in a program called CHIP (Coronary Health Improvement Program). CHIP is designed to help people in the community who attend the sessions to gain significant improvements in their health. Further information about this beneficial program will be forthcoming in the near future.

Our church welcomes all. We cater to children zero to 12 with interesting and lively programs.

Address:
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1st & 3rd Sunday of the month:
 8.00 a.m. Lancefield and 10.00 a.m. Romsey
2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday of the month:
 8.00 a.m. Romsey and 10.00 a.m. Lancefield

RECONCILIATION

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BAPTISMS

February, April, June, August, October, December.
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REGULAR EVENTS

SVDP Drop-In: First Thursday of each month, 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey. All welcome to come for a game of cards/chat and free lunch.

Spiritual Guidance: Last Tuesday/Wednesday of each month at the Presbytery, 27 Chauncey Street, Lancefield. John Stuart, Counsellor and Guide. Appointment necessary. Tel: 5429 2130 for more information.

TRANSPORT TO MASS

The Parish Council would like to hear from any parishioners who would like assistance with transport to attend the weekend Masses. Anyone wanting transport please contact the presbytery.

Find the Great Love

When you can trust, as Gerald May says, that "there is a part of you that has always said yes to God," then you can trust your soul, even if you've gone down a lot of dead ends. Even those dead ends will be turned around, That's the providence of God. Trust that even your dead ends, your mistakes, your sins were still misguided attempts to find love. Don't hate yourself, just be honest with yourself! Even your sexual forays, your drug problems, your alcoholism – they were all misguided attempts to find the Great Love. Your heart of hearts says, I know the foundation of reality is love. Richard Rohr

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St Mary's Primary School News



Blessing and Opening:

On Tuesday, Fr George blessed our new school and Rob Mitchell (Federal Member of Parliament for the seat of McEwan) officially opened the school on behalf of the Federal Government in recognition of the BER (Building the Education Revolution) programme. We were joined by past Principals Sr. Patricia Stone and Sr. Agnes Nunn along with Sr. Mary Ryan who represented the Josephite Order.



Sr. Mary joined Father George as he blessed the rooms and then the Student Representative Council members placed a Crucifix and a picture of Saint Mary MacKillop in each room throughout the school.

We were also joined by MP for Macedon; Ms Joanne Duncan, Mayor Henry McLaughlin, Deputy Mayor Joan Donovan and Councillor Jo Morabito from the Macedon Ranges Shire. Mr Bill Whykes and Jan Keogh represented the Catholic Education Office Melbourne. Our school Board was represented by Paul Rix and Matthew Brundell. Architect Michaela Ene and Builder John Kendall also attended the function along with parents and past students of St Mary's Romsey/Lancefield.

The students are to be commended for their excellent behaviour and I thank the local chapter of the St Vincent De Paul society, in particular Rosalie and Rose McCarthy for catering for the event.

Thank you to Fr George for his leadership, understanding and commitment to building a contemporary learning space for the children of Romsey/ Lancefield and the surrounding areas. Its exciting to think of the new facilities and the new learning that is now possible at St Mary's.

Year 3/4 Melbourne Camp Experience:

Next Thursday/Friday the yr 3/4 students will travel into Melbourne to experience some of the sites the city has to offer. This will include a trip to St Patricks Cathedral and the Vic Market. Rosalie Baldwin, Erin Pearson, Shelly Thrum and Sue Gale will be joined by parent Steve Giles for the overnight event.

Year 5/6 Community mass:

The year 5/6 grades will have a community mass on the 18th of June at St Mary's in Lancefield at 6 pm.

Mid-Year Instrumental Music Concert:

This will take place in the hall on Thursday 23rd June at 7pm for all the students who learn Guitar, Violin, Keyboard and Vocals.



ROMSEY KINDER NEWS

Introducing our new logo

With great excitement we introduce the new logo for Romsey Kindergarten!! It will be phased in gradually by the end of the year and should appear on all kinder correspondence and uniforms next year. We are very grateful to Sophie Barrett's mother, Virginia Barrett, for designing the new logo. It adopts a fresh, unique, friendly and sophisticated appeal. Thank you and we look forward to seeing the logo becoming a lasting identity within the local community.

Work experience students

During May, each unit enjoyed the extra help provided by work experience students from Gisborne Secondary College, The children especially enjoyed interacting with the work experience students. We wish them luck in their future careers.

Bunnings sausage sizzle—July 9th

Have you done your bit for kinder this year? If not—this is a great way to help out! Volunteers are needed to help with this year's sausage sizzle at Bunnings on 9 July, where proceeds generated go to Romsey Kinder. Time allocations are planned for 2 hour shifts. If you can help out, please contact committee president Michelle King or simply add your name to the list on the noticeboard!

Have you designed your paver yet?

Orders are ongoing for our "150 Years of Romsey" pavers – Don't miss out on becoming part of Romsey Kinder history – return your order form ASAP. For further information or assistance, please contact Jodee White on 54295160.

Kookaburra's Calling

On 9 June, the four year old classes enjoyed an incursion with an Aussie flavor – Kookaburra's Calling. The children learnt about Australian animals, the bush and didgeridoo's . A fun learning experience!

Autumn working bee

Thank you to those Committee members and parents who generously gave up their Saturday morning to blitz the kinder yards. Great effort.

Librarian visit to kinder

Due to wet weather—our 2nd excursion to the library was cancelled. However the children thoroughly enjoyed a incursion- (visit from librarian) and enthusiastically listened to some stories.

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Hesket Primary School Annual Supper Dance - 6th August

The Hesket Primary School Annual Supper Dance will once again be held in the Kyneton Town Hall. The dance will be held on Saturday the 6th of August featuring Darryl Cotton and his band along with guest singer Lisa Edwards, backing singer for John Farnham.

This dance is the major fundraiser for Hesket PS, a small country school, nestled between Mt Macedon and Hanging Rock. A good night is had by all, with great music for dancing and a hot and cold supper provided. All you need to bring is your dancing shoes,

BYO drinks and some spare cash if you wish to take part in the raffles and silent auctions.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by ringing the school on 5427 0330 or 0409 954 391 after hours.

Winter School Holiday Program

Creative Writing for Teens

Are you interested in writing? Whether it be poems, short stories, plays or novels? True stories or fiction? Fantasy or fairy tale? Come along to this all day workshop to gain tips, ideas and skills to take your writing to the next level. Range of writing styles discussed in this interactive & informative workshop. BYO piece of written work and an example of your favourite style of literature. Mickey Lisieux is a published writer and has been teaching creative writing for a decade. Wednesday 13 July 10am - 3pm \$75

Creative Art Making

Come and explore art & craft in a fun and relaxing environment. Children will have the opportunity to paint and use collage to explore an artistic themed activity. Plus make your own play-dough sculpture. Ages 4-6yrs Wednesday 6 July 10-11am \$15

Scoot/Skate/BMX Skills

Bring your scooter, skate board or BMX bicycle to the Woodend Skate park for help with skills and learn the Skate Park etiquette. Learn new moves and how to ride for fun whilst being safe. Wednesday 13 July \$5 9-10am ages 5-7yrs 10.30-12 Ages 8-11yrs
BYO wheels & helmet

Keep the kids active these school holidays

Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House has come up with fun ways to get the kids out the house these winter school holidays.

Music / singing / dancing for preschoolers followed by morning tea. 10-10.30am Monday 4th and Wed 13th July. Gold coin donation.

Kids art sessions. Friday 8th July. Preschool art 4-6yo from 10-11am and Primary art (7-12yo) from 11.15am-12.15. Call Beth to register. 0425 702 839

Writing Workshops for all ages with local author Dee White. 6th July 'Turning Fact into Fiction' and 7th July Plan or Plot your story. 8-10yo 10-12noon, 11-15 yo 12.30-2.30pm and adults 3-5pm. \$25 per workshop.

Beat the winter blues with these great activities. Bookings essential. Call the Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House on 5428 7836 or email rcnh@westnet.com.au

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Zumba

Be active, get rhythm, have fun and laughter too - Move to the South American beat and dance with Nelly. Great fun and good for you too!

Tuesday 5 July 10.30-11.30 \$12 Ages 8-15yrs

Clay Art

Learn to make your own coil pot or magical animal in air drying clay. Your imagination is your limit. Take your masterpiece home and then paint it when it is dry.

Tuesday 5 July 10-11.30 \$30 includes materials 6-15yrs

**Bookings and information to: Woodend
Neighbourhood House
47 Forest St, Tel 5427 1845**



Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.

P.O. Box 101
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E-mail: lancefieldcourthouse@gmail.com

Website: www.lancefieldcourthouse.org

The Society's next function will be our Winter Lunch at the Anglican Hall Chauncey Street, Lancefield. Cost will be \$10, there will also be a raffle and door prize. Starting time will be 11.30 am as we have Mr. David Baner, the Regional Archaeology Advisor of Heritage Victoria as our guest speaker. Seymour Cottage was listed as a Heritage Building in February of this year, and it will be interesting to listen to him speak, and his expertise will be able to guide our Society in looking after the Cottage.

SEYMOUR COTTAGE:

The cottage is closed for the winter, although visits by appointment are available by contacting the new Co-ordinator Sheryl on 0419 597 947. There will be a lot of changes to the interior displays and other activities being planned around the cottage in the warmer weather.

There is to be a Spring Fair at the Cottage on 30th October. Stalls will be available for outside vendors. Watch for future advertising of this event.

LANCEFIELD COURTHOUSE:

There will be a Family History Day on 7th August. Anyone interested in working on their family tree are most welcome to come and see what we hold at the Courthouse. We have Lancefield and Romsey newspapers on CD & DVD up to 1920, Victorian Births, Deaths and Marriages, Indexes to various works held here as well as Lancefield Cemetery Records, Obituaries & Weddings. We also hold over 3,000 photos of the people and places in the Old Romsey Shire.

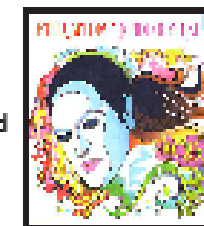
Our President Wendy is a professional genealogical researcher and will be available on the day.

The Society will be at the Lancefield Show again this year in the Laurie Green Pavilion so come and say Hello

For further information about any of the above please contact Shirley on 0402 248 540 or Robyn on 0418 172 659.



- **Leisa Saunders** sings jazz Friday nights 6:30-9:30pm
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Dollars that may save lives

The Macedon Ranges community is being urged to dig deeper to fund medical equipment for ambulances. An appeal launched this month by the revitalised Woodend Ambulance Auxiliary has raised \$5200 but a further \$23,000 is needed to purchase the equipment deemed vital to transporting patients from rural regions to metropolitan hospitals.

The auxiliary aims to purchase vacuum mattresses, ventilators, syringe pumps, fridges, vacuum arm and leg splints, and mobile phones.

Woodend Ambulance Team Manager Murray Kennedy said donation boxes were located across the shire and Woodend businesses and residents in particular had already been generous.

"We hope to see more donations coming from the Macedon/Mt Macedon area as more people become aware of the new "Macedon" ambulance operating out of Woodend from July 11."

Mr Kennedy said the Macedon unit would service the Macedon Ranges at peak periods of the day, and would be joined in October by two state-of-the-art Mercedes sprinter vehicles.

"I urge everyone to give so we can get the best equipment onto these new ambulances. This equipment is vital so that our paramedics can further enhance our service delivery to the entire community. Our aim is to get you to the best hospitals with as much comfort and care as possible." The new equipment being sought would ensure the 24-hour rostered vehicles at Woodend offer optimal comfort and care.

Among those who have answered the ambulance auxiliary's call for financial support is Frank Gorlitz, owner of Schatzi's restaurant in Woodend. Frank, a regular and generous contributor to health related charity causes, has agreed to match all donations made into his restaurant's donation box.

"We are so grateful to Frank and local businesses such as

MR Projects, Joan Gladman Real Estate and the 19th Hole Shopping Centre for their support," said Mr Kennedy. Improvements to the regional ambulance service coincide with an increase in paramedics from seven to 15 and a major redevelopment of the branch depot. Two Graduate Ambulance Paramedics (GAP) students joined the Woodend crew this week.

Donation boxes for the Woodend Ambulance are at: Woodend Pharmacy, Schatzi's restaurant, Westpac Bank Woodend, Commonwealth Bank Woodend, Woodend Newsagency, The Village Larder, Brooke Street Medical Centre, Macedon Post Office, The Trading Post Mt Macedon and Woodend Ambulance Station (4 Nicholson Street). All donors will be acknowledged.



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Perfect Partnership (alternative title Trish and Craig's Big Adventure)

Trish Mitchell had been at Café Colenso in Woodend for almost five years. For the last two years of that time she had owned it. "I was really exhausted and I needed a break. When I sold the café I remember saying I would never own another café" she recalls.

On the other hand, Craig Steans had worked as Trish's chef. When Trish sold, Craig realised he was tired of working for someone else. He needed his own café. "I looked at about five cafés in Woodend, Gisborne and Kyneton. None of them were quite right" he explains. Then Trish, a long term resident of Romsey, mentioned that The Baytree Coffee Shop was up for sale.

Craig wanted a café / restaurant rather than a coffee shop. This meant significantly overhauling the kitchen. The dining areas and the garden also needed a makeover. "It was too big a project for me to handle by myself" he recalls "But I just could not let it go. It is such a lovely old place, with a fantastic garden. It was also clear to me that locals really loved the place."

Craig approached Trish and suggested a partnership. Everything suddenly came together and they realised that it was the perfect partnership and the perfect place. "We decided to keep the name, out of respect for the history of the venue"

explains Trish. "We also made sure the open fire places were working and chose colours and fittings to suit the warm country feel of the place." In three weeks of sometimes frantic activity, the kitchen and dining areas were transformed so that the coffee shop became a café / restaurant.

"The kitchen is still quite small, so I need to be smart about what I put on the menu" says Craig. "The daytime menu has a lot of variety. However, when we opened for dinner in March, we opted for a small seasonal dinner menu." The café has a loyal following. A small seasonal menu gives variety for those customers that come for dinner often.

The kitchen was also designed so that Craig can bake a lot of the breads used in the café on site. He also makes his own pasta. "Most of what comes out of the kitchen is honest, home style food" he says. "It's just much tastier that way."

Space constraints also meant they needed to be very selective with their wine list. The aim was to keep it small, local, good quality and excellent value for money. "We could have gone for cheap and cheerful wines, but we wanted our customers to enjoy the wines as much as they enjoy the food" says Craig.

The Baytree Coffee Shop is located at 119A Main Street, Romsey. It is open Wednesday to Sunday during the day and for dinner on Friday and Saturday nights.

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National Diabetes Week 10 – 16 July 2011

There are 2 aims for this years National Diabetes Week's campaign the first is to encourage the 2 million Australians at high risk of developing type 2 diabetes to assess their risk. The other is to encourage those who have known diabetes to have regular eye checks. Diabetic eye disease or retinopathy is a significant cause of vision loss and blindness in adult Australians. About one in six people with diabetes is affected by retinopathy.

Data shows that there are currently 1 million people diagnosed with diabetes living in Australia. The number of people in Victoria with diabetes has doubled since 2001 with approx 220,000 Victorians now having diabetes. The diabetes epidemic is growing by a staggering 275 new cases every day. Type 2 diabetes is the fastest growing chronic condition in Australia with many Australians not aware of the seriousness of diabetes. Ongoing high blood sugars can cause complications including blindness, kidney disease, and amputation. Type 2 is the most common type of diabetes and is often tied to obesity. It develops when the body fails to produce enough insulin to break down glucose, inflating blood sugar levels. The disease can be managed with diet, exercise and medication. For those at risk of developing diabetes there is good evidence that lifestyle changes including diet changes, regular exercise and weight loss can either delay or prevent the onset of the condition.

Ann Bush the Diabetes Educator at Macedon Ranges Health regularly sees local residents who are currently living with diabetes or have just found out that they have diabetes. Unfortunately Ann is concerned that she is seeing a lot of people with complications of diabetes including renal failure, vision problems, heart conditions and problems with their feet and legs. "What I would like to see are more people who are newly diagnosed or at risk of diabetes so that we can start working with them to make the lifestyle changes necessary and help prevent these complications. Most of the diabetes complications are preventable and it breaks my heart to see people struggling with their diabetes when we could have empowered them to manage the condition from the start and prevented these problems. Once a complication is diagnosed all we can do is manage it and hopefully make changes to prevent it becoming life threatening".

Macedon Ranges Health will be holding a number of events to promote National Diabetes week including Pharmacy based health checks where people will be able to access diabetes risk factor assessments and blood pressure checks. Health professionals will also be available to provide personal assistance with your diabetes including our Dietitian Naomi Adams and Diabetes Educator Ann Bush. Bookings are not necessary and this service is free of charge. Screenings will be held at the following pharmacies:

Mon 11 July 10.00am – 12.00pm - Riddells Creek Pharmacy 9 Station St Riddells Creek
Wed 13 July 10.00am – 12.00pm - Hardys Pharmacy 40 Brantome St Gisborne
Wed 13 July 1.30pm – 3.30pm - Priceline pharmacy 1/18 Brantome St Gisborne

A Diabetes Risk Awareness Seminar will be held on Wednesday 13 July 7.30pm at the Macedon Ranges Community Health Centre 5 Neal Street Gisborne. We will have presentations from our Dietitian and Diabetes Educator. We have invited Simon Leong, Optometrist to be our guest speaker and he will be discussing diabetes eye disease and its prevention. Bookings are essential on 54280300 and entry is by gold coin donation.

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ROMSEY BRANCH - COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF VIC. INC.

My poetry brain is dead, so this month, here's a laugh for you.

A man joins a monastery and takes a vow of silence. He's allowed to say two words every seven years.

After the first 7 years, his two words to his elders were "COLD FLOORS". The Elders nod and send him away.

Seven years later, his two words were "BAD FOOD".

Once again they nod and send him away.

Seven more years pass. They bring him in for his two words and he says "I QUIT". That's not surprising," an Elder says, "You've done nothing but complain since you got here".

In May we held a Street Stall outside IGA. What a cold and blustery day it was, but the ladies who worked on the stall were kept warm with the friendship of each other and our many staunch customers. Our raffle of a delightful hand-made Patchwork Quilt was won by Mrs Pat Muddyman of Clarkefield. The money raised on this day, enables us to further support our local community. This rug was made by our President, Shirley. Patchwork is one of the very many crafts that can be learned at C.W.A, if you are interested.

Later in May, on our Craft Day, we continued making smocks, doll's clothes, doll's cot blankets, sheets and pillows, and cushions for our local Romsey Kindergarten. As we were fortunate to receive a Community Grant from the Bendigo Bank, two officers from the Bank visited us on June 16th to view our handiwork, have a cuppa and a chat. A "brick" for the kindergarten has been purchased at a cost of \$25. This brick will be suitably inscribed.

Two ladies went to the Bank's presentation evening and this was most pleasant. We heard how the Bank very admirably supports our Community, Bank staff was introduced, and a delightful supper was served.

This month we are off to Trentham for a presentation of a collection of Old and New Lace and a demonstration of the making of traditional lace. Sounds very interesting!! Also ladies will attend the Uniting Church luncheon, and a "Mid-



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winter Ladies Day Out" held by the Darraweit Guim Red Cross. Also two of our ladies joined the Gisborne Branch for their Games Day – lots of fun was had by all who were present. Of course, a wonderful afternoon tea was enjoyed after playing great fun games.

As you can see, we don't sit home and vegetate on these cold wintery days – we visit various C.W.A. Branches and other organisations' functions, for fun, fellowship and food, at very moderate costs.

After our June meeting, we had a lesson in the finer points of stretch sewing. A toddler's track suit was constructed in a very short time, and this lesson showed us how quickly and economically similar garments can be made, both for children and adults.

During June, an International Luncheon was held at the CWA Mount Macedon Hall. Some dishes from our Country of Study, Morocco/Tangiers were served. Customary CWA lunch fare was also available.

Our ongoing commitment to the Caladenia Aged Care facility in Kilmore will see us making tablecloths, cushions, etc. for this wonderful Nursing Home. We also will be making library bags, chair bags, cookery aprons, etc. for our Primary School, as well as needs requested by Bolinda and Clarkefield Primary Schools.

CWA's Annual State Conference was held late May, this year in Ballarat, and was attended by 2 of our members. Many resolutions were raised and our delegates were able to vote on these. A number of Guest Speakers were presented, and these proved to be very interesting.

For information about joining this great CWA Branch, please contact:

Val Jordan, Branch Secretary.

Telephone - 5429 2311

E-mail - jordanval@bigpond.com

What's on in the school holidays at your local library!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Monday July 4 – Friday July 15, 2011
Romsey Library

STORIES & CRAFT

Enjoy two wonderful Australian stories (*The Tall man and the Twelve Babies* and *Feathers for Phoebe*) and under the expert guidance of local art teacher Amy Green create your own tall man and fabulous feathered mask

Thursday July 7, 2011 11.00am – 12.00pm
4 – 10 yrs

HARRY POTTER RULES!

Celebrate all things Harry and the release of 'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2' in a magical session featuring HP trivia, fun and games, and quirky craft. Come dressed as a Harry Potter character or in your favourite wizard gear if you wish.

Thursday July 14, 2011 2.00 – 3.00pm
5 – 12 yrs

Bookings essential

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Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA)



UPDATE

Business Breakfast

Following the success of last year's Business Breakfast, RRBATA will again be conducting such an event at Soltan Pepper on Friday 5th August 2011 commencing at 7am. These events create a great atmosphere for local business people and others to mix and be entertained with great brekky food. What a wonderful way to kick start the working day!! Cost for members will be \$10, non-members \$20. Those wishing to book a seat should contact Joanne Hagan phone: 0432 320553 email: hages10@optusnet.com.au



Farewell Peter O'Rourke

RRBATA wishes to farewell one of its members, Mr. Peter O'Rourke, as he hangs up his butcher's apron at Macdon Ranges Meat Specialist. In addition to being a local business identity (the butcher shop must be one of the central "hubs" of any small community), Peter is also a committed local Rotarian. It would be an interesting statistic to know how many sausages Peter has supplied to community groups for fundraising sausage sizzles over the years! RRBATA wishes all the very best to Peter in life after sharp knives and meat preparation! We look forward to a great relationship with the new proprietor of our local butcher shop!



Community Bank to Meet With RRBATA

The Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank will meet soon with RRBATA to discuss the new bank and commercial business development to be constructed on the old Romsey Stockfeeds site. RRBATA looks forward to being part of the extensive community discussion regarding some of the more specific elements of this potentially exciting new initiative for Romsey.

Romsey Online Update

RRBATA is continuing its review of Romsey Online to ascertain whether its appearance and function can be further improved. The website is an important resource for both local residents and potential visitors to our town as well so it is important that a fresh appearance is maintained. Feedback regarding the website is welcome so please email your comments to info@romsey.org.au.

Remember - advertising for businesses is very affordable, and community groups can list their contact details or events and news at no cost.

And don't forget, *ANYONE CAN BE A REPORTER!* Whether it is sporting results, photos, reports on events etc, the website is waiting for your "news". Please ensure a note of consent from people featured in any photographs accompanies your submissions. Remember, the website is only as good as the information fed to it at info@romsey.org.au.

Thinking About Membership?

RRBATA is only as good as its membership. Consider being a beneficiary of the exciting initiatives planned ahead by becoming a RRBATA member so as you can be heard!!
Membership Enquiries: Joanne Hagan (Secretary)
Phone: 0432 320553
Email: hages10@optusnet.com.au

Next RRBATA Function:

Business Breakfast

Friday 5th August, 2011 (7am for 7.30am start)

Soltan Pepper Restaurant

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VOLUNTEERS RESPONSE TO CANBERRA SUMMIT

The use of social media during emergencies and support structures for emergency service volunteers were among a range of topics discussed by 13 CFA volunteers at a national summit in Canberra recently.

CFA was one of 47 emergency service agencies represented at the 450-person summit, officially opened by the Governor-General Her Excellency Quentin Bryce, alongside agencies such as the NSW Rural Fire Service, State Emergency Service, Surf Life Saving Australia and St John's Ambulance.

This was the third National Emergency Management Volunteers Summit since 2001, which provided an opportunity for current and future leaders of volunteer emergency services to discuss priority areas for the sector and provide possible solutions in the form of recommendations which have been passed on to the Australian Government Attorney-General's Department.

CFA Executive Manager of Operational Training and Volunteerism, Lex De Man, joined the CFA delegation to the Summit and was extremely impressed with the calibre of the representatives selected by each district.

"Our delegates conducted themselves with enormous professionalism," Mr De Man said. "They actively contributed in the open forum discussions and breakout sessions, and did themselves and the organisation proud whilst shining light on the CFA brand at a conference of national significance."

With an emphasis this year on the younger generation, social media including Facebook and Twitter were incorporated real-time into the summit program, adding another level of discussion to the summit as well as involving volunteer members from around the country that could not physically attend the summit.

There were 17 presentations over the two-day conference that addressed topics such as inter-agency training partnerships, national transferability of qualifications, challenges to volunteering, young volunteers as leaders, respecting volunteers' time, engagement through social media, public perceptions of volunteers versus paid emergency service workers and other challenges for the sector.

After meeting with so many different emergency services agencies, Leongatha South delegate Gary Williams noted

that the CFA provides its volunteers with support far above that of some other volunteer agencies across Australia.

"At times you need to talk to other people before you realise how well off you are and it was great to be able to talk to such a diverse group of volunteers". Mr Williams said.

The delegates attended a formal dinner in the Great Hall of Parliament House where Stuart Diver, the sole survivor of the 1997 Thredbo Landslide, presented on resilience in the context of the life-changing 65-hour entrapment that he survived.

21-year-old Roy Peterson from Kallista-The Patch Fire Brigade said "it will be one of those moments in life I'll never forget."

"The next time I'm on the end of a rake-hoe on a strike team, in 45 degree heat and feeling like giving up, I think my memory of Stuart Diver's persistence will help me power on and get the job done" Mr Peterson said.

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What's New at Cuttings

Winter has definitely arrived and Cuttings in Romsey is full of items that enhance cosy, cold weather living. New cold weather arrivals include sturdy, large, wood storage baskets, 3 styles of practical, cotton lined gumboots, and 3 sizes of stunning doormats. The doormats in particular, are suited to our weather, as 1 size is extra large for front doors, and another size is perfectly suited for sliding and double doors. These are all available in several new patterns which enhance your home's entry. In addition, colourful winter scarves and flattering knitted hats are also in stock; to keep you warm and fashionable.

Winter is also the time to savour hearty, slow cooked meals, and our gourmet pantry selection has been expanded with many winter meal staples. 4 varieties of salt rubs are now in stock to complement the many chutneys, infused oils, marinades, and sauces in store. These rubs can be added as an essential ingredient to many recipes, as well as a topical rub for any cut of meat. Gorgeous, red, cast iron cooking pots in 2 styles have also arrived, along with many other winter kitchen essentials. Also, yummy hot chocolate and chai latte mixes complement Grinders coffee beans and ground coffee; essential for any proud, domestic barista.

In winter, we all spend more time indoors. Often, an indoor update might be more than overdue; a refresh for tired and dated rooms. If you like our Cuttings style, and are unsure as to how to create your own, unique look at home, we can help! We offer an on site, room by room consultation, which includes recommendations for rearranging existing furniture and accessories, as well as sourcing for new pieces needed to create that personal look and feel in your home that you aspire to. We can also advise and assist with new home fit outs and initial furnishings.

Additionally, we are very experienced with the art of real estate styling, which insures the best presentation of your home; in preparation for sale. De-cluttering advice and recommendations for replacement fittings and accessories are an essential part of this service. Enquiries and bookings for both interior and real estate styling consultations can be made at the shop.

Finally, exciting news! Cuttings is going online! Soon, we will be able to provide you with a brand new online shopping experience and facility. Stay tuned!

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Every Monday 10am—11am. These classes are designed to be fun and are specifically tailored to meet the capacity of each participant. Includes Balance, Mobility, Bladder Control and Joint pain. Chair based exercises available. Register now. Cost: \$5 per class
***Join us after for a cuppa and morning tea (\$2 Gold Coin Donation)**

Social & Creative Activities

Line Dancing

Mondays 9.30am-10.30am at the Mechanics Institute Hall. Cost: \$6 per class Open age.

Craft Group

Thursday's 10.30am-12.30pm. Come & practise a variety of crafts including; quilting, card making, knitting, smocking, embroidery, etc .Gold coin contribution on the day.

Art Classes - Working With Watercolours

Through the support of Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Romsey Community House are running a series of **subsidised** age specific art classes. In Term 3 we are running 10 week courses on Thursdays starting 21/07/11.

Adult (Daytime) 'A touch of Acrylic and Watercolour'
Time: 1:00 – 3:00pm. Term Cost: \$100

6 - 8yrs: Clay work

Time: 3.45 - 4.45pm. Term Cost: \$60

9 - 15yrs: Clay work

Time: 5.00 - 6.30pm . Term Cost: \$90

Adult (Evening): 'A Touch of Acrylic and Watercolour'

Time: 7:00 – 9:00pm. Term Cost: \$100

Book Early as class minimum & maximum numbers apply

Art Class Exhibition Starts 24/06/11

Writers Group

Meets on the 2nd Friday of each month 9.45 - 11.45am. We share our work and ideas whilst providing encouragement, feedback and support. Gold Coin contribution. Phone Jack 5429 6095 or Lila 5429 3732.

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Come & join Erin for lots of fun. Ages 6mths - 5yrs. Classes commencing soon. To book phone Erin on 0417 137 003

Drop in for a Cuppa

Any week day 9.30am - 5.00pm. Gold coin donation.

Chess Club

We are looking to start up an all ages chess club. If you are interested in either joining or running this group. Contact Helen at the Romsey Community House on 5429 6724.

Certificate Courses - Accredited Training

RSA -Responsible Serving of Alcohol
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The above courses will run on various Saturdays in July, August and September. Ph: 5429 6724.

Pre-Accredited Courses

Computer Basics 1

Learn the basics of Microsoft Office Word 2007. This An 8 week course will run on Thursdays commencing 28/07/11 10am-12.30pm. Cost \$165.00 / Conc \$60.00

Computer Basics 2

Build your knowledge around computers, Microsoft Office and Word. Course will run every Tuesday from 26/07/11 for 8 weeks. 12.30 - 3.00pm Cost \$165.00 / Conc \$60.00.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

A 5 week course held on Thursday evenings from 4/08/11. 6.00 - 8.30pm . Cost \$150.00. No concessions available

Introduction to Quickbooks

A basic overview - This course is designed for those who have not previously used Quickbooks. 19th & 26th July 2011 7pm - 9pm Cost \$60.00

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Non-Accredited Training Courses

Computer Maintenance

A 2hr class designed to teach the basics in hard drive & file clean-up. Wednesday 8/06/11. 7pm - 9pm. Cost: \$20.00

Learn to Use the Internet

A 2hr class teaching the basics of internet safety & usage. 7 - 9pm Wednesday 29th June, 2011. Cost: \$20.00

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Old Primary School Site Update

Since last month's edition of the Romsey Rag, GRAAP has followed up on the meeting with the Minister for Education, Martin Dixon regarding the old Romsey Primary School site, currently on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's (DEECD) list of assets for disposal.

Letters requesting an update on the discussions had on 20th May have been written to Minister Dixon, Donna Petrovich (MLC, Northern Victoria), Peter Johnson (CEO, Macedon Ranges Shire Council), and Cr. Henry McLaughlin (Mayor and East Ward councillor).

At this stage, no response to these queries has been received.

GRAAP is currently exploring funding options which could possibly facilitate a purchase of the site by Macedon Ranges Shire Council if it was offered to it by DEECD as part of the disposal process.

The enthusiasm demonstrated at the recent Save Our Public Space Meeting and in correspondence received by GRAAP has reinforced the commitment to saving this site for public use.

The notion of a recreational and cultural facility centrally located is still loud on the discussion radar. Thankyou for attending the public meeting and the letters of support sent to GRAAP, to the Minister and local members.

A fundraising thermometer will soon be placed on the Main Street to register pledges of support for the project. Any pledges of support in the form of monetary or skill based donations for the project can be directed to graap@exemail.com.au



So, GRAAP remains positive in its quest to lead the charge for the old primary school site to remain in public use and encourages those who support this quest to write or email the Minister and other political contacts as listed below.

Minister and other political contacts as listed below.

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