

Romsey Golf Club Ladies report

Results.

Don't forget to come to our Ladies Saturday golf. 12pm for a 12.30 hit off.

19/10 we played 9 holes with 3 clubs. I was the winner with a net 37. This was followed by our Annual Meeting. Office bearers remain the same as last year. Thank you to Helene Newnham, our life member, for chairing the elections and wishing us well for the coming year. **Thursday 20 October** Lorraine and I played in the Woodend Ladies Tournament. Again the weather was windy and threatened showers. Thankfully the rain held off. Half way through lunch I had to go out for a playoff for the B Grade scratch event. One hole saw the local girl win so back to lunch.

Tuesday 25th Lorraine, Denise and I played in the Trentham Tournament. The course was a picture with all the rhododendrons, lilacs and other flowers all in bloom. Lorraine won B grade net in cool windy conditions.

26/10 the captain had made some interesting rules for our Irish Ambrose day. Jan, Wendy & I won with a net 59. We discovered practice balls don't go very far no matter how hard they are hit.

Denise represented us at the Marysville tournament on Thursday 27th. The course was in superb condition, lots of run on the fairways and fast greens. It was a warm sunny day and they had a good field and lunch was excellent. They have the best BBQ sausages found anywhere! A great day had by all players.

Friday 28th Leila played off in the state final of the Silver Spoon held this year at

Waverley Golf Club. The weather was warm and windy with storms predicted. The greens were lightening fast. But with a good caddie Leila finished with a respectable score of 32 stableford points. The last hole was played in rain with some lightening flashing. (Blind officials) The drive home in the pouring rain took an hour longer than the drive down.

Sat 27/10 Lorraine won the ladies stroke in good weather.

2/11 in windy conditions Leila won the monthly medal.

Wednesday 2 November Denise on the go again represented us at Gisborne Tournament. It was very miserable day weather wise, drizzled rain for most of the game. Denise only got into 2 bunkers and out first time. She was proud of that achievement.

Monday 7th Lorraine and I played in the 36 hole Dalhousie Foursomes at Broadford. The first 18 we played reasonably well but went walkabout in the second 18. Found the water (that doesn't come into play) twice, as well as other spots on the course that we don't want to see again.

Wednesday 9 November I won the Stableford event at Romsey with 35 points. We didn't think we would get to play as the forecast was stormy, but wrong again; we had some wind but it was fine and sunny. The Lancefield Tournament was **Thursday 10 November** and Denise, Lorraine and I went. The course was in good condition but with water in all the creeks which added to the challenge of the day. We enjoyed the lunch and company.

Friday 11th saw a small number of us head to Numurkah for the weekend. We managed to play 18 holes Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The weather was warm to

hot and sunny. Saturday after golf and lunch we drove to Cobram and paddled in the Murray at Thompson's Beach and enjoyed the relaxation before having an ice-cream and heading back to Numurkah. Lorraine won a couple of golf balls in the Saturday Ladies Comp with a net 71. This year we had no room for shopping at SPC or anywhere else. Have booked again for next year, so will see what happens.

The Romsey Birdies congratulate Leonie and Laurie on their successful Open Garden. Our annual Charity Golf Day is on again next February 19 so watch for posters around town in the New Year

Christmas greeting to all our readers.

Recipe for this month Christmas Ice Cream

2 litres vanilla ice cream
250g dark chocolate
250g sultanas
125g glace cherries (optional)
125g blanched almonds
2 teaspoons mixed spice
1 tablespoon brandy

Soften ice cream slightly.
Melt chocolate over hot water.
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Mix fruit, almonds, brandy and spice into melted chocolate.
Fold mixture into ice cream.
Freeze. Enjoy!

Beryl Cole
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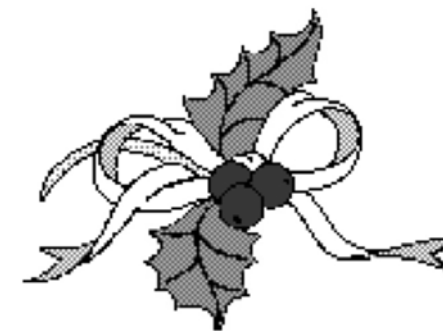
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Probud is a mixed club for men and women.

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 wishing to have more information please contact the President or Secretary at the above phone numbers.

Our Christmas Breakup will be at the 'Australiana' at Wondong on Wednesday 21st December 2011.

We wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas.



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November 2012	October 15th	Thursday October 25th
December 2012	November 15th	Thursday November 29th

SEASONS GREETINGS

It's hard to believe another year has almost flown by. It's been an interesting one. We have a change of Government and that has of course meant lots of changes. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Macedon for again giving me the honour of representing our area in State Parliament. It is a great privilege and one that I don't take lightly. I am proud to represent our community in the Victorian Parliament and I remain committed to achieving the best possible outcomes for the Macedon electorate.

Nationally, and in Victoria this year has again seen its share of tragedies, both natural and man-made. Yet again our community and the wonderful CFA and SES volunteers were called upon to support those that suffered at the mercy of mother nature. With Christmas and the New Year almost upon us we are provided with the opportunity to look back at the year that was, and look forward to the New Year yet to come. The New Year gives us a new opportunity to be more hopeful, a chance to be more thankful and a time to reflect on who we are, the things we value, and where we are going. As we look towards 2012, let's remember that we can all give compassion, tolerance and generosity to our neighbours, both near and far. I wish you and your family happiness, hope and good fortune in the coming year and I look forward to working with you in 2012.

Warm Regards
Joanne

From the Romsey Rag Team

You may not have noticed, but this edition is another milestone for the Romsey Rag—it is our 300th edition! To all of the people who regularly contribute items for the Rag to keep our community informed, thank for your continued support.

To all our advertisers, thank you too for your support and sponsorship. Without your financial support the Rag could not exist. We would like to wish all of our readers and contributors a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

We would also like to invite all community groups to use the Rag in 2012 to provide the local people with even more information about what is happening around town, and to invite anyone who would like to be involved in the production of the Romsey Rag to be in touch by phoning 5429 5099 (Romsey primary School).



Please note that there is no Romsey Rag in January—so watch out for edition number 301 in February 2012. All collating dates for next year are listed above.

Romsey Golf Club – Men's Report

<http://romseygolfclub.net>

Saturday October 22nd - Stableford

A few fine days during the week had seen all fairways, and most of the rough, mown so some good scoring was expected. There was a little wind and some rain late in the day upset the final groups. The day's winner was Daniel Wright (2) 38 pts from Andrew Clement (10) 36 pts.

Just after the final groups were in the storm strengthened and heavy rain, thunder and lightning followed. The large pine tree guarding the 1st green was hit by lightning, many branches came down and the tree caught fire. The fire was put out by the Romsey CFA, another job well done by these invaluable volunteers. It is hoped that the Shire will assist with an appraisal of the tree and the clearing away of all damaged branches

Saturday October 29th – Monthly Medal – Stroke and Putts

The October Monthly Medal drew a strong field, which hit off under cloudy skies. Winds gusting from the west made holes 9 and 18 a greater challenge than usual and the rapid growth of the rough made it vital to keep the ball on the fairway. Whilst the skies threatened rain all afternoon it held off and all players remained dry. The 1st was out of play, due to last week's lightning strike and the rearranged course proved very popular. Players also had to contend with very slow greens as they settled down after their coring and the recent heavy rain.

The day's winners were:
Women – Lorraine Robb; .112/34/78 on a count-back from Sharon Carroll 114/36/78

Men – Mat Thornton with a fine round of 72/6/66 from Mat Hall 73/3/70, Craig Wood 86/16/70, Daniel Wright 76/4/72, Mick Nicholls 100/28/72 and Kev Milner 84/10/70.

Least putts went to Mat Thornton – 23 and the NTPs went to 15 – Kev Milner and 16 – Jim Patton.

Saturday November 5th – Par

Players hit off under clear skies with almost no wind and with the course in great condition (only the 10th fairway still showed, signs of the recent wet weather) is the club's Par competition. The greens remained slow but some good scoring was expected.

The day's winner was Kev Milner (10) +5 from Graeme Clement (18) +2, Andrew Clement (11) +1 and Jim Patton (20) all square.

NTPs went to 1 - Owen Dunn, 15 - Les Gaunt and 16 - Kev Milner. The money hole will now jackpot to \$120.00

Saturday November 12th - Stroke

The course was in top condition, a credit to the work of the club's volunteers, as players hit off in the club's stroke competition. Fairways were beginning to firm up and players were getting good returns from solid drives. Club members were also keeping a sharp eye on Romsey's Chris Gaunt as he played the 3rd round of the 2011 Australian Open in Sydney.

The day's winner was outstanding junior Daniel Wright with 74/4/70 from Les Gaunt 79/7/72 and Anthony Lakey 92/20/72

NTPs went to 1 & 16 - Daniel Wright, 15 - Les Gaunt. The money hole now jackpots to \$140.00. The club's presentation day will be Sunday December 4th. It will kick off with a nine hole Ambrose competition (10.00 am for a 10.30 am hit-off) followed by a relaxed BBQ lunch. **All members of the community are most welcome to come along to see how Romsey Park is progressing, enjoy a relaxed nine holes and tuck into a hearty lunch. (Golf and lunch \$15.00)**

Smoke Free Zone



Should smoking be banned in public places?

Do you have a view on whether smoking should be permitted in public outdoor areas? Perhaps you are a resident concerned about the health or environmental impacts of smoking, or a trader concerned about how a smoke-free policy may affect patronage to your business.

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The draft policy proposes the introduction of outdoor smoke-free zones in or around the following:

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- Bushlands parks and reserves
- Events organised by Council
- Alfresco dining areas on public land
- Council buildings and car parks
- Shopping malls and pedestrian areas in central activity districts
- Bus stops and taxi ranks.

You can help shape the policy and determine areas where smoking could be banned by completing a survey online at www.mrsc.vic.gov.au, or at a Council Customer Service Centre. You will also go in the drawing to win a \$100 Coles Myer voucher!

Throughout December Council will also be conducting visits to affected businesses and community groups, holding community forums and approaching residents in streets within the shire's townships.



The draft policy is available online at www.mrsc.vic.gov.au and at Council libraries and service centres in Kyneton, Gisborne, Romsey and Woodend. For further information contact Michael Dyt, Team Leader Environmental Health on 5421 9609.



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Grants available for National Youth Week 2012 events

Donna Petrovich has announced that young people aged 12-25 from the Macedon Ranges can now apply for grants to help celebrate next year's National Youth Week, held from 13-22 April 2012.

Mrs Petrovich said the theme for National Youth Week 2012 is 'Imagine. Create. Inspire.' It aims to recognise the contribution young people make to their community and to be proud of their achievements.

"National Youth Week provides an opportunity to celebrate the achievements and contributions of young people in the Macedon Ranges region," Mrs Petrovich said.

"In 2011 more than 30,000 young Victorians took part in a range of events and we hope even more will get involved in 2012."

Minister for Youth Affairs Ryan Smith said the \$155,000 grants program has been made available through a partnership between the Victorian Coalition Government, Australian Government and Youthbeyondblue.

Mr Smith said grants of up to \$2000 are available in two categories:

- grants for young people working with an organisation to deliver a local community-based event; and
 - grants for young people working with an organisation to deliver an event that raises awareness of depression and anxiety.
- "Young people make significant contributions to their communities each day and we support their efforts to create opportunities for other young people to enjoy National Youth Week," Mr Smith said.

beyondblue Acting CEO Clare Shann said: "This is the sixth year *beyondblue* has supported National Youth Week and we are pleased to have the opportunity to reach so many young people

across Australia. We are supporting Youth Week events to remind young people that help is available and it's okay to talk about mental health problems."

Mr Smith said the Coalition Government is committed to supporting young Victorians and has a range of outstanding programs for youth including;

- \$12.3 million of funding for new Engage! grants to program to support youth service providers, local government and not-for-profit organisations in developing volunteering and mentoring programs,
 - \$4 million investment over four years that will upgrade Scouts Victoria and Girl Guides Victoria facilities across the state,
 - \$200,000 over four years to encourage youth participation in rural and regional community radio,
 - \$200,000 over four years to support the successful youth-led Student Youth Network (SYN) radio station,
 - \$50,000 to help the YMCA support young people participate in Youth Parliament,
 - \$3.6 million for webWise, a new cyber safety initiative to assist young people stay safe online,
 - \$4 million for the *Advance* program that assists young people volunteer in their community; and
 - \$200,000 for the Rock Eisteddfod dance, drama and design spectacular
- "I encourage all young people in the Macedon Ranges to apply and get involved in the National Youth Week celebrations," Mrs. Petrovich said.
- Applications for National Youth Week 2012 grants close on **Friday 9 December 2011**. For further information on the grants program, visit www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/nyw.



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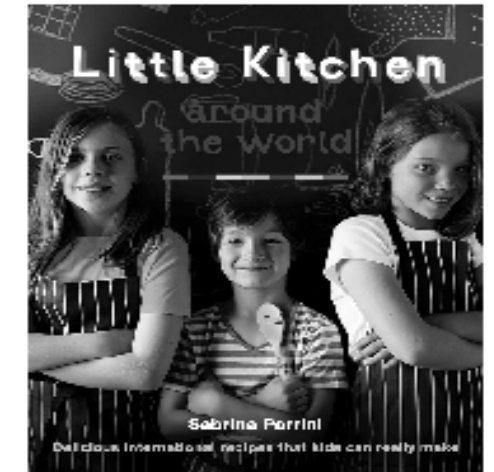
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As we enter into the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping, we need to find a place of respite; a place of quiet where we can hear the voice of God. Unfortunately many people leave God out of Christmas, due to stress, present buying, parties, cooking and family gatherings.

The same people can be found making a new resolution in the beginning of the year to make next Christmas more spiritual. Why not start our New Year resolution now! Keeping focus on the real reason for the season. In recent years the decline of using "Happy and Holy Christmas" as an appropriate season's greeting has been all too apparent. Lets all look into our hearts and find the true meaning of Christmas this year. If the Christmas tree with lights and presents is what it takes to focus on the Biggest Gift - Jesus, then go for it! If finding a quiet place to reflect on the purpose of life and the One who gave it to you is what it takes, what are you waiting for?

Whatever it takes you to celebrate the real joy of Jesus' birth with your whole heart this year, then do it; for when the New Year comes you will have no regrets. Remember not to leave 'Christ out of Christmas'.

Have a HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS and PEACEFUL NEW YEAR.

Christmas Services in the Anglican Churches at Lancefield and Romsey are:

Christmas Eve; 11.30 at St Pauls Romsey

Christmas Day; 10.00 am Christs Church Lancefield Ph 5429 1680. Mobile 0427918607 for further information

Romsey Primary School News

Remembrance Day

On Remembrance Day I had the pleasure of taking the School Captains, Tilly B. and Ash S. and Student Councillors, Callum G., Emily S., Zach S. and Keeley R. to a short ceremony at the Avenue of Honour. The Rotary Club of Romsey Lancefield in conjunction with the Romsey Lancefield RSL unveiled a plaque along the avenue in remembrance of the Gallipoli battle of World War 1. This plaque is the first in a series which are planned along the avenue linking Romsey and Lancefield, each in remembrance of different battles. The Rotary Club are asking different organisations to sponsor plaques and our Student Council are considering taking this on as a responsibility for 2012. To commemorate the occasion the RSL presented our school captains with a framed certificate of the poem In Flanders Fields and a poppy. Tilly and Ash spoke about the occasion at assembly and showed the certificate. Our positive continued association with the RSL, saw John Lynch their president attend our school assembly and present the Remembrance Day essay awards for 2011 to the winners. This year their topic was The Battle of the Coral Sea and congratulations to Emily Rodwell on 1st prize, Chloe Candzoukovski 2nd and Emily Sharp 3rd.

The school held a short ceremony to mark Remembrance Day with one minutes silence and The Ode being recited. Classes had discussion about the significance of this historical day. Lachlan Jones organised with John Lynch from the RSL for the school to fly the Royal Australian Naval ensign as it was their 100th anniversary.



Teachers Learning about the Ultratnet

All Victorian government schools have access to an education platform with password protected access to teachers, students and parents. Romsey Primary School has become a leader in the implementation of its use. Recently we hosted two very successful days for teachers from neighbouring schools to learn about integrating the Ultratnet in the reading block. This has been an excellent professional learning experience for everyone involved. As teams our teachers have been planning a range of purposeful reading activities. We had 24 teachers on one day to view lessons. They were all very complimentary about what our teachers are doing, how our students were so well behaved and engaged in their learning and the outstanding work our school is doing with reading. Here are two extras from emails I have received.

“ all the participants were very impressed by your teachers, students, the tone of the school, the Reading Block and your willingness to, and skill at integrating the Ultratnet into your existing whole school program.”

I was most impressed with what's happening with the Ultratnet and especially the team approach. And how impressive was the

young teacher with her explicit focus at the start of her reading block. to see visualisation happening as a shared focus from prep to grade 6 was most impressive.”



Soiree 2011



There was excitement, trepidation and a bit of nervousness in the Performing Arts Centre last week as our young talented musicians were getting ready to perform in our Soiree 2011. The Choir started the evening singing two catchy songs with a strong rhythmic feel. Then all the other students performed a variety of items on piano, violin, guitar, flute and clarinet. They all played well and confidently for a big audience of parents and relatives who came to enjoy the fine music and to support them. We are pleased to have a team of talented musicians teaching our students. Thank you to Peter Hagen keyboard and piano tutor, Sue Logan-Morris flute and clarinet tutor, David Morris guitar tutor and Rita Vandervalk violin tutor for their continuous commitment and dedication to teaching our children. Richard Gills, a highly esteemed conductor said “ The Arts make us literate. The Arts make us numerate, the Arts inspire us to achieve things we thought unachievable.” Congratulations to our talented performers for sharing their musical achievements with us, and for their parents for fostering their interest in music.

Healthy Breakfasts

Both Year 1 and Year 2 students have held separate healthy breakfasts. They were served a choice of cereals, fruit and yoghurt, and juice. This has been planned to support their inquiry learning for term 4 on Healthy Living, Healthy Me. Many families enjoyed this time together. The excursion to Victoria Market also supports this and gave the students the opportunity to view and taste a diversity of foods. On their return the fruit they purchased was used to make fruit kebabs and the vegetables for a delicious soup.



Prep Enrolments for 2012

In 2012 we will have 3 small prep classes. This week we had an excited group of students arriving for their first transition visit. This will be followed by two more visits during December. They will be meeting their teachers, familiarising themselves with the school's facilities, doing classroom activities and using the outdoor equipment. This is a special time for families as they prepare their children for beginning school in 2012. Any parents who want further information about our prep program can ring the principal Joan Gibbs on 54295099.

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*You are most welcome to come to the Romsey Uniting Church Services and share in fellowship and worship
We wish everyone a joyful Christmas filled with love and peace.*

A time to celebrate

Apart from the fun and enjoyment, knowing the religious aspect of Christmas is equally important. The Bible sets down no set of rules or procedure according to which Christmas has to be celebrated. Thus, there is an immense number of customs that surround Christmas, and they vary from country to country. Many aspects, such as the Christmas tree, the Yule Log and the exchange of gifts, are taken from the earlier pagan holiday of the ancient Romans and in most Western countries, Christmas celebrations have both religious and secular aspects. Because of the lack of biblical instructions, Christmas rituals have been shaped by the religious and popular traditions of each culture that celebrates the holiday. Traditionally, the sacred Christmas season starts with Advent, which begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and continues to Christmas Day. The sacred season ends on Epiphany, January 6th.

The Advent

During Advent, Christians make preparations for the commemoration of Jesus' birth on December 25th. Each of the four weeks symbolises a different way in which believers perceive Christ: through the flesh, the Holy Spirit, death, and Christ's judgment of the dead. The Advent wreath, which consists of four candles anchored in a circle of evergreen branches, originated with German Lutherans, and the tradition has been adopted by many churches and families. At the beginning of each of the four weeks preceding Christmas, Christians light an Advent candle as they say a prayer.

Christmas Eve

On Christmas Eve, churches around the world hold evening services. At midnight, some Catholic and many Protestant churches hold special candlelight services. The Catholic "Midnight Mass" was first introduced by the Roman Catholic Church in the 5th century. Christmas Masses are sometimes solemn and sometimes buoyant, depending on the particular culture that conducts them. On this day the worshippers enter the church in communal processions. Church services often feature candlelight and music. Some also include a dramatisation of the Biblical story of Jesus' birth.

Christmas Day

Christmas observances have also assimilated remnants of ancient rituals such as the custom of burning Yule logs; the Yule log symbolises the victory of light over the darkness of winter. The tradition of lighting the Yule log is still observed, especially by Europeans. Families light the log on Christmas Eve and keep it burning until Epiphany.

The Exchange of gifts

Christians traditionally exchange gifts as a reminder of God's gift of a saviour to humankind. Gift giving also recalls an ancient Roman custom of exchanging gifts to bring good fortune for the New Year. In most cultures that celebrate Christmas, a mythical figure delivers gifts to children. Since the 19th century, Santa Claus and other mythical gift givers have become increasingly gentle, generous and forgiving.

Author unknown.

Church Services for December and January

You are warmly invited to join the Lancefield and Romsey Uniting Churches in December and January to celebrate Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

10 am, 4 December, Romsey Uniting Church: Service led by Rev. Adrian Pegler. Baptism of Mitchell Heim.

10 am, 11 December, Lancefield Uniting Church: Service led by Rev. Dr Avril Hannah-Jones – On-the-spot Nativity Play and Eucharist. All children are welcome to come, dress-up and participate in a telling of the Christmas Story. We'll also be collecting toys for those in the local community who would otherwise get few Christmas presents. The Lancefield Uniting Church will be collecting toys for Broadmeadows Care and the Macedon Ranges Toy Shop. Toys need to be unwrapped and suitable for children between 0 and 12.

10 am, 18 December, Romsey Uniting Church: Service led by the Worship Team

6 pm for a 7 pm start, 18 December, Romsey Mechanics Institute: Combined Churches Christmas Carols. Come and join the members of the Anglican, Catholic, Living Word and Uniting churches of Romsey and Lancefield as together we sing and rejoice.

7.30 pm, Friday 23 December, Romsey Uniting Church: Blue Christmas Service. While Christmas is a time of great joy, it can also be bittersweet. All the emphasis on celebrating and the gatherings of family and friends can remind us of the people and events that have been a part of our lives in the past, but that are now changed or gone. A Blue Christmas service is a quiet, meditative worship service that makes time for remembering, sharing our hurting places with God, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. It is a particularly helpful for people who have lost someone this year and are facing their first Christmas without them, but many people find it a helpful moment of quiet in the midst of the busyness of the Christmas Season.

7.30 pm, 24 December, Romsey Uniting Church: Service led by the Worship Team

9.30 am, 25 December, Lancefield Uniting Church: Service led by Rev. Dr Avril Hannah-Jones

10 am, 1 January, Romsey Uniting Church: Service led by a guest preacher

10 am, 8 January, Lancefield Uniting Church: Epiphany Service led by Rev. Dr Avril Hannah-Jones – Eucharist

10 am, 15 January, Romsey Uniting Church: Service led by the Worship Team

10 am, 22 January, Lancefield Uniting Church: Service led by Rev. Dr Avril Hannah-Jones

10.30 am, 29 January, Lancefield Uniting Church: Service led by Rev. Dr Avril Hannah-Jones

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Funding for the project is provided by the State Government as part of the Victorian Landcare Grants delivered by the Port Phillip and Westernport CMA Community Grants Program. The Group also received general support funding for its regular activities under the same funding program.

All members are welcome to the regular meeting of the Deep Creek Landcare Group held at 8pm on the second Monday of the month in the Lancefield Mechanics Institute, unless that day is a public holiday. The Group covers both the Lancefield and Romsey areas, and there are usually about a dozen locals in attendance to discuss landcare projects and matters in general. Have a look at the Group's website at www.deepcreeklandcare.org.au Just come along, or give President Robin a call on 0428 315846 or Secretary Hayley on 0409 936814.



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To the Romsey Community

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We support an appropriate development that:

- * allows for an open and transparent planning process, community consultation and engagement from the very beginning and at every stage

- *wholly protects all the trees at 103 Main Street (the Old National Bank), all of which are under Heritage Overlay and Tree Controls. This includes the Magnolia *grandiflora* and a 95 year old sycamore tree in the rear of the property. This means protecting the roots, canopy and the microclimate of the trees.

- * addresses the five underground fuel tanks and soil contamination of the site

- *protects our residential amenity from noise and complete shadowing by any building

- * reflects the heritage and rural values of Romsey in its design and materials and adds to the character of Romsey

These basic requirements have not been met by the proponents in their planning applica-

tion.

We have taken the initiative to engage with and inform the community and the shareholders of the Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank about the issues and facts of this proposed development. Clearly, given the number of objections the Macedon Ranges Council has received, we are not alone in thinking this way.

Whilst it is easy to defame us as individuals for continuing to ask the hard questions, finally it will be a decision for Council and possibly VCAT to decide.

There was a public meeting called by us on 22 November 2011, but if you were unable to attend, we invite you to contact us to discuss your concerns and any aspect of the development proposal.

Please visit <http://romseymagnolia.com.au> regularly to keep up with the news and sign the online petition.

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The market selection will include fresh produce in season, rare breed beef, organic lamb, free-range pork & eggs, organic sour-dough, preserves, herbs, baked treats, honey, cut flowers, plants, olive oils, heirloom seedlings, stockfeed - lucerne & more!

Free facepainting for the kids & live entertainment from local youth musicians. MRSG BBQ serving local meats & vegetarian foods.

This market has been a long time in the making. Come along on Saturday the 3rd of December & show your support for the newest market on the Macedon Ranges Farmers' Market calendar.

Look out in the new year for Macedon Ranges Farmers' Markets promotional materials to assist you in knowing those farmers' market dates just when you need to.

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Where: Glenfern Retreat, Glenfern Road Romsey
When: Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th February, 2012

MOG Masterclass 2012 is a special event full of expert speakers from both local and interstate. One and two day packages are available with a theme of high value and low cost. This enables business owners, leaders and those keen to build their long term sustainable wealth the opportunity to collaborate and benefit from each other's successes and failures.

The event brings together a host of guest speakers, each are expert in their field, to ensure that you will have great business success for 2012 and beyond (Day 1) and effectively build your wealth for 2012 and beyond simply using quality traditional investments such as property, cash and Australian Shares (Day 2).

Day 1 – Create a Sustainable Business for 2012 & Beyond (Thursday, 23rd February, 2012)
Guest Speakers: Trent Taylor – Teach it Forward, Martin Murden – Partner Services and Ben Wilson – Webforce Five

Participants will leave this day with a suite of tools, ideas, connections and action plans that will enable the business to grow sustainably in the changing economic environment that we all anticipate in 2012 and beyond. The day will provide business owners and leaders with a dynamic competitive advantage as we enter a decade of business and economic change.

Day 2 – Effectively Build Your Personal Wealth for 2012 & Beyond (Friday, 24th February, 2012)
Guest Speakers: Patrick Quigley – Akambo Private Wealth, Martin Murden – Partner Services and Michael Osborne – McMahon Osborne Group

Participants will take away from this day an understanding of how superannuation, property and equity investment work best when working together. Direct outcomes will include a map to build your personal investment strategy suited to your investment profile, an understanding of share buy backs, transition to retirement superannuation planning and identifying the types of property that will bring you long term success. The whole day comes together by introducing tax effective strategies to ensure that the investment return is enhanced by tax minimisation and effectiveness.

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Further details on the speakers and the event itself are available at www.mcmahonosborne.com.au



"And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them. 'Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you **good news** of a great joy which will come to **all** the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ

the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.'" Luke 2:9-12

Everyone loves good news. Usually the announcement of a baby's birth is good news only to the family and friends of the parents. But there was one baby born two thousand years ago who was good news to the entire world.

Why? Why would the birth of Jesus be good news to the farmer in Mongolia or the weaver in China or the baker in Egypt? The angels supplied us with the reason: a Saviour was born. A Saviour? Why does man need a Saviour? Because we all have an affliction that we cannot cure ourselves. The affliction is sin. And . . . it separates us from a loving relationship with God." The good news of Jesus' birth is that He came to **save our souls** from death, which is an eternal separation from God.

Only this one sinless life could cure man of this affliction. Only His life and death could pay the price for man's sin. Only His life could bring hope of eternal life. Only His life could bring peace to a troubled soul weighed down by sin. Only His life could bring light to those in darkness. Only His life could bring joy to those who know sorrow. Only His life could bring 'together', man and a loving God.

This is good news (and did you know that "gospel" means "good news"?). This is the greatest news and the greatest gift ever given. It is a gift that does not disappoint but brings "great joy" to all the world. The hymn writer wrote:

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come.
Let earth receive her king.
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing.*

Jesus brings joy to all who receive Him as king.

"Let every heart prepare Him room."

If you have been seeking TRUE joy – not superficial Joy – ask Jesus to come into your heart and see what happens!

Happy Christmas to all our Readers and Joy to the world!

If you would like to learn more about the Christian Faith you are invited to join us at one of our Sunday Services; one of our fortnightly Life Groups; or simply contact us at our Church office. Ph: (03) 5429 6327

We would be blessed to be of assistance to you.

Pastor Marilyn Hunter – Senior Pastor - The 'Living Word' Christian Church.

OUR CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE WILL BE HELD @ 9:30A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 25TH

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Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA) UPDATE

The Year in Review

The following is an extract from the RRBATA President's Annual Report presented at the recent AGM, chronicling the RRBATA year in review:

1. Romsey 150th Anniversary Celebration – This was an enormous focus for RRBATA early this year. The Gala Dinner initiated by RRBATA and held on 26th February. Sincere thanks are extended to the organizing committee of Joanne Hagan, Louise Noel and Anna Quigley and all the event's supporters and sponsors. Key to the success of this dinner was the wonderful cooperation between The Bay Tree, Sicilian Vespers and Soltan Pepper. The Tree-Lighting Family Night, held on Friday 25th February, was also successful with a great crowd in attendance. This special project was the brainchild of Benny Dyer who had the vision to illuminate the magnificent eucalypt at the town's southern entry.

2. Committee of Management News – Two committed members have indicated their intention to retire from active RRBATA service. I want to acknowledge the efforts of Fran McLaughlin and Peter Newell. Both have busy lives to continue with and their contributions and support over the years has been much appreciated. Peter's term of contribution has been incredibly long!

3. Key issue advocacy – At the request of the Community Bank, RRBATA provided a forum for the business community to be presented with the plans for the new Community Bank development. This is part of the ongoing commitment to ensuring our members are informed on issues pertinent to business and tourism in Romsey.

4. Involvement of Romsey in MRSC Economic Development and Tourism – A good relationship continues with this MRSC unit which has facilitated dialogue with MRSC on business and tourism matters related to the town as well as special projects considered by the COM.

5. Tourism Macedon Ranges (TMR) – RRBATA has continued to be represented in this association and, with Lancefield BATA, has been a strong advocate for tourism promotion of the East Ward of the Shire. Joanne Hagan has recently been elected to the Board of the new format TMR.

6. Romsey Online – The Romsey website has continued to be managed with the generous input of Greg Powell and Tracey Newnham. Big plans are ahead to make it even more user friendly.

7. Membership – A new membership package has been constructed by Committee, providing value for money and special benefits for RRBATA members. The drive for membership will be promoted as a focus in the coming 12 months. There is

still seemingly considerable work in convincing businesses of the value of membership in their local BATA - a shire-wide problem.

8. RRBATA Business Breakfast – The 2nd Annual RRBATA Business Breakfast was held in August with great guest speakers and an enthusiastic crowd at Soltan Pepper restaurant. This year, there was a charge to attendees, with RRBATA members being partly subsidised. COM has decided to continue with another such event next year.

9. RRBATA Spreads Its Wings - RRBATA COM decided this year to open membership to all businesses in the Romsey Region as defined by the old Romsey Shire boundaries. It is hoped this will make our Association stronger and consolidate the ongoing promotion of Romsey and its surrounding area.

10. Community Council and Communication – I have a personal goal of trying to harness better networking and communication between our local community and sporting groups. My vision is of a Community Council consisting of a delegate from each of the local community groups meeting once or twice per year to discuss plans, activities and challenges for the year ahead. This would potentially allow better support between and organization within the large number of groups which are vital to the fabric of our community.

The Way Forward:

This is dependent on support for the RRBATA to continue its work from local business and tourism interests. Support can be in the form of general membership, COM membership or willingness to be involved with an individual task or project. The importance of RRBATA in the advocacy and promotion of Romsey business and tourism opportunities in both the region and more broadly cannot be overemphasised. However, without "team support", the RRBATA membership and community generally will be the losers.

Jenny Stillman
President

RRBATA Wishes the Romsey Community a Safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2012.

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!!

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A Letter to the Editor

"When I used to walk my old dog past Romsey Produce each Saturday morning, we used to say hello to Mark or David as Ginny the kelpie (now departed) dived in for her 'pigs ears'. That's how I first knew about the diesel in the soil that had leaked into the toilet water, and so unfortunately why I also recently put in an objection on the bank development to ask the Council to make sure the soil was tested by an accredited environmental person before they approved anything.

This letter is not about that. Because of all that, I had to look at the plans. I started to think about heritage and the look of the proposed building, and wanted to know other people's opinions. This is some of what I then wrote to council: The (planning) application makes some statements about heritage and the building construction ...I would like much wider discussion with the residents of Romsey.

The Heritage Overlay, clause 22.02-6 (that refers to Romsey town) says to "protect the townscape and heritage features of the town". Clause 21.07-4 talks about preserving the distinctive and attractive place to live, work and visit ...and that tourism depends on heritage and landscapes. The aim is "To protect significant heritage streetscapes"

The (Bendigo Bank) application talks about "commons" – that there are many

buildings setback and open spaces, and walking spaces and getting together are important not buildings. Could we question this?

Many vacant areas in the business area are private property and not common space. Buildings will be constructed on them when owners decide they wish to. They are not open space nor set back sites eg. next to the Romsey Hotel, private property near the Mechanics Institute and the Old Court House, even the Catholic Church land. These 'spaces' are not ongoing permanent setbacks. I do not believe that the argument stands up to scrutiny that Romsey has such 'common space'. It is primarily land awaiting buildings.

- Walking is important in any town, but it is not a heritage issue. Romsey residents walk along green spaces like the ribbon parks, and the streetscape of Main Street. You commonly see people sitting on benches along the Main St under the trees, or outside coffee shops looking along the Main Street with its greenery. The 'common spaces' that people enjoy, as in the Heritage Study that Council commissioned, are in the attractive spaces and the look along the Main Street.

Could we please question the orientation toward the IGA? A drawing of the IGA prior to construction would probably have looked not hugely different to these draw-

ings (without the glass second storey), and the IGA is not our most attractive or notable building. I would like much more resident views before approving a similar suburban-type construction. Car parks, even with tiled walkways around them, are not normally gathering places in a town, whether Woodend, Kilmore, or Essendon. They are hard surfaces and in a normal day not entirely safe for children and animals.

I hesitate to mention this, but is it also possible that the building facing away from the Main Street to a suburban-type shops space that looks modern would detract from heritage and have a negative effect on visitors and business coming to the town?

Planning approvals processes, residents having to make formal objections, does not make it easy for ordinary families, people who live together in this town, to say what they 'like'. It is a big step to 'object' or even say what you don't like. I believe local residents know what they want in their streetscapes so I would be interested if many more people could find a way to say what they like about Romsey town.

Sue Kirkegard

Please note: The views expressed in this letter are not necessarily those of the editorial committee and are in no way endorsed by the editorial committee.

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**News from Bolinda & Monegeetta
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Our great spring weather continues – after our 218pts of rain for September, we've had 196pts (approx 49mm) for October. Our best Spring for years and the flowers and weeds are all thriving! We've welcomed two new families into the Bolinda district in the last couple of months – Audrey, Wendy, Ben, Oscar and Will, and also Vince. We know they'll enjoy the fresh air and atmosphere of our district. Previous residents Jan and Barry Cooper have 'retired' to Rolling Meadows, and are enjoying the less busy lifestyle.

BOLINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS:

Work continues as usual at the busy Bolinda School, but the students are also busy practising for their end of year concert, including a Nativity play, on December 20th. They've taken advantage of the good growing season and have started planting vegies; first up are giant pumpkin seeds, so we can expect BIG results next autumn! And, of course, there's the sadness-but-excitement of farewelling our Grade 6's. We wish them every success at their new schools. We know they will do Bolinda/Monegeetta proud. But – there's a terrific little group of new Preps oh-so-eager to begin school – we welcome them!

BOL-DARRA (Bolinda Darraweit) GARDEN CLUB:

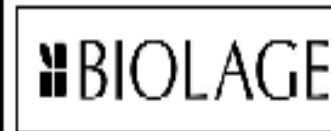
Our Garden/Social Club had a delightful visit to Mary & Mick Browns in October. The garden was looking wonderful – roses in particular (early blooms and loads of buds). Lots of lovely ideas for in between – salvias, pansies, succulent, etc...and we collected plenty of cuttings, especially some lovely geraniums, and a yellow liliium. Afternoon tea and chitchat was a very pleasant affair!

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Saturday, November 26th get-together is at Denise & Bert's 'Oatlands', in Corrigan's Lane, Darraweit. Meet at Bolinda Hall (Melways 609 J10) at 1:30 to head off at 2:00pm.

Our group takes a break in December, though we are looking forward to Open Day at Future Farms, corner of Bolinda-Darraweit Road and Kennedy's Lane. Enjoy the lovely property, animals and particularly the beautiful Arabian horses. Barbeque and drinks supplied, listen to the live band and there's even a jumping castle for the kids! Gates open at 12:00 noon, on Saturday, December 3rd. See you there!!

We're back in January (generally the last Saturday in the month) to visit Deb's garden in Darraweit Rd – a great garden that just keeps growing! All very welcome – gardeners or not! The social get-together is really a key feature – meeting a warm and friendly group of people.

CFA NEWS/REMINDER:

Lovely meal and worship service celebrated the great work of our volunteer Emergency Services. Do take their advice and clean up and prepare before the onset of the fire season. Make sure you and your family, have a Fire Plan – and implement it on fire danger days. Don't be caught in last minute panic decisions.

CHRISTMAS

And finally – have a wonderful Christmas and New Year season. Enjoy this special celebration with family and friends, keep your lives peaceful and stay safe on the roads!

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Greetings from the Romsey Toy Library!

We recently held our AGM meeting with many items discussed and many actions to be taken over the next couple of months. Among the many issues addressed in the meeting was the need to change our opening hours to suit the majority of our members and the committee. As of 2nd December 2011 our new opening hours are: -

Friday 10.00am to 11.00am
Saturday By appointment ONLY

We will also now be closing during the School and Christmas Holidays but are of course always available by appointment if you are interested in becoming a member and would like a tour of our facilities. Our last day for this year will be the Friday 16th December 2011 and we will re-open again on 3rd February 2012.

What's On?

Come and join us for our **Annual Christmas Morning Tea!** To be held at The Hub on **Friday 16th December at 10am.** We will be putting on morning tea for current members and anyone interested in finding out what your local Toy Library has to offer. For just a gold coin donation per family we will be putting together a scrumptious morning tea and a Christmas craft activity for the kids. Look out for more information on notice boards in the Romsey Library!

What's New?

We recently purchased a brand new Strider balance bike. This is a two-wheeler bike without pedals that teaches kids aged 1-5 years how to balance and steer without the use of training



wheels. It's a great alternative to tricycles and bikes with training wheels. The bike's low seating allows children to place both feet firmly on the ground, making the bike easy to handle in any situation and gives them confidence and control.

Interested in joining our Toy Library?

All residents of the Romsey and Lancefield area, whether carers, parents or grandparents, are most welcome 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.

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Activities 4 Kids from the Toy Library

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- Pebbles or old shards
- Radish Seeds

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Step 2 - Sprinkle your radish seeds thinly on top of the compost, and cover with a thin layer of dry compost.

Step 3 - Position the growing radish in a sunny or semi-shaded position where they get plenty of light.

Step 4 - The radishes should germinate within 4-8 days and be fully matured within 3-6 weeks. Once germinated, water them as needed and look forward to a tasty crop of fresh radishes within a few weeks!

Relay For Life

Since the first Relay For Life at Lancefield Park in 2003, the event has raised almost \$870,000 for the Cancer Council Victoria. Registration is \$20 for individuals and can be made online up until late February.

Relay For Life is an opportunity to remember those whose lives have been lost as a result of cancer, to support those having treatment, and to celebrate survivors and carers. Money raised is spent on cancer research, education, advocacy and support services.

The 2012 Relay is on the weekend March 3 and 4. Teams are invited to camp overnight, while their challenge is to keep their batons on the track for the duration of the event (19 hours).

For details about entering a team, joining the committee or volunteering before or during the Relay contact Melissa on 0438 831 427 or Nadine 0439 399 838.

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Do you have a recreational or business interest in horses? If so, you are encouraged to share your views on the future of the Macedon Ranges equine industry at a public workshop, to be held on **Thursday 15 December from 7.00pm to 9.00pm at the Woodend Community Centre.**

The Macedon Ranges equine industry contributes \$140 million per annum to the shire's economy, according to a study commissioned by Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Regional Development Victoria in the first half of 2011.

Council has developed a strategy to address the opportunities and constraints for the industry, resulting from extensive industry consultation conducted in the second half of 2011 with over 100 equine businesses, including regional club representatives.

Considerable business and recreational opportunities for the equine industry have been developed through the strategy process and it is now ready for wider public consultation.

To register your interest in attending this workshop, contact Macedon Ranges Shire Council on 5421 9617 or ecodevadmin@mrsc.vic.gov.au

The results from the first stage of the study can be found at www.mrsc.vic.gov.au (follow the links to Tourism and Business).



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FESTIVE GREETINGS FROM YOUR COMMUNITY BANK

The festive season is fast approaching, and I take this opportunity to wish the Romsey Rag's readers a safe and prosperous Christmas and an exciting and rewarding 2012.

I believe our community – and your Bank – can look forward to the future with confidence. We are part of a growing and vibrant region of Victoria, and your Romsey and Lancefield Community Bank branches of the Bendigo Bank are committed to being part of that growing future. You can see from our Bank insert in this edition of the Romsey Rag that in our 10 years of operation we have become a vital part of the community.

You will no doubt also be following the progress of our exciting project to build a "Bank of the Future" at Romsey, as part of a wider project to develop badly-needed extra retail space on the site of the old produce store, right in the heart of the town's shopping precinct. We will keep the community updated as we work through this project. It's another example of how your Community Bank is bringing lasting improvements and benefits to our region.

A whole range of local clubs and community groups have benefited from grants and sponsorships from our Community Bank, as we are committed to keeping profits in the community and rewarding local support.

Just as importantly, our commitment to 'bank-proof' our towns has ensured that the Romsey and Lancefield communities can be secure in the knowledge that they will always have a bank in town. Our whole purpose of existence is to be here for our communities.

Our community members should take heed of the message from police and community safety experts to take care over the holiday period.

Be safe, take care on the roads, enjoy yourself but don't over-indulge or take unnecessary risks, and make sure you're back with us safe and well in the new year so that – in association with your Community Bank – we can all look forward to 2012 with confidence.

Tim McCarthy,
Chairman, Lancefield & Romsey Community Services Ltd
(The Community company operating your Romsey and Lancefield Community Banks).



Country Women's Association of Vic Inc., ROMSEY BRANCH

Where has the year gone?
My last joke for 2011.

t was the end of the year at school and the children had bought presents for their teacher. Michael, whose family were bakers, gave the teacher his parcel. The teacher shook the box and asked, "Is it a cake?" It was indeed a lovely Christmas cake.

Callum's father was a butcher and Callum had also brought a wrapped gift. The teacher shook the package and asked "Is it a leg of pork?". And indeed it was.

Next came Jonathon, whose family owned the village liquor shop. He also gave the teacher a carefully wrapped package. She asked "Is it a bottle of whiskey, Jonathon?"

"No", he replied. "Is it a bottle of wine?" "No." came the reply again. Then the teacher noticed a small leak from the package and licked the liquid. "I know. It's a beautiful bottle of Vodka."

"No, it's not", said Jonathon, "It's a puppy".

At our November meeting, followed by our Annual General Meeting, a new Committee was formed and I wish this Committee for 2012, a rewarding and satisfying year.

A delightful luncheon was enjoyed at the Primary School with the children who are using the aprons and hats made by our ladies. These charming children participate in Cookery classes and we were served with egg and lettuce sandwiches,

eggs from the chickens, lettuce from the school garden. Scones, jam and cream, ANZAC biscuits, sausage rolls and other varieties of sandwiches were on the menu. What a wonderful job the Integration Aides are doing with these beautiful children. A tour of the garden, hot house and chicken coop was conducted by two very capable young lasses. Congratulations, and thanks to all.

Our Cake Stall in November was stocked with lots of craft work done by our ladies, as well as the beautiful cookery items, for which our ladies are well known. We do hope you supported us on November 19th outside the IGA Supermarket. Tickets for the usual Christmas Hamper raffle were sold and we trust the winner, Sue McCubbin of Bolinda enjoyed the contents of this hamper.

We also participated in the Romsey Street Festival, once again making available craft items for that last minute Christmas gift. A raffle was also conducted and we congratulate the winner of this beautiful prize. Promotional material pertaining to CWA was also available for all those ladies who have been THINKING about joining us. Don't just THINK ABOUT it, come along to our meetings and have lots of fun, fellowship and friendship.

Many ladies attended our Group's Oak's Day function, as well as Riddells Creek's Association Day featuring the Patchwork Poette, Carol Reffold, a resident of Riddells Creek. This was a delightful day with Carol reciting her own poems, as well as well known Australian poets such as Banjo Patterson and others. Her recitations were interspersed with some very

funny jokes. Once again another wonderful afternoon followed. I'll have to go on a diet, if all this splendid food is put in front of me. My mum told me to always eat what was served. I didn't have to like it, I just had to eat it!!!!!!

Our year will close after our AGM. No meetings until February, 2012, but in the meantime we will enjoy precious and important time with our family and friends and look forward to a busy 2012.

Members and partners will celebrate the end of a very successful year with a Christmas luncheon at Season's Restaurant in Riddells Creek on December 8th, and resume on February 4th, 2012 at the supper room, Mechanics Institute at 10.00 am. An informal meeting will be held probably late January, to get our programme for 2012 finalised, at a date and venue to be decided in November, 2011.

I wish all members and readers a happy Christmas and a prosperous, healthy and safe New Year.

Any enquiries regarding our small Branch can be made to Val Jordan, Telephone 5429 2311.

Val Jordan, Branch Secretary.



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Please donate at:

Target Woodend - look for the "Operation Santa" Christmas tree

Cobaw Community Health

There will also be an opportunity to donate at the Christmas Carols service being held at Gardiners

Reserve in Gisborne on 11th December, 2011

OR

Come along to a special Christmas service on Sunday 4th December at 5pm at Kyneton Anglican Church and place your gift under the Christmas tree.

Further Enquiries:

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KidSafe Stickers Draw Attention to Driveway Blindspots



Macedon Ranges Shire Council is joining the Kidsafe Driveway Safety Campaign by purchasing 5,000 car side-window stickers for distribution to families from maternal and child health centres, kindergartens, libraries and other sites across the shire.

Mayor, Henry McLaughlin is urging all drivers to check for children before they move their car. "These incidents are becoming increasingly common and have a devastating effect on families, particularly when the driver is a family member or friend," he said.

"These stickers are very effective as a constant reminder to drivers to check and exercise extreme caution each time they back out of a driveway.

"Ideally, any children not in the vehicle should be kept well away and actively supervised by an adult to ensure a clear passage for the vehicle to move," he said.

On average, one child a month is fatally injured in a driveway runover. There is a potential fifteen-metre dangerous blind spot for drivers, which puts small children at risk of being run over. In 85% of instances in Victoria, the driver was unaware that the child was near to the vehicle.



Stickers will be distributed to families enrolled at Council's maternal and child health centres and kindergartens. Families across the shire can also collect a sticker from Council's service centres and libraries.

OPEN GARDEN THANKS

Leonie and Laurie wish to extend many, many thanks to our wonderful helpers, kind contributors of food and plants and all our welcome visitors. You all made our Open Garden a great success. The winners of our "Special effort" were:

- 1st Prize—Maureen Goodman
- 2nd Prize—Anne Gibson
- 3rd Prize—Alyson Verity.

All our prizes were generously donated by Rosalee and Joan Sparkes. All proceeds have gone to Romsey Birdies Relay for Life team.

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The Romsey Red Cross Unit wishes to thank the people of Romsey for their support throughout the year. As with many local groups, attracting new members is difficult, but new members are always very much appreciated. Our meeting day is the second Tuesday of each month, from 1.30to 3.00pm at the Uniting Church Hall, Pohlman Street. Our best wishes for a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.
 Isobel Hood.

Water warning: no guarantee of supply during fires

With fire season approaching, Western Water is reminding Macedon Ranges residents that it cannot guarantee water supply in the event of a bushfire.

"We are preparing now for the 2011-12 bushfire season, including readying portable back-up generators, and ensuring storage tank levels are high enough to meet a sudden surge in demand," Western Water's Managing Director, John Wilkinson, says. "But residents need to be aware that in extreme conditions their water supply may be cut off if our pumps are affected by fire. Water pressure may also drop if there is a massive surge in demand for water to fight a fire."

Mr Wilkinson says Western Water works closely with the CFA to ensure fire officers have fast, easy access to water supplies when needed, but residents can also play their part.

"All residents can help by keeping fire hydrants near their properties clear of dirt, grass and shrubs, and reporting any damage to their local council or Western Water," he says. "It's also important people don't park their vehicles in front of hydrants, so fire fighters can get to them quickly when they need to."

Western Water has dedicated crews on standby over summer to make urgent repairs to water mains and hydrants if necessary during a fire. Deluge sprinkler systems have also been installed at key sites to protect water supply infrastructure, and each plant is rated under a "risk rating" system, with the help of the CFA.

"These ratings help fire officers decide which sites are critical to protect in the event of a bushfire," Mr Franklin says.

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MASS TIMES
Saturday:
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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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2012
 Parents of children wishing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist (grade 3 or above) or Confirmation (grade 6) in 2012 are asked to contact Joanne Reuther, the Pastoral Associate on 54292130. There is a meeting on **Tuesday February 7th at 7.00pm at St. Mary's Church Lancefield.** All children are required to attend with their parents. This will be the final date to enrol in the St. Mary's Sacramental program.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER MASSES
The first Sunday of Advent started on Sunday 27th Nov which starts the new Liturgical year.



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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES
Christmas Eve Family Mass:
Sat 6.00pm Romsey
11.30pm Carols Lancefield
Midnight Mass Lancefield

Christmas Day: The Nativity of the Lord
25th Dec 9.00am Lancefield

Forgiveness is the beginning, the middle and the end of the gospel life. It is the energy of being forgiven that first buoys us up. It is the experience of being forgiven (when we didn't even think we needed it) that renews our flagging spirit. It is profound. Zechariah spoke well when he said that God would "give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of sin" (Luke 1:77). It is as important to give forgiveness as it is to receive it. On both sides of the equation, you know you are enjoying a life and power not your own. Nothing new happens without it.

Richard Rohr

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'Women Who Shine' – Post Editorial

The 'Women Who Shine' in the Macedon Ranges Morning Tea event was held last weekend the 12th November, at Glen Erin Lancefield and was a spectacular success. 180 women from across the shire and beyond joined in the celebrations to acknowledge and give recognition to the women who shine throughout the Macedon Ranges.

The event was organised by event coordinators Mrs Denise Eddy and Mrs Rebecca Hall and both women agreed the event had been a resounding success, saying the event had exceeded all their expectations and acknowledged that without the support of the local community and businesses, the event would not have been the success that it was.

All women who attended the morning tea received a gift bag and door prizes were also given out during the morning. Guests were beautifully catered for by the staff at Glen Erin and thoroughly enthralled and entertained by special Guest Speaker Miss Ita Buttrose. Also as part of the morning's entertainment were local musicians and song-writing duo Barry Berger and Glen Gash who performed their song, 'Women Who Shine' written especially for the occasion.

The major sponsors of the event were Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Living Word Christian Church and Bendigo Bank – Lancefield & Romsey Branches. The sponsor representative spoke briefly to the guests and included: the Mayor of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council Cr Henry McLaughlin, Living Word Christian Church Senior Pastor Marilyn Hunter and Bendigo Bank Lancefield and Romsey Branches representative Tanya Higgins.

Of the 60 'Women Who Shine' nominations received, five finalists were chosen. All five finalists were presented with a certificate, flowers and a large gift bag. The finalists were: Patricia Duffy (Woodend), Rae Hooke (Woodend), Diana Taurins (Gisborne) and Jodi Wagstaff (Gisborne) with the winner of the 'Women Who Shine' in the Macedon Ranges being Mrs Janet Mitchell from Kyneton. Mrs Mitchell is heavily involved in many and varied community groups and local activities throughout the Macedon Ranges and is an outstanding example of a woman who is always thinking of others and looking for ways to help and assist those in need, wherever possible.

Guests left the morning tea singing praises of a wonderful event commenting that it had been brilliant, wonderful, amazing, enjoyable and entertaining, such a nice way to spend a Saturday morning and that there should be more events like this in the Macedon Ranges.

Event coordinators would like to thank everyone who attended the morning tea and for their support of this event. They would also like to thank all the local individuals and businesses who got behind this event to help make it such a great success. In particular the coordinators would like to thank all the people who took time to nominate those special people in their lives and especially the nominees, finalists and winner for being such shining examples of Women Who



Finalists: from L-R: Rae Hooke (Lancefield), Patricia Duffy (Woodend), Diana Taurins (Gisborne), Jodi Wagstaff (Gisborne) and the winner Mrs Janet Mitchell (Kyneton)

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Everyone in the community is invited to....

Event: Launch of the Healthy and Active People Initiative
What: A community walk catering to all abilities followed by morning tea, with giveaways and resources on the program and healthy lifestyle information

Date: Thursday 1st December 2011

Time: 9.15am to register for a 9.30am start

Where: Dixon Field, 50 Robertson Street, Gisborne

How to get there:

Transport will be available – please enquire when you RSVP

RSVP: Monday 28th November 2011 to Laura Garner at lgarner@mrsc.vic.gov.au or ph: 5422 0337

The Macedon Ranges Healthy and Active People Initiative encourages and supports adults not employed full time and at risk of weight related health issues to adopt and sustain healthier lifestyles. Working in partnership with local health agencies and community groups Council will be supporting activities such as the *Live Well, Be Well, Stay Well* program, Heart Foundation walking groups, *Lifeball* team game, *Cooking for One or Two* program and the development of resources to promote existing walking trails and shared paths in the Shire.

For further information contact the Healthy Communities team on 54220206 or healthycommunities@mrsc.vic.gov.au

'This initiative was funded by the Australian Government'

The Anglican Church of Romsey
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LANCEFIELD COMES ALIVE WITH A PRE-CHRISTMAS MARKET -

SAT 17TH DECEMBER 9am to 1pm

December sees the first month of summer on us, bringing a greater selection of fresh produce than we see for the leaner season, spring. Cherries, berries, avocados, garlic, salad greens, onions and more. Christmas orders for hams will be at the market for collection. We also see the usual great selection of produce including beef, lamb & pork cuts - as well as possibly chicken producers Yapunya Meadow Grazed chickens from Nagambie with their succulent free-range birds ready to cook.

The market also features live music from local buskers, free facepainting for the kids from skilled artist Gemma Mather, alongside our new playdough area for children with Col of the Lancefield Kindergarten.

Lancefield bags are available to purchase for your market goodies, alternately bring along your own bags, baskets & trolleys. Dogs welcome on a leash.

This market is an initiative of the Lancefield Neighbourhood House. Look out for new 'Macedon Ranges Farmers' Markets promotional material in the new year, made possible through State Government funding from Regional Development Victoria, the Victorian Farmers' Markets Association & the Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

For more information, please call Meggs on 0407860320.

AND A BIG THANK YOU: We would like to thank the folks who turned out for the October market, braving the rain to source their favourite local produce & support the producers who attend the Lancefield & District Farmers' Market. Reports from what could have been a dismal market were actually quite positive considering the weather & this could only be possible with the shoppers ensuring their presence.

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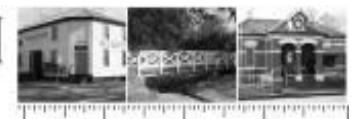
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Social & Creative Activities

Line Dancing

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

Craft Group

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

Art Classes

In Term 1, 2012 we will run an 8 week course for children commencing on Thursday 9th February finishing on Thursday 29th March. And a 9 week course for adults commencing on Thursday 9th February finishing on Thursday April 5.

Adult (Daytime)

Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm. Term Cost: \$100

Children 6 - 8yrs

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

Children 9 - 15yrs

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

Adult (Evening)

Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm. Term Cost: \$100

For all bookings call the Romsey Community House.

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

Open House

Our 'Drop in Room' is open to the public any week day 9.30am - 5.00pm. Enjoy a quiet cuppa alone or socialise with friends. Gold coin donation.

Pre-Accredited Courses

Computer Basics 1

Learn the basics of Microsoft Office Word 2010. This is an 8 week course that will commence in Term 1, 2012 on Tuesday 7th February from 12.30pm - 3pm.
Cost \$165.00 / Concession \$60.00
Minimum Numbers Apply

Computer Basics 2

Build your knowledge around computers, Microsoft Office and Word 2010. This 8 week course will commence in Term 1 on Thursday 9th February from 12.30pm - 3pm
Cost \$165.00 / Conc \$60.00.
Minimum Numbers Apply

Upcoming Workshops

'It's All About You' 4 Women.

Let's get together and chat in a relaxed, safe, fun and supportive environment. If you have something you want to share, learn or understand please come along to my introductory session At the Romsey Community Hub
Wednesday the 1st and 8th February at 10am & 730pm
Sessions include meditation, a free cuppa and a different topic each week (if needed). Sessions will be led by Gillian Gorrie, Life Circle Solutions, Tutor, Teacher, NLP Practitioner. For more information contact Gillian on M: 0409801082 or H: 54295448

It's All About Art and You.

Drawing for Beginners.

Learn how to look and draw what you see.

Saturday 11th February 10 am to 3 pm

All materials supplied for more information and costs phone Gillian M:0409801082 ,H:54295448.

Lets Cook—Children's Christmas Cooking Workshops

Making and Assembling Gingerbread Houses

Wednesday 21st December 3.45pm—7pm

Workshops for Children (with Stavroula)

Workshop 1 *Expressive movement through dance and sound. Includes meditation*

Workshop 2 *Sound vibration session using Tibetan drums, flute, crystal bowls and circle dancing*

Workshops for Adults (with Stavroula)

Include: 'Introduction to Therapeutic Sound', 'Drum Circle and Peace Dance', 'Adult Chakra Dance' and 'Spiritual Development',

Children's Card-Making Workshops

For more information contact us at Romsey Community House.

For All Bookings & Enquiries

Phone: 5429 6724

Office Hours: 10am - 1pm

Monday - Friday

**Public Internet Access Available
10-1pm**

**Oh What a Night!
Romsey
Vintage Street Festival
& CFA Torchlight
Sat 26th November
2011
4pm—9pm
Main Street Romsey**

What a fantastic line up at this year's festival and what great support from the community. On behalf of the Festival committee **THANK YOU** for your support and the generous support of our sponsors. Without your support events like this could never occur—
Thank you!

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Special Thanks to our MC's Annie Phelan & Don Grey who volunteer their time to assist the community. Your humour and good will are golden!



To Our Volunteers:

Helen Barrows, Sue Kirkeguard, Carola, Mick Cowburn, Dave Galeano, Romsey Lancefield Lions Club, John Evans, Werner ad ged McLaughlin, Hayley & Jo Drummond, Anne Goldsworthy, Natasha Boucher, Barry Nunn, Carol Cootes, Peter Cootes, The Durston Boys— Philip, James, Thomas, Felix and Hunter, Amanda Henry, Paul Rosenich, Lewis Rosenich, Chris Henry, Brittany Henry, Raelene Henry

Congratulations to All our winners if the 2011 Romsey Street Festival Show N Shine, your vehicles are a credit to you all.

Well done and my what a talented group of people we have in our community. Congratulations to our Talent Show winners for 2011. Keep up the fantastic effort

Thank you to our comedians and performers, particular note to: Comedians Dil Ruk, Sean Bedlam, Chris Dewberry and Murphy McLachlan

A Big Thank you to the Melbourne Comics Lounge for their Support for the event.

Cowboys and Angels

CC Liners

Harp—Rachel Fury, Victoria Hayes, Philippa Orr, John Nicholas and Craig Spedding. Thank you for your performance. Dean Padgham and Bill Paton

David Morris

David Turpie

Julie Waddell

To our Councillors

Thank you again for your valuable support for our community Special thanks to Cr Joan Donovan, Cr Henry McLaughlin and Cr Joe Morabito

Lastly Thank you to the CFA for a spectacular Parade. Fantastic! To all community Groups who contributed and supported the event with fundraising stalls and displays, Thank you and Great Job!

Book this annual event in your calendar for NEXT YEAR SATURDAY 24th November 2012 from 4 -9pm
Vanessa Meredith Event Manager M: 0429 313 977