

Romsey Golf Club—Ladies Report

Results June 22nd: It was a beautiful warm sunny day, something we weren't used to in winter. We played stroke and Beryl was the winner with a 96-28-68.

29th June: Foursomes was on the agenda and we had 4 pairs playing. Kath & Jan won with a 76½ net. The weather was again kind and was warm with no wind.

July came and the weather broke again, gone were the sunny days and back the freezing cold days. We all arrived at the clubrooms on Wednesday 6th with only one person silly enough to unpack her clubs. Tony and Bob called in and we were informed of some improvements happening around the course and clubrooms, then after a few cups of tea we called it quits and went home.

July 13th Leila won the Stableford event with a 3 way count back for second. The course was wet but because of the excellent grass cover there was no mud. We had a shower of rain half way through our round but with brollies up and wet weather gear we played on.

Thursday July 2nd: Bacchus Marsh West invited our Captain & President to their guest day to play Irish 6's. Lorraine and Leila were drawn to play with the Gisborne ladies who I was told if they had played better they may have won. Funny the Gisborne Ladies said the same about the Romsey Ladies. Seems like they all had a fun day out especially Leila who won a couple of raffle prizes.

Thursday 16th July saw Kath, Denise and I ventured to Avenel to play in their Silver Salver. They had arranged the weather for a sunny warm day with no wind. After a slow round with much raking of the sand scrapes it was good to finish. Denise was really pleased with her round even after having to walk the last three holes due to her scooter having a breakdown. Lunch and a sit down were

really appreciated by all and some were pleased not to be driving home.

Thursday 7th July the Dalhousie Bowl to be held at Yea was postponed due to the course being too wet. We hadn't entered but with our Captain back from holidays she may inspire us when it is rescheduled.

Tuesday 12th July Jan, Kath and I played in the Melton Valley Bowl. The day was cold with some wind and the field all found it hard going with very few playing to their handicaps. We Romsey girls all managed to donate a ball or two to the ducks (even if the water didn't come into play).

Recipe for this month Chicken Broccoli au Gratin

1 cooked chicken
250gm broccoli cut into florets
300ml sour cream
4 spring onions chopped
¼ cup grated tasty cheese
1 can chicken or mushroom soup
1 teaspoon curry powder
Salt & pepper
¼ teaspoon paprika.
Remove chicken bones and cut into slices
Cook broccoli until just tender and place in casserole dish.
Top with chicken slices
Combine spring onions, cheese, soup & curry powder and season to taste. Pour over broccoli chicken mixture.
Top with extra cheese and paprika.
Bake in a moderate oven for 30 – 40 mins.
Serve with rice.

Macedon Ranges Squash

Macedon Ranges Squash Club recently held its graded club championships and for all 8 players a win would get their name on the honour board for the first time. The participants were from all over the Ranges being from Kyneton, Woodend, Lancefield, Hesket and from as far away as Wildwood. The D Grade Championship was contested between Nathan Evans and Darren Harman. Both had tasted team success this week but both wanted the individual prize. The game started in a frantic pace with the first game going right down to the wire. Darren consolidated his position to dominate the second game to put the pressure on Nathan to perform. Nathan rose to the occasion grabbing the third and fourth game to take it to a decider. The game went point for point until Darren was able to string a couple of consecutive points to run out the winner 10-9 9-3 1-9 7-9 9-7. In the C Grade Final Luke Sandstrom was up against Rob Walker. Luke had the wood on Rob on their previous meetings but Rob was determined to reverse the result in the big one. Luke covered the court effortlessly and was soon out to a 2 game lead. Rob found his second wind to grab the third by controlling the rallies. The big effort took its toll however as Luke regrouped and eventually won 9-6 9-5 3-9 9-2.

The B Grade Final between Glen Hastie and Brian Renwick was another up and down affair. Glen was quick off the mark to claim the first two games but Brian's game was on the improve by the end of the second game. He quickly wrapped up the third and fourth to send the match into a deciding fifth game. Glen got out to an early lead before Brian started to match him point for point. He couldn't however reel in the lead and Glen won 9-3 9-7 6-9 4-9 9-5.

It was now time for the A graders to hit the court. Jason Gladman was up against Mark Wiegerink. Both of these players play state level quality squash so the match was bound to be a cracker. The rallies showed a great mix of touch and power. Jason was determined to have a good result and dominated the rallies from the front and back of the court. In the end he proved too strong winning 9-4 9-2 9-4. These two are sure to have a rematch later in the year in the Men's Open Championship.

Anyone interested in joining the Macedon Ranges Squash Club should contact Bill Hutcheson on 0488 348 898. The club offers competitions in both Kyneton and Romsey and caters for all levels of players.

Photo Club Champs L to R Glen Hastie, Jason Gladman, Darren Harman, Luke Sandstrom



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\$700 Warmer Winter Discount now available to low-income Victorians

Parliamentary Secretary for Environment and Climate Change, Donna Petrovich, is encouraging concession card holders to take advantage of the new government gas heater rebate scheme that started on the 1st July 2011. The *Victorian Coalition Government Gas Heater Rebate* is being managed by Sustainability Victoria and is part of the Victorian Government's 2011 budget announcement to assist low income households purchase energy efficient appliances.

"With winter now upon us and the cost of living rising, it's great to be able to give people a break by upgrading their old electric heaters to a more energy-efficient gas model," Ms Petrovich said. "Eligible Victorian householders can receive a 'warmer winter discount' when they replace their electric heater with a more cost-effective gas heater. On top of the \$700 discount, switching to a gas heater can save householders up to \$280 per year on their energy bills."

To date, more than 50 retailers and suppliers have signed up across metropolitan and regional Victoria and more are expected to join the scheme in the coming days and weeks. CEO of Sustainability Victoria Anita Roper said heating accounted for around 50 percent of total energy used in most Victorian homes.

"By replacing an electric heater with a gas heater, householders could save up to two tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions per year," Ms Roper said. "The scheme is also available to renters. Those people who are eligible should first check with their landlord or their agent."

The gas heater rebate will be provided as a point-of-sale discount to eligible concession card holders at participating retailers and suppliers until 2013.

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Buster Keaton and the Blue Grassy Knoll are a great team. Essentially what you've got is two professional entertainment troupes working in tandem to create a cinematic gestalt greater than the sum of the parts. These six classic silent films present the Blue Grassy Knoll with the perfect opportunity to compose compelling and humorous scores that at a mischievous musical theatricality to Keaton's charming and very funny films.

In recreating the silent movie experience, the band commits the music to memory and uses the film itself for their cues, so it literally becomes their "conductor", as it were – a truly amazing experience to witness. The Blue Grassy Knoll's charismatic presentation draws the audience into the show, bringing Buster's movies to life as never before, and creating a dazzling, "natural" multi-media experience.



Not so silent movie.

Long before DVD's and digital television or even analogue television there was film, and once upon a time films were silent. Well those so called "silent" movies were never really entirely silent. True, there was no recorded sound track and the characters only ever spoke via sub titles printed on the screen, but the movies were presented in big old cinemas and more often than not there would be a musician or two or three that played some live music to accompany the film. The piano was very often the instrument of choice but more varied ensembles also appeared around the traps.

For those who may not already be aware, Buster Keaton was a master of the silent screen. The movie "The General" is a Civil War adventure-epic classic that was made toward the end of the silent era. It is generally regarded as one of the greatest of all silent comedies and Buster Keaton's masterpiece. Filled with Keaton trade-mark hilarious sight gags and perfectly timed stunt work, it undoubtedly has the best train film sequence ever made. Realistic stunts (without stuntmen to double for Keaton), uncontrived, free-flowing set-pieces, non-stop motion, and a preoccupation with authenticity make parts of the film a visual history of the American Civil War. It is this movie that has been chosen as the third show in the Café Culture Series and will be screened in fifteen remote regional Victorian towns thanks to some funding assistance from Arts Victoria.

In keeping with the tradition of having live music being played as the "live" soundtrack, the five piece band "Bluegrassy Knoll" have written their own score for the movie. Their unique soundtrack cleverly and sensitively mimics the humour, drama, chaos and

romance portrayed on screen. Each of the five musicians Simon Barfoot, Phillip McLeod, Steph O'Hara, Gus MacMillan and Mark Elton play more than one instrument each, so at any given moment you will hear a combination of banjo, guitar, double bass, flute, accordion, drums, cello, mandolin, fiddle, tuba, trumpet, harmonica and a myriad of whistles and bells to accommodate and highlight every mishap moment. The band sits facing the audience, committing the music to memory, using the film for their cues which provides the audience with a truly amazing experience.

Buster Keaton's movies have more than stood the test of time and have probably never enjoyed such genius film scoring. Blue-grassy Knoll's previous works have been a success in all 5 continents, including Broadway, Brazil, Beijing and London and garnered 5 star reviews in Edinburgh. "The General" was a riot of a success at this year's Melbourne International Comedy Festival Gala night and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council are thrilled to be presenting it in Romsey at Romsey Mechanics Institute on Friday 9th of September 2011 at 8pm.

Tickets for this gem of a show are on sale now at Tickets \$20 Cabaret Seating BYO Drinks and Nibbles
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www.takeapeek.com.au or any customer service centres (Kyneton, Woodend, Gisborne & Romsey)

Sustainable sporting ground grants now available

Sports clubs looking to weather-proof their facilities are encouraged to approach their local councils about applying for a share in \$2 million worth of Victorian Government funding, now available through the latest round of the *Sustainable Sports Ground Program*.

Minister for Sport and Recreation Hugh Delahunty, when announcing the grants this week, said they would provide extra support to help clubs deal with the impacts of climate extremes.

"In recent years many sporting clubs in my electorate have been doing it tough, with facilities battling to cope with climate extremes, including drought and floods," Mrs. Petrovich, State MP for Northern Victoria, said. "This program provides the cash boost needed for sports clubs to develop long term, sustainable, low water use community sporting facilities that are better equipped to deal with future climate challenges. From water recycling and storm water harvesting to drought resistant turf and the installation of synthetic playing surfaces for sports such as soccer, hockey, lawn bowls and tennis, the *Sustainable Sports Ground Program* helps local sport to not only survive, but to thrive. By helping communities to improve the quality, water efficiency and sustainability of local facilities, the program also encourages even greater participation for all Victorians at local clubs. More people will be able to enjoy the health benefits of getting more active, more often and clubs can cater for more members all year round."

Mrs. Petrovich said the Victorian Government was proud to invest in the sustainability of local sporting facilities.

"By working together with local clubs via councils we can support higher levels of use and participation at local sporting facilities, whatever the weather brings," Mrs. Petrovich said. If you are part of a local club looking to better protect your facility from the effects of weather extremes please contact your local council, develop a proposal and have them apply for the funding on your behalf."

Up to \$100,000 is available for each project. Applications close Wednesday 10 August 2011. For more information about the *Sustainable Sports Ground Program*, visit www.grants.dpvd.vic.gov.au

1 million reasons to Relay

Since it started in 2003 the Lancefield-Macedon Ranges Relay For Life has raised almost \$870,000 for the Cancer Council Victoria.

The organising committee is stepping up efforts in a bid to see next year's 10th anniversary event take the fundraising tally to \$1 million.

All teams, prospective participants and supporters are invited to the 2012 Relay Launch on Tuesday, September 6 at the Woodend Tennis Club from 7.30pm.

This will be an opportunity to celebrate involvement and discuss how to make the Relay more enjoyable and inclusive, and to strengthen fundraising efforts.

Relay For Life is a team event which challenges participants to keep their team batons going for 19 hours. It attracts families, friends, youth groups, schools, community organisations and workplace teams who spend up to a year fundraising in various ways including dances, fun runs and car rallies.

A highlight of the Relay is the ceremonies to Celebrate cancer survivors, Remember lives lost and Fight back to find a cure. Many teams camp overnight and the live entertainment is a major attraction.

The 2012 Lancefield-Macedon Ranges Relay For Life will be held on March 3 & 4 at Lancefield Park. For details about registering or getting involved ring Melissa McCarthy on 0438 831 427 or email tmac31@bigpond.net.au



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The Mount Players

Mount Players recently hosted the One Act Play Festival with theatre companies from all over Victoria making their way up the Mount. A big congratulations to our very own Mount Players Youth Theatre who picked up 5 awards for their play *Flesh & Bone*.

The winners for the weekend were as follows:

- Excellent Washing Machine: Louise Phelan - Soap Opera - Warrandyte Theatre Company
- Set Dressing: Der Kriminalkommissar – Peridot Theatre
- Light & Sound Plot: Gub – The Mount Players
- Choreography: Kerry Turpie – *Flesh & Bone* – Mount Players Youth Theatre
- Costumes: Rhinoceros Hides – Kyneton Theatre Company
- Excellent Characterisation: David Creedon – Soap Opera – Warrandyte Theatre Company
- Most Promising Performer: Alexandra McLaren – *Untimely Ripp'd* - Ballarat National Theatre Company
- Youth Encouragement Award: Gemma Elliott – *Flesh & Bone* – Mount Players Youth Theatre
- Excellent Ensemble: *Flesh & Bone* – Mount Players Youth Theatre
- Best Male Support: Ken Virtue as Hugh in *Decline & Hall* – Warrandyte Theatre Company
- Best Female Support: Naomi Oosting as Savana in *Decline & Hall* – Warrandyte Theatre Company
- Best Male Lead: John Neill as Jesse in *Jellybeans & Anchovies* – Kyneton Theatre Company
- Best Female Lead: Rosalee Neill as Billy in *Jellybeans & Anchovies* – Kyneton Theatre Company
- Best Director: Kerry Turpie – *Flesh & Bones* – Mount Players Youth Theatre
- Runner-up Production: *Flesh & Bone* – Mount Players Youth Theatre
- Best Production: *Jellybeans & Anchovies* – Kyneton Theatre Company

If you missed the festival, visit http://www.theatrecraft.org.au/one_act_play_festivals.php for more information about the Victorian Drama League One Act Play Festivals.

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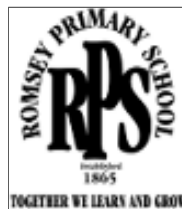
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Romsey Primary School News



Holiday Improvements

During the holiday period the school took the opportunity to construct a covered walkway between the Performing Arts Centre and The Learning Neighbourhood. This was originally in the plan for the new building but was removed by the government to reduce the cost of the project. With the Romsey climate it was important for this structure to be built and the school has funded this project, investing \$26,000. Now students, parents and teachers can move freely around the school at all times and remain dry. The walkway blends into the new building and integrates all the school's facilities.



Student Council

This year's Student Council have been actively involved in making suggestions to improve the school, fund raising and planning lunch time activities. Last term their major fundraiser was for our sponsored child, Fredrick, who lives in Kenya. The school is in its 8th year of sponsorship and regularly communicate with him. Students made a gold coin donation for the right to dress in casual clothes and raised \$417.

Year 5 Gardening Program

All year 5 students participate in a program called "From the Seed to the Plate". Each class spends one hour a week in our school's vegetable garden and orchard. Students learn about a wide variety of vegetables, how to grow them and the various ways they can be cooked. This week we have been selling to parents beautiful fresh produce including broccoli, cabbages, lettuce, beetroot and silver beet. The funds raised from these sales go towards sustaining the gardening program and replenishing seedling stock. Students are highly engaged in caring for the garden and learn valuable life skills.



School Tours

Thursday 11 and 25 August and 8 September
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Meet at the front office and take a guided tour of our wonderful facilities and view our students in action.

Please call 54 295099 to register your participation or call into the school office.

Stay and chat with our Principal and Assistant Principal over morning tea following the tour.

Prep Enrolments for 2012
Prep enrolments for 2012 are open and need to be submitted during this term. Parents need to bring the enrolment forms to the office along with your child's birth certificate and immunization record. Additional enrolment packages are available at the school's office. A school tour with the principal can be organised by phoning the school on 54295099.

New Website

This term we launched our new website. Check it out at www.romseyps.vic.edu.au to keep in touch with what is happening at Romsey Primary School.

Romsey Uniting Church

Pohlman Street, Romsey. 3434

Minister Rev. Dr. Avril Hannah-Jones: 5429 5351

Church Council Chairperson: Noel Shaw - 5429 5509

Mobile: 0408 380 962

Secretary: Jeni Clampit - 5429 5480



You are most welcome to come to the Romsey Uniting Church

The Romsey and Lancefield Uniting Churches have celebrated Christmas in July, commencing with Advent worship each week and concluding on 24th July with a Christmas Sunday@6 Service. Tea at 5pm consisted of Christmas finger food and a Christmas Service at 6pm. These services were different from the usual traditional Sunday service, but were very enjoyable. Of course we will celebrate Christmas again in December.

The Romsey UCAF had their annual Sammy Stamp sorting. The Romsey Uniting Church is happy to receive any used stamps. Stamps can be given to any member of the Uniting Church. Or you can contact Jeni Clampit at the phone number above. Thankyou.

God is still at work!

"It was works ... done on the Sabbath that stirred the Jew to persecute Jesus. He defended himself by saying, 'My Father has never yet ceased his work, and I am working too'."

John 5: 16-17

Changes.... Everywhere, changes....

Some make life simpler, some just bewilder me.

New ways of doing things, new ways of living.

New hopes, new fears, new freedom, and new bondage.

Should I then be surprised, Lord, if you choose to lead your church in new ways, too?

For you are a God of changeless love that must be expressed in ever-changing ways;

A God of steadfast purpose and endless originality; Wanting to be made known in each generation in terms that generation understands;

God of all time, God our contemporary. A missionary writes.

"I stand where men are exploited."

And that's where you stand, Lord.

Suffering with those who suffer, labouring with those who labour to relieve the suffering.

New problems call for new solutions.

Lord, I am glad that there are men and women of courage and vision, to enlist in your great enterprises, and to tackle the problems of our time;

Problems that come with high-rise housing, or mingling of races, or with the pace and pressures of modern living.

Problems of affluence.

Problems of poverty.

And so I thank you, Lord, for change that means that you are still at work.

Grant me openness to new ideas, and willingness to find new ways to make your love more real to those around me.

Conversations with God by Joy Merritt

Church Services during August 2011

7 th	9am.	Worship Service
14 th	9am.	Worship Service and Eucharist conducted by Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones
21 st	9am.	Worship Service conducted by the Worship Team.
28 th	9am	Worship Service conducted by Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones

Test & Measure – Learn from Experience

One thing that most people in business know is that often less than 50% of marketing and advertising expenditure is effective. The problem is that more often than not we don't know which 50% is effective and what is not. This is why Test & Measure activity can be one of the best investments in cost saving for a business that uses advertising, promotion and marketing as key strategies to gain and retain business.

A five step strategy to your marketing plan can ensure the return on investment is at its maximum.

Plan – plan once, plan properly. Be specific about your target market, what you want to achieve from your marketing activities and finally when & how you want to execute the activity.

Execute – execute the marketing activity. Deliver according to the plan.

Test & Measure – for every step of the marketing activity measure everything that can be measured. How many flyers were sent? How many phone calls were made? How many replies to the first email? How many replies to the second email? What was the postcode for each enquiry?

Review the activity – using the test & measure data review the campaign identifying what worked and what needs to be improved.

Execute with enhancements – this is where the time and money is saved. Don't go back to planning (you've already done this). Simply use the information obtained from the test and measure and the interpretations from the review process to execute the activity with enhancements.

It sounds overly simple but think about it for a moment. When you conduct a marketing activity that doesn't work do you go back to every aspect of the original plan and make minor adjustments based upon where the activity could be improved? Most businesses take either end of the spectrum – they roll out a new activity and hope for better results or they roll out the same activity and hope that something will be different the second time round. On both occasions the key word is HOPE. Following the test and measure five step process turns hope into realistic expectation. It's a straight forward process but it's rarely applied. The result of implementation should be a significant increase on your return on investment for marketing, promotion and advertising expenditure. Just remember the 5 Ps: Proper Planning Prevents Poor Performance.

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Parents Learn Essential Mental Health First Aid Skills

Parents in the Macedon Ranges Shire are learning essential skills to help young people navigate their way through mental illness. Throughout September, Council is offering free Youth Mental Health First Aid training to parents, as part of the Live4Life initiative. Since March 2010, more than 150 people have received the training, with a view to increasing this to 200 by the end of this year. In 2010, the training focused on teachers from five secondary schools in the shire who participate in the Live4Life program. These schools now have a small team of Youth Mental Health First Aiders who can respond appropriately to the needs of the students in their school.

"This year, we've focused on making the course available to parents and the response has been overwhelming," Live4Life project coordinator, Sarah Hardy said. "Initially we thought we'd trial one course to see how many parents would be interested. That course was booked out in a matter of days, and now we are just about to schedule our fourth course for parents. There is clearly a desire among parents to know more about mental illness and to learn how to help their children."

Trevor Kinsey from Riddells Creek, who is a parent and also a Venturer Scout Leader at 1st Gisborne Scout Group, took part in the course in May.

"The course provided me with many insights into the issues facing young people of today, and gave me strategies to help them cope with the challenges they face. The knowledge I gained on the course will help me to be a better parent for my adolescent children and in my Scouting role," he said.

Live4Life is a unique mental health promotion concept which engages young people, teachers and families. The 'Live4Life' initiative was established in response to a reported increase in depression, anxiety, cyber bullying and non-suicidal self-injury by schools, police and community health services. This highlighted the need for a coordinated local response to address young people's mental health and wellbeing.

The next course will commence in September and parents can book or make an enquiry by contacting Charmaine Vanderbeek via email cvanderbeek@mrsc.vic.gov.au. Priority will be given to parents who have a child at one of the participating Live4Life schools – Gisborne Secondary College, Kyneton Secondary College, Braemar College, Macedon Grammar School and Sacred Heart College.

More information on Live4Life is also available at www.live4life.org.au
Gemma McAlinden, Communications and Public Relations Coordinator, telephone 5422 0310 or 0419 103 346

Message from Mayor, Henry McLaughlin Macedon Ranges Shire Council

With just a hint of spring around the corner, and the days getting longer again, I hope local residents are feeling optimistic about the rest of 2011. If not, there are few things happening at Council which may motivate or inspire you...

Workshops for local business

If you are a local business owner and entrepreneur, I encourage you to take a look at the range of business courses and workshops coordinated by Macedon Ranges Shire Council. Some local and regional professionals have offered their services, free of charge, to host seminars and workshops on Council's behalf. The seminars rotate around the shire and cover topics like starting up and growing your business, business planning, financial management and marketing. For more information, go to www.mrsc.vic.gov.au and follow the links to tourism and business. Alternatively, contact the Council on 5421 9616 or email bobrien@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Planning a local event?

A wide range of events happens across the Macedon Ranges each year, from whole-town garage sales, school fetes, music festivals to major events such as the World's Longest Lunch and the Woodend Winter Arts Festival. To assist residents and community groups who may be planning a community event, Council's Tourism Unit has developed an events portal at www.mrsc.vic.gov.au (click on

'Events' in the top right of the screen). From tips about running an event, liquor licensing and food safety to signage and traffic management permits, it's all available online – your one-stop-shop of resources to assist you to plan your event.



New Youth Space opened in Gisborne

A new Youth Space has just opened in Gisborne, at Ma-naaki in Aitkin Street. Hours are 4:00pm to 6:00pm every Thursday during school terms. Youth spaces provide young people with a space to catch up with friends as well as meet new people in their local community. Activities are chosen by the young people who attend and include music nights, light painting (also known as light graffiti), movie nights, food, excursions and much more. Young people from Years 7 to 12 are welcome to attend and the cost each week is a gold coin to help cover the costs. Youth Spaces are also located in Malmsbury, Woodend, Kyneton and Romsey.

The Youth Unit is always keen to hear from young people who have ideas about other activities – contact 5422 0221 to let them know.

Council Odd Spot – Noisy Frogs

A local resident contacted the customer service team at Council to ask how she could rid her dam of tadpoles – she was worried about being inundated with noisy frogs.

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FREE zoo entry for kids initiative

Donna Petrovich, State Member of Parliament for Northern Victoria Region and Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Environment, welcomes the Victorian Coalition Government's initiative to give kids free entry to three of Victoria's outstanding zoos, Healesville Sanctuary, Werribee Zoo and Melbourne Zoo, from 1 July as part of a \$10.7 million promise to subsidise zoo entry fees for an estimated 266,000 kids.

Mrs. Petrovich said the free entry for kids subsidy will make it even more affordable for Victorian families to visit Victoria's zoos and will be in place in time for the winter school holidays. The subsidy will reduce the cost of a full priced child's ticket from \$12.6 to \$0. A family ticket will be reduced from \$58 to \$50.80.

"As a parent I know how difficult it can be to find low-cost ways to entertain kids and provide them with a unique and fun holiday experience," Mrs. Petrovich said. "The Coalition Government is committed to easing cost-of-living pressures for Victorian families and is pleased to help out by making the zoo more accessible and affordable."

The initiative will grant children under 16 years of age free entry to three of Victoria's great zoos, Healesville Sanctuary, Werribee Zoo and Melbourne Zoo, on weekends, Victorian public holidays and Victorian school holidays from 1 July 2011. Children under 15 years of age must always be accompanied by an adult (over 17) for safety considerations.

"The zoo is a fantastic place to take kids, encouraging them to appreciate and better understand wildlife conservation and environmental protection," said Mrs. Petrovich. "Creating greater access for parents, carers, guardians and grandparents to take children to zoos by reducing the costs, is an outstanding outcome from the Coalition Government."

Romsey Red Cross Branch

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at the Uniting Church Hall, Pohlman Street (off Murphy Street). Our next fund raising event will be Kay's Fashions Spring Collection on 2nd Sept from 10.30am. Entry is \$10 which includes a light lunch, Hope to see you all there.

Any queries, please contact Julie Reynolds 54293161.

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District Nursing Commences

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Romsey Toy Library

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Greetings from the Romsey Toy Library!

Since taking over the running of Toy Library at the beginning of the year, we have had a very busy 6 months trying to generate more interest for people to try the service. Toy Library is a totally voluntary non-profit organisation, so we rely on grants and donations as well as subscriber fees to keep afloat.

We are beginning to see the fruits of our labour with our membership numbers increasing, gaining more grant funds to purchase new toys and receiving a steady influx of toy donations. We have been very lucky to receive a grant from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council which shall be used to build wooden toys from sustainable materials. We shall provide details of the toys made in the coming months.

What toys do we have?

We have a huge selection of toys available for borrowing to help improve children's fine motor and gross motor skills, learning and develop pretend/imaginative play. These include board games, puzzles, electronic toys, outdoor games, costumes, musical instruments and role play toys.

We have lots of 'big toys' – scooters, Cozy Coupe cars for toddlers, ride-ons, see-saws, tricycles, baby activity centers and the like – which are great to borrow as they are expensive to buy. Our large selection of wooden puzzles and games are great to keep your kids entertained indoors during the cold/wet winter months.

We have also recently purchased some toys suitable for birthday parties such as hopping sacks, egg & spoon race, circus tent, play tunnel etc. We have heard back from members how successful their parties have been with these toys as it took a lot of the stress and expense out of organising the party and all the kids had a great time playing with the toys. So much so that in one case the pass-the-parcel was completely forgotten!

What new toys have we recently put on our shelves?

- Wooden Afternoon Tea Set
- Wooden Tool Box
- Wooden Fraction Cake & Knife
- Fisher Price Little People Noah's Ark
- Fisher Price Little People Farm Tractor
- Fisher Price Little People Safari Train
- Safety 1st Baby Activity Centre
- Bazoongi Kids Circus Tent
- Fisher Price Musical Rocking Horse

Interested in joining our Toy Library?

All residents of the Romsey and also the Lancefield area, whether carers, parents or grandparents, are most wel-

come to join the library. Membership fees are \$25 for a whole year or if you are a Grandparent or member of Playgroup we are offering a discounted price of just \$15.

Please drop in during our open times and view our range of toys, or if you have any enquiries contact us via phone or email (see below). We are located at the Romsey Hub and open every week: -

Tuesday 9.30am to 10.30am (prior to Story Time)
Thursday 10.00am to 11.00am (prior to Rhyme Time)
Saturday By appointment ONLY

Email - romseytoylibrary@gmail.com **Fiona Quigley** –
0408 110 054 **Hannah Sutton** - 0401 085 125

We look forward to seeing you at the library!

Yours Sincerely

Fiona Quigley & Hannah Ellis
ROMSEY TOY LIBRARY Inc. 2011

****Activities 4 Kids from the Toy Library****

How to make the Kite

Looking for a new and fun activity to do with your kids? This is a simple art and craft activity that you can enjoy with your little ones and their masterpiece will be ready to fly outside in minutes!!

What You Need:

- 1 sheet A4 paper
- String
- Stapler
- Hole punch
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Crayons or textas

Activity:

Step 1. Let your child draw and decorate the paper on both sides with textas or crayons, the brighter the better!

Step 2. Fold the sheet of paper in half so the shorter sides meet. Then set the paper on the work surface so the fold is at the bottom.

Step 3. Measure and mark with your pencil two points on the folded edge of the paper. Point "A" should be 6.35cm or 2 ½ inches from the end and point "B" another 6.35cm or 2 ½ inches from the first mark.

Step 4. Taking the top corner nearest the first mark, bend down one layer of the paper so it meets point "A". Be careful not to crease the paper, just bend it back.

Step 5. Then fold down the other top corner in the opposite direction so that it is even with the first corner.

Step 6. Staple the corners in place at point "A".

Step 7. Punch a hole at point "B" then loop one end of your string through the hole and knot it tightly.

Step 9. All you need is a good breeze and your kite is ready to fly!!



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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.

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Romsey & Lancefield Proboscis Club

President: Mrs. Jean Buist 5429 1116
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Proboscis Meetings are held at St. Mary's Hall, Main Street, Romsey at 10am on the fourth Thursday in each month. Proboscis 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.



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

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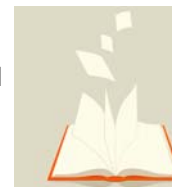
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A Bamboo Tree

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Oh, no... I'm the nicest bamboo in this garden. Use me in any way you wish, but please don't split me in half." "Well," said the gardener, "if I can't split you, I can't use you." The bamboo went silent. Then it bowed its head and said, "Okay. If the only way you can use me, is by splitting me, go ahead." "But that's not all," said the gardener. "I am going to have to cut off all your branches." "That will be the end of my beauty," the bamboo said. "But - if that's the only way I can be of use - cut me down altogether." So the farmer cut down the bamboo, removed its branches and split it down the middle. After hollowing out its insides, he brought it to a spring of water. It became a pipe to bring water to the gardens and make them fertile and fruitful.

It gave its life to help & add value to other lives. Jesus Christ, who is God and our Creator, also gave His life to help us (His creation) in our plight of 'imperfection', so that we may go to a perfect heaven when we die and, to add value to our lives whilst we are still living here on earth. (Col. 1:16)

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Seymour Cottage, Romsey— Built C 1855

A young man called Sidney Seymour and his wife Elizabeth settled in a place called Five Mile Creek around 1855. The name Five Mile Creek was later changed to Romsey.

Sidney had been a carter and had spent some time on the diggings before he settled near Five Mile Creek purchasing land and started farming. Eventually he was farming about 300 acres.

What makes Sidney Seymour so different from all the other people around the area that came, settled and built a house for his family you ask? Well it was the way he chose to build his house. Local timbers were cut and sawn for the frame and he chose shingles for the roof, built a very impressive Roman Oven and open fire in the kitchen for cooking. The thing that makes Seymour Cottage stand out from all other homes built by settlers was that he purchased a bulk lot of Meranti panels. These are believed to have been left over doors from imported kit homes.

The cottage is not a kit home but the doors or panels were used for both the external and internal walls. In hindsight thinking about what Sidney Seymour did was a great idea because he would have been able to complete his home far faster than anyone who chose to build in the normal way.

Surprisingly, even though these panels are thinner than a normal wall, the cottage remains warmer than expected inside in the cold weather and is still standing 156 years after it was initially built.

In 1982 Seymour Cottage was gifted to the Romsey & Lancefield Historical Society to be preserved for the people of Romsey. Members of the society restored and have preserved the cottage and its garden since that date. This year 2011 the cottage was registered as a historic building and is now on the VICTORIAN HERITAGE REGISTER NUMBER: H2268.

Romsey Golf Club - Men's Report

<http://romseygolfclub.net/>

Saturday June 18th – Stableford

Still, sunny conditions and rain softened fairways and greens meant that accuracy was paramount in the Stableford competition. Keith Hocking 39 pts and Graeme Clement 38 pts continued their recent good form with Les Gaunt 37 pts coming in third.

NTP - for the first time there was a tie with both Les Gaunt and John Freestone - 15th. Mat Hall – 1st

One of the semi-finals in the Singles Knockout was played with Kev Milner defeating Mat Hall 5/4.

Saturday June 25th – Monthly Medal, Stroke & Putts

There was a good turn out for the June Monthly Medal, the course was damp but the weather was fine and there was almost no wind. Relief was given, to a hand-span, through the green.

The June Medal winner was Chris Van DerVliet with 93/29/64 from Graeme Clement 90/20/70, Mat Thornton 76/6/70 and Les Gaunt 80/9/71.

Least Putts, on a count-back from Mat Hall, went to Les Gaunt with 26.

NTPs went to 15 & 16 Brett Lockens

Saturday July 2nd - John Laing Shield & Stableford

Strong winds played havoc with many shots as players competed in either The John Laing Shield or Stableford competitions. The northerly/NE winds did assist on the 9/18 with a number of players enjoying watching their balls skirt the trees before floating majestically back to the fairway.

The John Laing Shield matches were hard fought and results were generally close;

Kev Milner **D** John Boyce - 1 up.
 Anthony Lakey **D** Steve Poulton - 9/8
 Mat Thornton **D** Mick Nicholls - 19th.
 Mat Hall **D** Graeme Clement - 19th
 Stableford winner was Les Gaunt - 36 pts.
 NTPs went to 15 - Mick Nicholls and 16 Bob Preece

Saturday July 9th - Stableford

A strong field hit off in ideal conditions, almost no wind and a sunny winter's afternoon. The final of the club's oldest shield; the Ampol/W E Tom 4BBB was also played. This shield was first awarded in 1965

In the Shield event; after a close fought round the Clement brothers, Graeme and Andrew prevailed over Les Gaunt and Mat Thornton 3/2. Mat did have something to talk about with an eagle three on the 14th.

The day's Stableford winner was Anthony Lakey with 39 pts from Mick Nicholls with 37 pts.

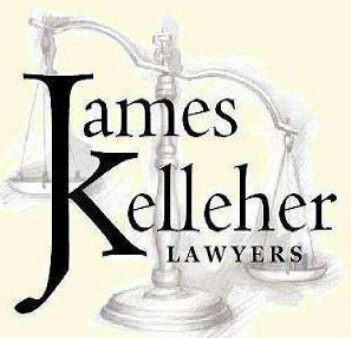
NTPs went to 1 - Mick Nicholls and 16 - Jim Patton

Saturday July 16th – Stableford

The weather was once again ideal for golf as players hit off in the club's stableford competition. The course was quite wet so there was almost no run on the fairways and the greens were slow.

In the remaining semi-final, Andrew Clement V Anthony Lakey, of the Algie Mitchell Perpetual Trophy, singles Knockout competition. After a tough afternoon Anthony was victorious, on the 20th hole. He will now play Kev Milner in the final of this event. The day's Stableford winner was Graeme Clement 35 pts from Les Gaunt 34 pts on a count-back from Andrew Laing.

NTPs went to 15 – John Laing and 16 – Les Gaunt



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At this time of year I am honoured to be invited to the 'Change Over Dinners' for our local Rotary and Lions Clubs. These occasions provide an opportunity for the clubs to thank and farewell the past president and welcome the incoming president.

The volunteers of Rotary and Lions volunteers come from all walks of life to donate their time, skills, knowledge and enthusiasm. They offer support to local communities by providing relief in times of disaster and also offer both short and long term assistance to those in need. Their support extends beyond our own community to offering overseas support for a variety of programs including, literacy, multiple sclerosis and combating malaria and blindness.

The Lions Club volunteers say 'Whenever a Lions club gets together, problems get smaller' and Rotary's motto is "We Serve". If you put these two together you get to the heart of volunteering. It is a great Australian tradition and Australian volunteers contribute over 700 million hours of community service to many areas of society.

While we all seem to be busy these days with many calls on our time from work and family commitments, community service, giving back and contributing to your community is one of the most rewarding things we can do and a great way to make new friends.

If you are not ready to join a service club you might consider volunteering for one of their programs. Volunteering can take many forms, from mentoring or helping out at a special event, to selling raffle tickets. Rotarians say "The magic of Rotary is that it allows ordinary people to achieve extraordinary things" so have a go and achieve something extraordinary.

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COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION - ROMSEY BRANCH

I told you I'd have another joke for the month of August. Keep reading our article each month – the jokes get better!!!

Two elderly gentlemen from a Retirement Village were sitting on a bench in the sunshine under a shady tree when one turns to the other and says, "Jack, I'm 83 now and I'm full of aches and pains. I know you're around the same age, how do you feel?" Jack replies, "I feel like a newborn baby". "Really? Like a newborn baby?" Tom answers. "Yes" Jack replied, "I just sit around and listen, don't talk, have no hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants".

Our next function is CWA Association Day where a display of items depicting Lavender will be shown. If you have an allergy to perfume, don't worry, as 99% of the articles have a Lavender theme only – china, aprons, tea towels, books, vases, toiletries, paper goods, and the list goes on. This day will be at the Mechanics Institute supper room at 1.00 pm on August 4th. We will be serving a traditional Devonshire Tea and you know how good these can be. Cost \$5. Please advise me if you are able to attend. See details of this function elsewhere in the "Romsey Rag"

During June our ladies visited Wangaratta Mills to purchase materials for tablecloths and cushions which we will make at our next Craft Day (the 3rd Thursday of each month). We are continuing to make articles for our local Kindergarten. Many Art Smocks, cushions, etc. have been delivered and undressed dolls collected for ladies to make clothes to dress these boy and girl dollies. We plan to make Art Smocks for the Bolinda Primary School in the very near future.

At our Craft Day in June, two representatives from the Bendigo Bank, Leanne and Emily, visited to inspect our work for our Kindergarten and they enjoyed a morning tea with us. Both ladies were very impressed with the work we are doing with some of the money received from the Community Grant monies allocated during 2011, for which we are most grateful.

Red Cross in Darraweit Guim held a fund raising day during June with clothing, scarves and jewellery from "London Mart" in Kilmore displayed and available for purchase, as well as a young lass selling make-up and helping us with colour co-ordination of clothing and cosmetics. A delightful lunch was served. The hall grounds at Darraweit Guim are well worth a visit. They have a display of metal work, constructed into many interesting architectural pieces. It is amazing what can be made from what, most of us consider, "junk".

At the end of June, the Group meeting and International Day was held at our Mt. Macedon hall. Food from Morocco (our Country of Study) was served and very much enjoyed. Details of amendments to the Schedule for Creative Arts Exhibition for 2012 were discussed and implemented.

I spent June 30th at our primary school collating this great local newspaper "The Romsey Rag". Following previous discussions, Robyn Moore, the librarian at the school gave me copious amounts of material to make aprons and chef's hats for the school's Cookery classes. This will keep us busy for a number of our Craft Days. Come along and join us on these fun days – it doesn't matter if you can't sew,

we'll find something for you to do, even if it just pressing what comes off our "production line". It's not all work. There's lots of laughs and we will make you welcome. The friendships gained make it all worthwhile. We start around 10 am and finish about 2 pm. BYO lunch if you decide to make a day of it.

We were fortunate to receive a Grant from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council and this will enable us to further support our local Kindergarten. This money will be used to purchase the materials necessary to construct various articles that will make our Kindergarten a bright and cheery place for the little ones in our town.

We have been asked to cater for a Christening in August and we all look forward to providing our "world renowned" sandwiches, cakes and slices for this day.

Last meeting day we learned felting. We started off with a hand towel, bubble wrap and a bit of netting, and some coloured un-shrunk wool. We teased, massaged with warm water and detergent, rolled, turned, re-rolled, scrunched and rinsed, finishing up with a piece of "felting" with the challenge of turning it into some creative art before our next meeting – what a challenge. Many thanks to Jay for this demonstration.

Romsey Branch celebrated its 73rd birthday at the end of July with a luncheon at the Bay Tree. A beautiful "Red Velvet" cake was made by one of our members and this was very much enjoyed.

Country Women's Association of Vic. Inc. received the "2011 Victorian Community Organization of the Year" award recently. You may have seen coverage of this on TV. It proves we are not just all about "Tea and Scones". An extract of our State President's Media Release is as follows:

"Most people think of tea and scones when they think of our Association and whilst we do this important work and bring joy to so many, it is only a small part of what we do. We focus on the contribution our members make to improving communities. Members of the Association are initiators, fighters and lobbyists and drive change through networking, representing issues to Government, working with other organisations, undertaking fundraising events, assisting in time of crises and natural disasters and teaching life skills"

I met a lady in the supermarket the other day, and she said that after reading in the Romsey Rag about what CWA of Romsey does, she would like to join, but she is so involved in so many other organisations, she just doesn't have the time. For those of you that have a bit of spare time on your hands and would welcome the friendship, fellowship and fun we have to offer, come along to one of our meetings – 1st Thursday in each month.

The month of August is a busy month for us. Keep up with what we are doing in the next issue of "The Romsey Rag" – I promise the jokes will get better.

Details of joining Romsey Branch of the Country Women's Association can be obtained by calling Val Jordan on 5429 2311. We do look forward to hearing from you.

Val Jordan,
Branch Secretary.



RRBATA Business Breakfast

Friday 5th August 2011

7.00am (Breakfast served at 7.30am)

Soltan Pepper Restaurant, Romsey



Guest Speakers:

Lynne Champion

Lynne owned and ran Excessories stores in America working 7 days a week and up to 20 hours per day before bringing the concept to Australia where she has opened 6 stores in Victoria. She is the owner and designer of a newly launched range of clothing under her "Excessories" label.

Lynne has been a runner up in the USA MasterChef TV cooking show. She has established, built and been 'chef' of her own restaurant and bed and breakfast business.

Lynne has owned and raced a Mitsubishi EVO 8 in the Australian Performance category and has also owned and raced a Porsche.

SECOND SPEAKER TO BE CONFIRMED

Cost: RRBATA Members \$10 pp

Non Members \$20 pp

RSVP: Joanne Hagan 0432 320553, Email: hages10@optusnet.com.au

*Numbers are limited so **BOOK YOUR SEAT NOW!!!***

Anglican Parish of Lancefield / Romsey

Reflection: The Christian Life

The Christian life is frequently referred to as a journey or pilgrimage.

A Christian is one who knows he or she is on the way to a loving Father.

It is a long pilgrimage and sometimes the going can be difficult and rough, but our Lord promises his presence and grace in every situation.

Let us therefore be encouraged and encourage one another as we travel the journey of life with all its opportunities.

Does our coming together, our worship, study groups and other organisations equip us to go out and share our faith?

If our coming together isn't encouraging and motivating us to go out then they have become ends in themselves, and an escape from the real mission to which Jesus has called each one of us.

Let us never forget that the heart and centre of our family life is the family meal.

In the Christian Church we gather to celebrate the Family Meal.

It is there around the Lord's Table that we share in the sacrament of our redemption, and the Holy Spirit makes the saving acts of our crucified and risen Lord a present reality.

The following portion of Holy Scripture is an observation of the early church

(Acts 2:44-47); (44) All who believe were gathered together and had all things in common. (45) They would sell their possessions and distribute the proceeds to all, as they had need. (46) Day by day, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts. (47) praising God and having the goodwill of all people. And they added to their number those being saved.

Let us focus on corporate fellowship, for together we are strong.

To this end on the 25th September 2011 at 10.30am a Combined Service of our local Churches, will be held at Christ Church Anglican Church 31 Chauncey St Lancefield. All welcome.

Local Anglican Sunday Services: 9.00 am St Paul's, Main Street, Romsey

(directly behind The War Memorial Monument)

10.30am Christ Church, 31 Chauncey Street, Lancefield (Woodend Road)

Ph: 54291680 M: 0427918607 for more details.

Rev Bill Carroll

Locum Tenens

NORMIE ROWE AND MARCIE JONES REUNITE AS PATRONS FOR KYNETON'S ARTISTS FOR ORPHANS



They are no longer teenagers in love but life long friends, Marcie Jones and Normie Rowe are now joint Patrons of Kyneton based Artists for Orphans.

Last week Normie Rowe blew into town, raised over \$3000 for Artists for Orphans, became Patron and blew out again.

The fundraiser was a recipe for success from the get-go. A small intimate venue, a group of fun loving people and one of the country's top performers, Normie Rowe up close and personal.

The venue was the cosy Albion Hotel, Kyneton, the food contributed by proprietors Marisa and Tony was superb and

the mood in the room was one of excited anticipation, if you were lucky enough to get a ticket.

Normie had the crowd on their feet and singing during Que Sera Sera, crying through What Have you Done for Australia and gyrating to Shakin' All Over. Normie had driven from Melbourne especially for this performance, proceeds of which went to Kyneton woman, Roni Wildeboer's fund, Artists for Orphans. Roni Wildeboer asked Normie Rowe and Marcie Jones if they would be Patrons for Artists for Orphans and to her absolute delight, they have both accepted. Proceeds from these fundraisers go to orphans in Vietnam badly affected by Agent Orange and to the Vietnam Volunteer Network which was founded by a former orphan of Go Vap Orphanage in Ho Chi Min City, Kim Nyugen-Browne now based in London.

Roni explained on the night that what these forgotten children need most is human touch and love and Kim recruits volunteers to travel to Vietnam to help out at these orphanages. Where we can help, explained Roni, is by raising funds for physiotherapy equipment, medical treatment and air-conditioning etc.

The next fundraiser for Artists for Orphans will be a fantastic night of music and art at Stockroom Kyneton, on October 8. Artists such as Reg Mombassa

and Peter O'Doherty have donated art for this auction.

Marcie Jones and composer/harpist Mary Doumany will give special performances and there will always be a few surprises.



Advance Notice—Community House AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Romsey Community House Inc. will be held on Monday October 10th at 4.30pm at the Community House. Please start thinking about how you could contribute to the running of the House.

Watch next month's Rag for more details about the AGM.



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INTRODUCING 'THE BUSINESS PANEL' – A "ONE STOP SHOP" ADVISORY SERVICE FOR ALL YOUR BUSINESS NEEDS

'The Business Panel' will have its next session soon in Gisborne during August. To date previous sessions have had approx. 30 business owners have taken advantage of this program. The comments have been positive.

...*"delivering accurate and insightful findings to suit each individual and unique need"*...

...*"no topic was too challenging, too small or too niche... panel members give us their honest and accurate opinions..."*

...*"I was amazed at how much information was available"*...

Hosted by local business coach, Federico Re, founder of *Creative Entrepreneur™*, and supported by other successful local industry professionals, sessions are presented in conjunction with the Macedon Ranges Shire Professional Development Program and the Victorian Government's Victoria Small Business Festival'

Do you

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- need help to fix specific business problems – e.g. staff, stock, finance, organisation, time management
- need a much more entrepreneurial approach
- attract new clients or get more out of existing ones

The panel provides advice on **marketing, accounting, sales, financial management, branding and design, product development, customer relationships, HR, technology, staff training, retail merchandising, web development, market trends, strategic planning ...** to name just a few.

You will get direct *use in your business advice* via first-hand knowledge from local industry experts on key business topics and get to share concerns with other business operators. You're not alone out there!

Session costs are \$55.00 each (cheaper for Group or Early-bird bookings). It's is an affordable solution for small businesses to obtain advice and help with business growth from a range of highly qualified professionals. So book now to take advantage of this great opportunity. **Places are limited and go fast so book on line and early for the next sessions!**

Gisborne 16 August:

<http://16thaugust-eorg.eventbrite.com/>

Woodend 12 October:

<http://12thoctober-eorg.eventbrite.com/>

Attendees from previous Business Panels said:

"The consultative approach ensured we were able to work effectively with the panel...delivering accurate and insightful findings to suit each individual and unique need. All panel members gave us honest and accurate opinions ... across a broad and knowledgeable topic range.

...no topic was too challenging, too small or too niche... panel members give us their honest and accurate opinions

.....the whole evening proved a huge success as all participants took great impetus with them on completion of the evening discussions."

Shane Thorpe. Sales & Marketing Manager, Aussie.interconnect

"I was amazed at how much information was available. I learnt a number of relevant and specific marketing techniques which I can put into practice with only a little cost and effort. These are things which are fundamental and effective. The night was very valuableeveryone who attended would agree on its value to their business.

Please keep me informed of future presentations, I will be first in line to go. –Bryce Letcher (Owner) – 1 For Computers

....I managed to attend the Woodend Business Panel (changed my flights). Very informative and worthwhile. Looking forward to more in the future.

Julie Ryburn. Tylden Springs

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Walk Together Program

Meet Eileen at the Lions Park, near the creek. **Tuesdays 9.30am - 10.30am.**

Gentle Exercise for Over 50's

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.

Writing Workshops with Dee White

Includes How to create great characters, where do I start & finish, story ideas plus other necessary attributes for authors of all ages.

Hey De Ho Classes for Kids

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

Follow Workplace Hygiene Procedures

Food Supervisors Course

Level 2 First Aid and CPR Refresher

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

Quickbooks Advanced

Know the basics but wish to take it to the next level. This 8 week course will run every Tuesday 2/08/11 - 20/09/11. 6.30 - 9pm. Cost \$165.00 / Conc \$60.00.

*** 1 or 2 day Quickbooks courses are also available

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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Time to get started.....

Did you all get a chance to take part in the 150th celebrations of the Kyneton Agricultural Show last November? If you did, give yourselves a big pat on the back because you helped make the show a huge success. It was one of the biggest and best shows Kyneton has ever held. If you didn't get the opportunity to go last year, never fear, because the 151st Kyneton show is fast approaching.

The committee would like everyone to get behind this great event and start thinking of what you can do to contribute to this wonderful show.

The Kyneton Agricultural Show is held on the third weekend in November and it is now that you need to be thinking about what to plant, grow, make, breed, create and paint so it will be finished and at its best by the 18th & 19th of November 2011.

The fun starts on the Friday night 18th November with great carnival rides, the Ute Muster, Kyneton's Got Talent and this will be topped off by the biggest and best Fire Works Display Kyneton has ever seen.

Saturday 19th November is show day and this is where your masterpieces can be displayed. This year there will be a new Junior Master Chef Cook off event, so start practicing in mum's kitchen. The creations in the pavilion each year are growing and we know that this year will be no different. Displays will include Farm and Dairy produce like eggs, vegetables, home-made cheeses, home grown fruits to jams, decorated cakes, biscuits & breads. Let's not forget the wonderful displays of flowers, knitting and needlework, photography, arts and crafts and of course the painting and drawing sections. There is a category to suit everyone.

There will be plenty for the kids to enter as most categories have a children's

section. Start sprucing up your much loved family pet for the ever popular Children's Pet Parade. Some of the finest bred cattle, sheep, rabbits, poultry, dogs and horses are in this great district and will be on display.

If you missed the Ag Art & Farm Art display last year, don't worry because it just keeps getting bigger and better every year. Kyneton and its surrounding districts have some very talented people and their work can be seen on display at this year's local show. So, if you have got some great ideas now is the time to start putting it all into practice and get it ready for the 151st Kyneton Agricultural Show. Just like Christmas, November is just around the corner and it will be here before you know it, so don't miss out.

For more information visit www.kynetonshow.org.au or contact the show Secretary on (03) 5422 1192. The committee & volunteers would love to see your creations at the show.

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