

Romsey Golf Club**Women's Golf Report**

Saturday Golf. The women understand the need for a comp on Saturdays with so many women now working. So if you can't join us mid week but would like to play Saturdays you are most welcome to come and try golf at Romsey on a Saturday. Arrive at the clubrooms at 11.45 for a 12.15 hit off.

Results 16/11

18/11 on a warm sunny day with no wind Lorraine and I ventured to Seymour and were pleasantly surprised by the lushness of the fairways. The ball sat up wanting to behit. Lorraine finished winning C grade with a 99-34-65. This was followed by an alfresco lunch as their clubrooms had been lost to a fire.

23/11 Lorraine Robb 9 holes Stableford.

Denise played in the Victorian Amputee Golf Tournament which was held on 25th November 2011, at Sandhurst Golf Club on North Course. The tournament was a 9 hole, 4 person Ambrose event this year. There were about 28 players in the field. Denise was partnered with Lily (the Amputee), her hubby Ray and another leg Amputee, Mike. Lily and Ray came from South Australia, Mike from Ivanhoe. Thankfully the whole field JUST finished before a massive storm came over. The course was slow due to excessive rainfall before game, but the greens were quite fast! Denise only lost one ball in a BUNKER! as it was filled with murky water! After a hearty lunch the results were announced with Denise being in the winning team along with Lily, Roy Mike with a net score of 31. At this annual national event it is catch up time with fellow amputees that you may only see once a year. Denise is saving up for South Australia next year.

1/12 The Annual Romsey Challenge Bowl was played. We had a full field with teams coming from as far as Eildon and Royal Melbourne. Although the weather was cold with a breeze most of the players were able to finish their round before the rain came. (Soup was appreciated on the course). The course was in top condition thanks to all the men who volunteer and do such a good job and some ladies took advantage of this to score well. Congratulations to the Woodend team who won the bowl with 90 pts on a count back from Alexander and Kilmore. Thank you to our sponsors who made the day easier for us— MTM clubs. Romsey Pharmacy and the National Bank. Presentation Day took the form of 9 holes Ambrose followed by a BBQ lunch. It was good to have some visitors play with us that day. Congratulations to all winners and good hitting next year.

14/12 the last playing day for the women had us playing North Pole Rules, which is a fun game only limited by the captains imagination (and she had plenty). There was much laughter from the groups as we read and followed the rules. Walking backwards wasn't quite in it!! That evening we had our breakup at Soltan Pepper which was enjoyed by all. Great meals and good company.

After Yea tournament being washed out earlier in the year they had perfect weather on 8 December. Denise represented Romsey and found the course interesting with a wet slow back 9 and a fast front 9. Despite this she was happy with her score for the day.

January 11 the women resumed play after the Christmas break. The rain on the second hole passed quickly but when the thunder and lightning struck on the sixth hole that was enough for us. We decided to go for coffee but the town was still in Christmas mode so had to do with instant at home.

Charity Day. The Romsey Birdies are again holding a Charity Golf Day to raise funds for the Relay For Life. If you haven't played this event in previous years please organise a team or just ring and enter and we can fit you into a team. A good day is promised. We can give you a handicap for the 12 hole event if you don't have one.

Free Golf Clinics. If you would like to play golf and don't know where to start or you are having problems with your swing etc come along 10 AM Sat 18 & 25 February. We can supply equipment to try. Juniors are most welcome to come as well.

Recipe for this month.**Flourless Choc Hazelnut Cakes.**

¼ cup cocoa

¼ cup hot water

100g dark eating chocolate melted

100g melted butter

1 cup firmly packed brown sugar

¾ cup hazelnut meal

3 eggs separated.

Preheat oven to 180 C & line 9 holes in a muffin tray with paper cases.

Blend cocoa with water in a medium bowl until smooth. Stir in chocolate butter, sugar, meal and egg yolks.

Beat egg whites in a small bowl until soft peaks form; fold into chocolate mixture in two batches.

Pour 1/3 cup mixture into each paper case. Bake for 25 mins. Stand the cakes for 10 mins before turning top side up onto a wire rack to cool.

Beryl Cole

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Join a User Workshop to Help Shape Council's New Website

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is redeveloping its website and looking for local residents and businesses to participate in some user workshops in February and March 2012.

You will find these workshops fun and informative – with the guidance of a usability consultant and Council staff you will discuss what you do and don't like about our website and other council websites. You'll gain some interesting insights into how you and other people use the web to find information!

This is an opportunity for you to shape Council's new website so that it is engaging, useful, informative and accessible to all members of the Macedon Ranges community.

As a thank you, you will receive a free pass to Hanging Rock along with your choice of one of the following:

- Movie tickets
- Coles/Myer gift card
- iTunes gift card
- Tickets to a show of your choice at the Kyneton Town Hall (subject to ticket availability).

To register your interest, please contact Gemma McAlinden, Communications and Public Relations Coordinator at Macedon Ranges Shire Council on 5422 0310 or via gmcaldinden@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Got an hour or 2 to spare once a month?

The fantastic volunteers who collate the Romsey Rag every month so that the people in Romsey and surrounding districts can continue to enjoy our local paper would love to see some new helpers!

Collating dates are published in the table at the top of this page. All you need to do is show up at the Romsey Primary School at 9.00am on collating day and you are sure to be greeted in a very friendly and welcoming manner! It is not a difficult task—and just an hour of your time would be a great help.



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Romsey Cricket Club

The Romsey Cricket Club committee, led by President Michael Richardson and Captain Chris Burkett, sends everyone good wishes for 2012. We welcome back all junior and senior players for the second half of the season and hope everyone is fit and rearing to go.

We have seen some wonderful cricket played by the club and some fine individual performances so far in this first half of the season.

Richo has had the pleasure of assisting 40 Milo cricketers this season with a record number of girls participating, 10. These children have battled weather, cancellations and fatigue and have shown fantastic skills and enjoyment. Thank you to all the great parents and helpers for assisting. WELL DONE EVERYBODY!

Our under 11's are tearing up the pitch. The skill, team work and enthusiasm these youngsters are showing is unbelievable. As with all Romsey cricketers they like to play hard, play fair and have fun.

The Under 12's are progressing very well under coach Amanda Lepore. They are all improving and have had some really good wins.

Our Under 14 teams are enjoying some success with both teams hoping to play in the finals.

Len Devlin's Under 16 squad are presently 4th and have had 2 really good wins before Christmas. They are playing well as a team and need to keep striving for a finals berth.

Congratulations must go to all our players who have been selected in representative teams for the GDCA. They are Kaitlyn Paterson, Adam Frost, Sean Day, Matthew Milne, Chris John, Troy Wilkinson, Rowan Stott and Toby Clement. In the senior competition, our very young McIntyre team is close to a win and persistence will win the day. The Seconds, Thirds and Fourths are all in the four and all have important games after the New Year to cement their spots.

In March the Romsey Cricket Club is supporting the Relay for Life event at Lancefield for the Cancer Council. As our ongoing commitment to important causes, the club is proud to be having a team registered and is expecting that all players and supporters will either join our team or support our fundraising activities. To register go to www.relayforlife.org.au and join Romsey Cricket club. For all enquiries contact Helen Richardson ph 54296369.

Market stalls for Rod Stewart Concert

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is currently seeking expressions of interest for a diverse range of market stalls (arts, craft, clothing etc).



We are looking to give 10 stallholders an opportunity to showcase their wares to an expected audience of over 12,000 patrons at the upcoming Rod Stewart concert at Hanging Rock on Saturday 18 February 2012. Please email a one page brief containing a

description of business and products you are intending to sell and other markets that you have attended to Terry Moore tmoore@mrsc.vic.gov.au or (03) 5422 0383. (If possible include a picture of your stall set up.) All applicants must have their own Public Liability insurance.

Cost for a stall \$200

(this includes 3x3 marquee, 1 x trestle, 2 x chairs) and 2 x stallholder passes valued at \$257.80

Acting Workshops

Term commences 7 February 2012.

Kyneton: Tuesdays from 4.30pm

Woodend: Thursdays from 4pm

All acting workshops incorporate teaching and could help students build on vital skills which they can use in everyday life such as Literacy, Speech Development, Public Speaking, confidence Building, Resilience and Creative Play.

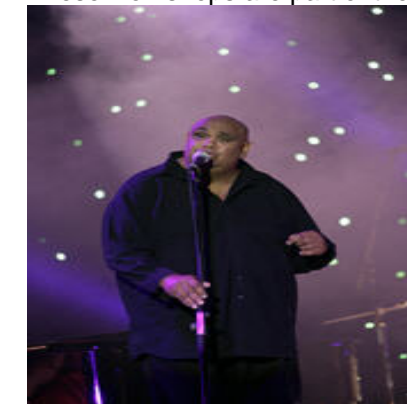
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Singer Songwriter Mentor Workshops

These workshops are part of the KYNETON Boots and



Roots Festival (2-4 March), and will be conducted by five Singer-Songwriters who work in varying musical styles. The Students will have the opportunity to perform their own songs at the festival.

Where: Kyneton Community and Learning Centre, 34

Mollison Street, Kyneton

Workshops are all FREE

See below for registration form.

Workshop 1 - Feb 8 5.30pm – 8.30pm

Workshop 2 - Feb 15 5.30pm – 8.30pm

Workshop 3 - Feb 22 5.30pm – 8.30pm

Workshop 4 - Feb 25 9.30am – 4.30pm

Performance Saturday 3 March 2012, 2pm – 3.30pm at the Kyneton Mechanics Institute.

Application forms available from Kyneton Council office, Kyneton Community and Learning Centre, Instrumental Music, Highlands FM, on the web

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ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD & DISTRICT AMBULANCE AUXILIARY REPORT

Happy New Year to all our community from your local Ambulance auxiliary.

As usual reports from station personal state that they are busier than ever. With the increasing costs of medical equipment it is an on-going effort from our auxiliary to raise funds for the station. I am constantly informing people that Ambulance Victoria will provide all standard issue equipment only. If our station staff need extra medical, technical or household equipment it is the auxiliary that will provide funds for these. As a consequence we are always looking for different ways to raise money and for the community to support us.

Our annual barbecue at the Lancefield Farmer's market in November was very successful despite miserable weather. Val Mustow needs to take much credit for this due to her hard work and great organisational skills. Thank you to all Auxiliary members for your efforts on this day. We would like to thank people who donated to our raffle and BBQ and in particular thanks go to Lancefield Bakery, Lancefield Motors and everyone who bought raffle tickets and sausages THANK YOU!

Winners of the raffle were: 1st prize Mrs O'Malley, 2nd prize Belinda, 3rd prize Peter Scanlon

Our "meet and greet" outside IGA was fantastic with acting Team Leader and MICA paramedic Dave Newman proving a hit with the locals. We look forward to doing this again this year.

If anyone is interested in joining our auxiliary please do not hesitate to contact me.

President Helen Richardson



The 3rd Annual
MACEDON RANGES
Junior Tournament

Under the Auspices of the GolfVic, DDGA & WGDD

Labour Day Long Weekend
March 2012

Saturday 10 th	Round 1	Woodend Golf Club
Sunday 11 th	Round 2	Romsey Golf Club
Monday 12 th	Round 3	Lancefield Golf Club

Entry Fee: \$50
(\$20 per event day)

Entries Close: Close of Business Tuesday 6th March
Committee may accept entries on event days if field permits

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A Challenge for 2012

Romsey is a great little town in a great location with lots of great people.

To my mind the only two things that detract from it are the amount of litter in the streets and the people who seem to think that speed limits and laws relating to the use of mobile phones don't apply to them.

The challenge:

In 2012 let's all show a bit of pride in our town and do the right thing.

- Put litter in bins.
- Drive safely within the law.

It's as simple as that!

Romsey Primary School News

I am excited for students to be returning to school on Friday 3th February and to welcome back all students, staff, parents and members of the community. We are all looking forward to continuing to provide excellent educational programs for all students. With the diversity of programs we offer there is a wide range of opportunities for students to excel. All teachers and educational support staff will return to school on Wednesday 1st February and will spend the first two days profitably engaged in a range of professional learning and will be setting up their classes for the new year. The main focus for all teachers will be the introduction of a whole school approach to teaching writing. This is modelled on last year's successful introduction of the whole school approach to teaching reading and will be lead by the Assistant Principal Wendy Ashworth. It means no matter which class you're child is in, every class will be using the same structure.

Throughout the year we will also be working with Michael Ymer, an outstanding numeracy consultant. Michael provided a comprehensive professional learning session late last year focusing on how to cover the breadth of the Mathematics curriculum and to make it engaging and fun for students. In March staff will have a full day with Michael and a follow up after school session later in the year. The evening session will be a great opportunity for parents to learn how to assist their child at home. Later in the year Michael will spend a day modelling teaching Mathematics in a number of year levels with all teachers being released to observe.

This year we are happy to welcome our new Business Manager Bernie Carter and teachers Alexis Seddon and Julia McCormick. Thank you to Steve Westbury, Craig Jones and Paul Mitchell from the facility team who have been busy making improvements. They have improved the retainer wall near 'The Learning Neighbourhood', added downball courts and put netting up in the gym. Over the holiday break our maintenance man and cleaners have been busy ensuring the school is beautifully prepared for a smooth start for all students.

Graduation 2011

A highlight of the school year is the year 6 Graduation. I would like to congratulate all year 6 students from 2011 on an outstanding year. The evening's celebration started with a sit down meal in The Learning Neighbourhood beautifully prepared by our Canteen Manager Patricia Smith. This was followed by a formal ceremony in the gym with the students presented to the audience, the presentation of excellence awards and a dance presentation by each year 6 class. Overall it was a wonderful celebration of their time at Romsey Primary School and personally I'd like to congratulate them on their success and wish them all the best in their future endeavours. The following students received awards:

Emily Sharp Principal's Award

In recognition of her outstanding achievements and positive contribution to Romsey Primary School.

Lachlan Jones Romsey Community House Award

In recognition of his commitment to making a difference in the wider community.

Lisa-Marie Magri

Country Women's Association Encouragement Award



For her outstanding commitment to improving her learning.
Tilly Bryant Community Spirit Award from Joanne Duncan

For her commitment to reaching her full potential in her education and in extra curricula activities, as well as her contribution to Romsey Primary School and the wider community.

Ebony Green Lion's Club Award

In recognition of her community involvement and outstanding academic achievement.

Samantha Richardson Rotary Club Award

For her positive attitude and dedication to learning.

Matthew Milne and Paige Cogger

Masonic Lodge Awards

For their supportive attitudes towards their classmates and their consistent effort with their school work.

Tom Vale and Emily Rodwell Visual Arts Awards

For their outstanding work in Visual Arts.

Ty Cooper and Janelle Spinks

Performing Arts Awards

For their hard work and standout performances in the Year 5/6 musical.

Ash Smith and Karlie Hales Sports Awards

For their outstanding sportsmanship and sporting achievements.

Tilly Bryant and Emily Sharp Student Choice Awards

For their commitment to the school values of Resilience, Relationships, Learning and Responsibility.

Thank you to the Romsey Community House, the Country Women's Association, the Lions Club, the Rotary Club, the Masonic Lodge and Joanne Duncan for your generous recognition of our students and support for our graduation celebrations.

Term Dates for 2011

Term 1: 3rd February to 29th March (30th March Curriculum Day)

Term 2*: 16 April to 29 June

Term 3: 16 July to 21 September

Term 4: 8 October to 21 December

New Enrolments

At the beginning of the year new families may have moved to Romsey and we welcome new enrolments to our school. Please come into the office and meet me. I would be delighted to organise a school tour to show off our outstanding facilities. The office will be staffed from the 24th January each day (not Australia Day) or phone 54295099 and arrange a time for an appointment.

Joan Gibbs, Principal



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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.*

The year 2012 is with us - Little children are starting school, getting used to a new environment without Mum there to turn to.

Young students commencing Year 7 at Secondary School or beginning their University education.

Then there are those facing the hurdle of finding a job after finishing their schooling.

There are a few anxious moments as we face and commence new adventures in our life.

We all hope for a happy and peaceful year!!

We also know that in reality there are always problems and worries along with the joyfulness and peace, this comes with life. - but perhaps if we can face life with a smile for those around us it will help all of us find the joy in life.

"Peace begins with a smile" - Mother Teresa

Keep Smiling

Smiling as Therapy is the latest thing.

You can't fake a smile, but you can use your smile to lift your mood.

Children smile more often, and more easily, than adults.

Let their wonder and humour inspire your view of the world

How you feel depends on what you think, so if your thoughts are getting you down, turn your attention to something that tickles your funny bone.

A genuine smile can be as good as a present for someone in need of love, hope or attention.

Busy lives can turn us inwards, making those around us seem anonymous.

Next time you rush down the street, break your stride and find the time to smile at those you pass by.

A Smile is Universal.

Church Services in February 2012

5 th	9am	Worship Service conducted by visiting minister
12 th	9am	Worship Service and Communion Conducted by Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones
19 th	9am	Worship Service conducted by the Worship Team.
26 th	9am.	Worship Service conducted by Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones



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A huge weekend of entertainment and activities has been organised by the volunteer committee, and the whole community is invited to the official ceremonies at Lancefield Park on Saturday (3pm and 8pm) and Sunday (10am).

The event has so far raised almost \$870,000 for the Cancer Council Victoria. It is not too late to register or make a donation. Alternatively, you can help the cause by supporting the many team fundraisers in coming weeks.

Magician Anthony De Masi, better known by Channel Nine viewers as Magic Tony, is bringing his hilarious show, 'Spaghetti Spaghetti', to Woodend. His performance in Romsey in 2010 was very well received.

Children and adults around the world love his character Luigi Zucchini's Italian charm, charismatic style and lovable animal friends.

The family magic show will be held on Friday, February 17 at St Ambrose Hall, Templeton Street, Woodend. Show time is 7pm, with tickets available pre-booked or at the door for \$10 each. (NB: Seating is limited so bookings recommended.)

Proceeds will be donated to the Cancer Council Victoria by The Ones That Got Away team. Contact Nadine on 54271571 or 0439 399 838.

The Romsey Birdies are again running a Charity Golf Day at their home club on Sunday, February 19 to boost their fundraising tally.

Entry is \$80 per team or \$20 each, which includes a traditional barbecue lunch.

The day will feature a 4-player Ambrose competition over 12 holes, with novelty and fun events.

Players are welcome from 9.30am for a 10am hit off. Entries close on February 10 and will be accepted on the day if the field permits.

To register ring Beryl on 5429 5411 or Jan 0402 905 982.

For more details about the Relay For Life at Lancefield Park and to register a team or individual, or to make a donation, visit the website www.relayforlife.org.au and follow the prompts to Lancefield. Alternatively ring Melissa McCarthy on 0438 831 427 or email tmac31@bigpond.net.au. More information can also be obtained from the Cancer Council Victoria on 1300 65 65 85.

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 - establishing a plan and timeline for implementation of those objectives;
 - analysis of your current structures and future requirements; and
 - turning the plan into action.

Succession planning forms a significant part of retirement planning. Timely consideration of business structures is often a necessary pre-cursor to enacting tax effective retirement strategies within a Superannuation Fund.

To discuss please contact Andrew Marshall or Janine Orpwood - 54273790 (85 High St, Woodend)

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World Day of Prayer – 2012

Theme: *Let Justice Prevail*

The Service has been prepared by the Christian Women of Malaysia

Address: **Miss Robyn Langford** (formerly with SAMS Argentina and CMS UK – Central Asia and Sudan)

Where? Christ Church Anglican Church
Chauncey St, Lancefield

When? Friday 2 March

Time? 10am in the Church Hall
Meeting around God's Word: Habbakuk and Luke 18: 1-8

11am – Service in the Church,
Rev W Carroll, (inc offertory)

Light lunch to follow

About the World Day of Prayer

- It began in Canada and the USA in the 19th century and has now spread world wide.
- The first service begins in Tonga at sunrise and moves around the world until the last service at sunset in neighbouring Samoa.

Men and women of Romsey/Lancefield, come and join us!

Contacts:

Glenice 5429 6418; Doreen 5429 6060

Joy, WDP Convenor – Romsey/Lancefield 5429 6163

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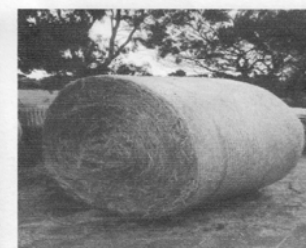
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A new night class is starting on Friday 10th February, 7.30 to 8.30pm.

All classes are held in the Romsey Mechanics Hall.

Enquiries: Ring Carol on 0419 121 369.

Attention All Community Groups, Organisations and Sporting Clubs!

Why not publicise your events and activities in the Romsey Rag? In most instances advertising for not-for-profit groups and events is FREE!

All you need to do is submit your copy by email or in person at Romsey Primary School on or before the 15th of the month. Dates for submission of copy for the whole year are published each month on page 2 of the Rag. We aim to have the Rag available to readers on or just before the 1st of the month

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GRAAP at the Romsey Festival

Popcorn, Fairy Floss, Dim Sims, light swords and flashing musical tiaras - Greater Romsey All Abilities Park (GRAAP) Inc had it all at their stall at the Romsey Street Festival!

Special thanks are extended to Ros and Emma from Romsey's National Australia Bank who worked on the stall all day.



In other GRAAP news – grant money has been received to develop concept plans. With the recent encouraging news from MRSC that the old Primary School land is, at this stage, to remain zoned as public use, such plans will further develop the vision for a community open space at this site.

For further information regarding GRAAP, please contact -

Raelene Mottram (President) Phone: 0428 928908

Email: mmo67451@bigpond.net.au

P.O. Box 53, Romsey, 3434.

News from Bolinda & Monegeeta

HALL and COMMUNITY NEWS:

And the weather...328 points for December brought our yearly total to 27.50 inches (approx 687.5mL). Our yearly average is around 23 inches, so a wetter than average year; great for crops, pastures, gardens – and the spirit! It's quiet time of the year after the Christmas and New Year seasons, and the busy cropping period. Though there is still shearing/crutching, fly-strike...

A lull in Hall activities, too. Our next community function is our Bulb Sale Day on Saturday, March 31st. Bulbs are the easiest of all plants to grow – generally trouble free and thrive well on neglect. There'll be lots of wonderful bulbs for sale at very reasonable prices.

AND – we'll have lots more to share with you this year as it is the Centenary year for Bolinda Hall! We have some plans in the pipeline...

BOLINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS:

The school celebrated the end of another successful year with a brilliant end-of-year concert. Great acting, singing, stage-props; it was a really polished performance by the students, reflecting the hard work put in by the teachers. We were entertained by some quite different versions of well known fairy tales, even including a plea for understanding by the much-maligned wolf...The lovely Nativity Play with carols was a lovely finale. And then we were fortunate enough to have Father Christmas visit **with a gift for each child...a celebration indeed!**

It was with sincere regret that Mrs Anita Batty was thanked and farewelled after many years of dedicated teaching. A whole generation of Bolinda students owe much to her caring and consistent teaching. She expected and received a high standard from her pupils. Her community

involvement was also outstanding. With a very willing group of volunteers, Anita organised the Bolinda Spring Fair for more than 20 years, arranging floral displays, afternoon teas, daffodil exhibits, art and craft - and much, much more. The community owes her a very real debt of gratitude. Thank you so much for your wonderful enthusiastic service, Anita.

BOL-DARRA (Bolinda Darraweit) GARDEN CLUB:

The cooler, wet season has been good for our gardens and this time of the year is always lovely with the beautiful blues of the Agapanthus. They thrive so easily here, that it's hard to believe that they are quite tricky to grow in many countries. We had a wonderful visit to Denise and Bert's in November; the large garden was looking colourful and immaculate and the afternoon tea was even more so! Our January meeting is on Saturday, 28th at Deb's in Bolinda Road. Debbie has a horse property and keeps fit by collecting all the manure in a wheelbarrow and increasing her garden. So her garden has grown amazingly. Meet at Bolinda Hall (Melways 609 J10) at 1:30 to head off at 2:00pm.

February get-together is at Cath and Terry's, also in Bolinda Road. This has to be the most organised and beautifully maintained garden; you'll pick up lots of tips for flowers and fruit and vegies. Again, meet at the Hall to head off at 2:00pm.

And finally, please enjoy a fulfilling year in 2012.
Hope it is a year of many happy memories for you!

So – Cheerio from Bolinda & Monegeeta
(John or Ruth Green, 54 285 347 or 0415256911, for enquiries)

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Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA) UPDATE

RRBATA Welcomes 2012

RRBATA is preparing for another busy year ahead as it strives to advocate for Romsey region business and tourism interests. Part of this advocacy includes, at a very local level, building relationships between the community and the businesses here to provide for it.

This year, RRBATA will promote its new membership package to all business types in the region – shop front, hospitality, trades, industrial and home-based. This will be a big job, but it is essential RRBATA have a broad based membership so as to adequately represent local interests.

The RRBATA Committee is currently organising an Autumn community event in a similar vein to the Tree Illumination event last year. It is hoped that this year's "Light Up The Night Sky" event will culminate in a fireworks display supported by local business.

The annual RRBATA Business Breakfast will also be held again in August. This has proved popular since its inception in 2010 as a great opportunity for business people (and others!) to network over a great breakfast and listen to thought provoking speakers.

Ongoing liaison with Macedon Ranges Shire Council officers and councillors will further build upon the excellent relationship between MRSC and Romsey business and tourism.

Likewise, Tourism Macedon Ranges (TMR) in its revamped format will be of potential assistance to our Romsey region.

So, 2012 in Romsey – BRING IT ON!!

RRBATA Christmas Gathering

On Monday 12th December 2011, RRBATA held its Christmas-gathering at Sicilian Vespers Trattoria. A sumptuous finger food offering was enjoyed by those in attendance including MRSC's Leanne Davey (Economic Development and Tourism) and Councillors McLaughlin, Donovan and Letchford. RRBATA wished to extend its thanks to Sicilian Vespers for accommodating our group on a Monday night (their rest day!!) at what is an incredibly busy time of the year for the hospitality business.

Thinking About Membership?

RRBATA is only as good as its membership. Consider being a beneficiary of the exciting initiatives planned ahead by becoming a RRBATA member so as you can be heard!!

Membership Enquiries:

Joanne Hagan (Secretary) Phone: 0432 320553

Email: hages10@optusnet.com.au

Next RRBATA Function:

General Gathering

Monday 20th February 2012 at 7.30pm

The Bay Tree

Members \$5, Non Members \$10

ALL WELCOME



Ged McLaughlin, Benny Dyer and Rachel Dyer



Leanne Davey, Jenny Stillman, Wendie McLaughlin, Joanne Hagan and Beryl Marquette.



Tino Fichera




Pastor's Parables .

A British nobleman left behind a big castle which contained priceless paintings. The public could come and see them from time to time. One day a group of people were moving through the large rooms and admiring the paintings as they went. One elderly woman never spoke a word but would repeatedly go close to each picture and examine it very carefully. After the visit, someone asked her what she thought of it all. "It was perfect," she said with enthusiasm. "I could not find a speck of dust anywhere." How often we miss the beauties of life because we are so intent on looking for faults. Someone put it this way: "There is so much bad in the best of us, and so much good in the worst of us, that it is not fair for any of us to speak against the rest of us."

"Seek and you WILL FIND!"
 We will get what we expect both good & bad, because 'that' is what we will be looking for. That is what our focus will be. So, eventually that is what we will see!

The Bible says ⁸ Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable—if there is any moral excellence and if there is any praise—**dwel on these things.** —Phil 4:8.
 Because the way we think and "who" we focus on, has so much to do with our spiritual and emotional well being.

We all have the opportunity at the beginning of this New Year to choose "who" or "what" we will focus on. If you would like to know more about how you can experience "total well being" this year, and matters of faith feel free to join us at either of our Sunday services, Mid week Life groups, or contact us at our Church office on 54-296327. We would be happy to be of assistance to you. We are a family Church and welcome all to our Church family.

James Kelleher Lawyers are pleased to announce and welcome an experienced lawyer in Kirsteen Milne. She completed Bachelor of Jurisprudence and Bachelor of Laws and was admitted to practice in Victoria giving her almost 3 decades of legal experience. Kirsteen will be known to many of you as she is a long time Romsey resident of 28 years. Kirsteen's experience and interest lies in Family Law and in 2011 she successfully completed a Masters of Applied Family Law. We can also assist you with many other legal services such as property conveyancing, wills, power of attorney, probate, leasing, business and commercial matters, litigation and criminal law. Kirsteen joins Maureen Wiltshire and the experienced staff at James Kelleher of Kerry, Andrea and Elizabeth to assist our clients in providing legal assistance. To make an appointment to see Kirsteen or Maureen, please telephone 03 54295292 or email: romlaw@bigpond.com For more information go to www.jameskelleher.com.au and follow Maureen Wiltshire on Twitter



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St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey

Parish Priest:	Fr. George O'Connor	Presbytery:	5429 2130
Pastoral Worker:	Mrs. Joanne Reuther	Presbytery:	5429 2130
School Principal:	Mr. Anthony Falls	St. Mary's Primary:	5429 1359

MASS TIMES

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

RECONCILIATION

After weekday Mass or by arrangement.

BAPTISMS

February, April, June, August, October, December.
 For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

REGULAR EVENTS

SVPD 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 **Wednesday 8th February 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.

BINGO!! BINGO!! BINGO!!
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ROMSEY CWA - JANUARY, 2012

Six retired Irishmen were playing cards at O'Leary's pub when Paddy Murphy loses £500 on a single hand. He clutches his chest and drops dead at the table. Showing respect for their fallen brother, the other five continue to play standing up.

Michael looks around and asks "Well, boys. Someone has to tell Paddy's wife. Who will it be?"

They draw straws. Pat picks the short one. They tell him to be discreet, be gentle, and don't make a bad situation any worse. "Discreet? I'm the most diplomatic Irishman you'll ever meet. Discretion is my middle name. Leave it to me".

Pat goes to Murphy's house and knocks on the door. Mrs Murphy asks what he wants. Pat tells her "Your husband just lost £500 playing cards, and is afraid to come home".

"Tell him to drop dead for all I care", says Murphy's wife.

"I'll go tell him right now", says Pat.

The ladies from Romsey Branch of CWA wish all readers a prosperous New Year and hope that you had a wonderful Christmas with friends and family.

Our Street Stall in November was successful. Weather was not the kindest, with quite a downpour of rain during the morning. The winner of our raffle was Sue McCubbin from Bolinda.

The Central Highlands Group Meeting and luncheon was attended by Elaine who reported a lovely day was had by all present. Our Group Annual General Meeting will be held on February 15th at Mt Macedon CWA Hall.

Romsey CWA Branch's year ended with a delightful lunch at Seasons Restaurant in Riddells Creek. Two visitors joined us on this day and we hope they will come along to our next meeting and perhaps join our happy group.

Our first meeting for 2012 was at the Bay Tree Café on January 19th commencing at midday, followed by lunch. February will see us back into full swing with our normal meeting on the first Thursday, February 2nd, at Mechanics Institute Supper Room at 10.00 am, and Craft Day on the third Thursday of the month, same place, same time. At our February meeting, our Craft programme for 2012 will be discussed.

At our Craft Day, February 16th, 2012 we will be having a lady from Statewide Sewing Centre in Bendigo to demonstrate the finer points of using sewing machines and overlockers and show the latest state-of-the-art machines. All are welcome to attend. This will run between 10 am and 12 noon. A cuppa and biscuits will be served. Please call me if you would like to come along and learn about your machine.

We make donations each year of an Encouragement Award to a Grade 6 student from each of the State Schools in our area, namely Romsey, Bolinda and Clarkefield. Invitations from Romsey and Bolinda schools were received and we are delighted to announce that Lisa-Marie Magri from Romsey P.S. and Bill Warburton from Bolinda P.S. were very worthy recipients. We wish them all the best for their transition into secondary education.

Many items are in our "diary" for 2012, including State Conference, this year in Swan Hill, State Creative Arts Exhibition, State Fair, and our Group Creative Arts Exhibition in Kyneton in April.

If you would like to join us at our meetings or craft days, please give me a call on 5429 2311. You will be made very welcome.

Val Jordan, Branch Secretary.

Coming to the Romsey Community House in March:

"Meet Your Neighbour" Morning Tea.

Watch the next Rag for further details, or call in to the Community House to register your interest.

Make a Healthy and Active Start to 2012

Would you like to live a healthier lifestyle? Are you interested in doing more physical activity and eating better, but don't know where to start?

Healthy and Active Macedon Ranges is a new initiative coordinated by Macedon Ranges Shire Council aimed at engaging the community in healthier and more active lifestyles. To kick off in 2012, the following two exciting programs are on offer:

Kyneton - Live Well, Be Well, Stay Well

A self-management and lifestyle modification program where participants learn about healthy eating and nutrition and engage in a variety of physical activities.

When: Every Tuesday from 14th February - 27th March 2012 (7 weeks).

Time: 9.00am - 11.00am.

Where: Kyneton Sports & Aquatic Centre Clubrooms, Victoria Street, Kyneton.

Cost: \$5.00 per person.

Kyneton - Cooking for One or Two

A basic cooking skills program that gives participants confidence in preparing healthy meals using easy cooking techniques. Participants create and share a main meal at each session and learn about nutrition, food hygiene, budgeting and weight control.

When: Every Tuesday starting 14th February - 20th March 2012 (6 weeks).

Time: 11.30am - 1.30pm.


Where: Kyneton Town Hall, 129 Mollison Street, Kyneton.

Cost: Gold coin donation.

Join in today and start living a healthier lifestyle! To register or for further information, call (03) 5422 0216 or email healthycommunities@mrsc.vic.gov.au

The Healthy and Active People Initiative is delivered by Macedon Ranges Shire Council in partnership with Cobaw Community Health and is funded by the Australian Government.








Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club

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

Probus Meetings are held at
St. Mary's Hall, Main Street, Romsey at 10am on the fourth
Thursday in each month.
Probus is a mixed club for men and women
There is a guest speaker at each meeting.
We have an outing on the third Wednesday of the month.
(Either a trip or luncheon)

 Friday Morning Coffee

 Musical Afternoons each month.

 Ten Pin Bowling each fortnight.

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

We all enjoyed a get-together BBQ at the home of Jean Buist on 18th January, 2012.

The next luncheon will be at "Seasons" in Riddells Creek on Wednesday 15th February.

Our first meeting for the year 2012 will be on Thursday 23rd February.



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Romsey Playgroup Inc.

Romsey Community Hub,
Main Street, Romsey

2012 is a big year for the Romsey Playgroup with a strong focus on fundraising to purchase a shade sail for the sandpit area. The sale provides sun protection for the children and begins their sun smart education. The ever supportive Romsey Community Bank has made a great contribution to start us off!

We kicked off our year's fund raising with a BBQ at Bunnings Sunbury on Saturday the 14th of January 2012. A number of Romsey residents dropped by to say hi and enjoy a sausage. We had a bumper day as Dora the Explorer visited!



Our next sausage sizzle at Bunnings Sunbury will be on the 4th of May and we hope to see lots of familiar faces. Any volunteers interested in showing their BBQ skills on the day are always welcome.

Romsey Playgroup will be participating in the Romsey Annual Garage Sale. Anyone with good condition toys, cots or other children's items who wish to donate items please read the next Romsey Rag for contact details.

Romsey Playgroup are always welcoming new families with children from the ages of 1 – 4 years old, we start again for 2012 in the first week of February, open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 09:30 to 11:30 and look forward to welcoming you.

Lancefield & Romsey Community Banks

COMMUNITY'S THE WINNER FROM BANK GRANTS

Local groups and clubs, their members and the wider community will all benefit from the latest round of grants from the Romsey and Lancefield Community Banks. Bank chair Tim McCarthy announced today that 19 local groups would share more than \$26,000 in "community investment" funds for worthy projects. The funding is on top of \$24,000 to be handed out in sponsorships to local clubs and groups this year. A further \$14,000 will be allocated to our local emergency services, including our CFAs.

Mr McCarthy said an independent panel of prominent local residents assessed applications for the "community investment" grants, and their recommendations were assessed by the Bank.

"Applications were assessed on a range of criteria, including their benefit to the wider community," he said. "I am very confident that our community will be a better place after this money is spent on these projects." Mr McCarthy said the biggest grant of \$10,000 would provide much-needed toilets at the Lancefield cemetery, which services both towns. "The Lancefield Cemetery Trust is contributing \$30,000 towards the project, which will provide an asset to assist with the amenity of visitors to the cemetery. The independent panel believed this was a priority project which would have lasting benefits and would support members of the community from both Romsey and Lancefield."

Other projects to be funded are:

- St Mary's Catholic Church - install natural gas for heating \$1500.
- Romsey Mechanics Institute - chairs and tables \$2000.
- Lancefield Mechanics Institute – renovation of floors \$2000.
- Romsey Bowling Club – Defibrillator \$1730.
- Lancefield Bowling Club - outdoor upgrade of the building \$2000.
- Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society - digitise historical information \$1100.
- Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club - Avenue of Honor \$500. Contribution to the project.
- Romsey Toy Library - shelving and storage \$500.
- Lancefield CWA - assist in funding scholarship and Spring show \$500.
- Romsey Playgroup - shade sail \$500.
- Lancefield Playgroup – plants for the play area and a new veggie garden \$500.
- Deep Creek Landcare - 100 litre spray pack \$500.
- St Mary's Primary School - shade cloth over playground and play equipment \$500.
- Romsey Primary School - books and shelving for reading program \$500.
- Lancefield Kindergarten - shade umbrella \$500.
- Romsey CWA - crockery, glasses and linen \$500.
- Lancefield Primary School - education program gardening, cooking and animal husbandry \$500.
- Romsey Kindergarten - education, nutrition, healthy lifestyle project \$500.

This year's grant program brings the amount returned to the Romsey and Lancefield communities by grants and sponsorships since our first branch opened 10 years ago to more than \$400,000.



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LOCAL SCHOOLS LOVE LANDCARE TREES

The Deep Creek Landcare Group donated boxes of indigenous trees to the Lancefield Primary School, St Mary's School Lancefield and the Romsey Primary School just before the school break-ups in December.

Pictured here are Lancefield Primary School teacher Andrea van Gils and her happy band of budding landcarers. Interested locals are welcome to attend 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 community members in attendance to discuss landcare projects and matters in general. Anyone can join up on the night or just join us for a chat.

Have a look at the Group's website at www.deepcreeklndcare.org.au

Just come along, or give President Robin a call on 0428 315846 or Secretary Hayley on 0409 936814.

Friends of Macedon Ranges Libraries Inc. (FOMRL) AGM

Notice is hereby given that the AGM for this organisation will be held on Thursday 23rd February 2012 at 4pm at the Woodend Library, cnr of Forest and High Streets, Woodend.

Annual reports will be presented and there will be an election for office bearers for the forthcoming year.

All members of the Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend libraries are invited to attend.

Nomination forms and the agenda are available at all the libraries.

Signed Helen Scott Hon. Sec. Any inquiries please ring 5427 3644

The objectives of FOMRL are:

- Lobby at local and state government levels to improve funding for libraries.
- Raise funds directly to improve library facilities.
- Organise volunteers to help librarians with non-professional duties.
- Organise cultural activities around our libraries' facilities.

During the past year FOMRL has funded the following magazine subscriptions: *Australian Book Review* (Gisborne) *The Monthly* (Kyneton) *Choice* (Romsey) *Good Reading* (Woodend). We have sponsored author Lee Fox for the Woodend Winter Arts Festival and donated book vouchers for the lucky draw prize in the 2012 Summer Reading Club in all the libraries.

With your help we could do more, please join us! Membership is free.



"Anyone wishing to join a bookclub or for clubs already formed, talk to Sara at Romsey Library to hear about a new program of resources for bookclubs through the library. Register for the launch event in Feb. with wine and nibbles and the chance to win a Kindle".

Meets second Monday
Lancefield Hall 8.00 pm

All welcome

Contact:
Robin 0428 315846
Hayley 0409 936814



DEEP CREEK LANDCARE
GROUP
Covering Lancefield-Romsey
Districts

Romsey Basketball – Shooting Hoops in 2012

There are some exciting changes happening for Romsey basketball this year. The Romsey Recreation Centre is getting a brand new court and new basketball rings, due for completion in mid February. The basketball rings will have a height adjustment function. This is great news for our under 10 competitors and Aussie Hoops kids, who will be able to play with a lower height ring.

This year Romsey basketball will be selecting players to compete in representative squads. These kids will compete in tournaments around Victoria, and take on kids from all over the state. Kids selected will participate in regular coaching sessions. More information regarding tryout and squad training will be available in February.

The Romsey Recreation Centre is starting a new competition. Under 11's will be playing on Monday nights from 4.00pm. This competition will be a great step from the modified under 10 competition, which will still be played on Wednesday nights. Anyone interested in playing should contact the Romsey Recreation Centre by 31st January.

Under 10's – Finals News

Our 2011 under 10 competitors played some awesome games this year. There improvement was amazing throughout the year, and all kids who participated should be extremely proud of themselves. The grand final and 3rd / 4th playoff were held on the 14th of December. The opening match between the Bulls and the Raptors was extremely tight. At the half time break there was only 1 shot in it, with Raptors leading 8 – 6. After the break both teams played really hard, and at the end of the game Raptors won the match 13 to Bulls 12. The Grand Final was not as close, but it was still a great game. Bobcats defeated Hornets 18 – 3, with Tom Babicka and Maddy Prespakis named the best for the match.

Enrolments for 2012

Competition	Night	Starting	Enrolments Due
Aussie Hoops Development	Tuesday Nights	February	ENROL NOW!
Under 10 Mixed Competitions	Wednesday nights	February	ENROL NOW!
Under 11 Mixed Competition	Monday Nights	February	ENROL NOW!
Under 12 Mixed Competition	Tuesday Nights	April	March
Under 15 Mixed Competition	Tuesday Nights	April	March
Senior Modified Mixed	Wednesday Nights	February	ENROL NOW!

Contact the Romsey Recreation Centre for more information or to register.

Phone: (03) 5429 5637 (Tuesday & Wednesday only during the school holidays)

Email: rrc@mrsc.vic.gov.au

FILM SOCIETY

Year Three starts on February 8th.

The programme for the 2012 season kicks off with:

The third season of the Macedon Ranges Film Society (MRFS) gets under way at Woodend Community Centre on Wednesday February 8th with Billy Wilder's immortal comedy, **Some Like It Hot**. This was originally scheduled for our season finale for 2011 but that was the night when that incredible storm took out the power lines. Remember that ?

February 8th: Some Like it Hot - America, 1959

March 14th: Hair - America/Germany co-production, 1979

April 11: Heavenly Creatures -NZ/Germany co-production, 1994

May 9: The Princess Bride - America, 1987

June 13: Goodbye Lenin - Germany, 2003

In our first two years the society has grown to a membership of fifty five and, now, in our new location of the Woodend Community Centre we have the capacity to welcome up to about fifty or so more. So if you love the experience of seeing good movies on a big screen but find the trudge into Melbourne and back too stressful, you can now enjoy a stress-free night out at the movies locally every month by joining the MRFS.

We meet every second Wednesday every month from February to November. Doors open at 7.00 p.m. Membership costs \$60 for the season, which works out to only \$6 per session. After the movie, members stay around to enjoy a chat and some refreshments.

Membership and General Enquiries: Victoria Wells, *President*, and/or Lorraine Rutherford, *Secretary*.
Publicity Enquiries: Bernie Green, *Press Secretary*. (0412 058 809)

All at mrffilmsoc@gmail.com or phone 5427 2323

The season's programme is a mix of old and new, of drama, action, crime and comedy and of Hollywood and Art-house - something for everyone.

Romsey Golf Club Charity Golf Day



4 Player Ambrose
**Proceeds to the 2012
 Lancefield & Macedon Ranges
 Relay For Life**
Sunday 19th
February 2012

**9.30 am for
 10.00 am hit
 off**

Straightest Drive

12 Holes including many novelty & fun events

Entry Fee – \$80 per team (\$20 pp)

Includes traditional Romsey BBQ Lunch

Entries to: Beryl Cole Ph: 5429 5411

Jan Harver Ph; 0402 905 982

Entries close 10th February

Nearest The Pins

(Entries also accepted on
 the day if field permits)
**Refreshments available
 throughout the day**



Term 1 2012

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Health, Fitness & Wellbeing

Sun Style Tai Chi

Monday or Tuesday Afternoons
1pm—2pm
1st week—Free Introductory Workshop
\$8 per class (Minimum Numbers Apply)
Commencing Monday 13th February

Yoga

Thursdays 7pm-8pm starting February Monday 13th 2012

Walk Together Program

Tuesday's 9.30am - 10.30am. Meet Eileen at the Lions Park, near the creek.

Gentle Exercise for Over 50's - \$5 per class

Every Monday 10am - 11am. These classes are designed to be fun and are specifically tailored to meet the capacity of each participant. Can assist with balance, mobility, bladder control and joint pain. Chair based exercises also available. Register now. Cost \$5 per class
**Join us after class 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

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.

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

Monday-Friday

Automated Fire Danger Ratings Sign Trial

From 22 December 2011 automated Fire Danger Rating signs will be placed in hard-to-access, high traffic locations leading into high fire risk locations. Within the Loddon Mallee Region signs will be trialled in Ouyen and Gisborne. These will also be located in Ferntree Gully, Warrandyte, Warrandyte South, Templestowe, Rosebud, Wodonga, Beveridge, Ballan, Genoa, Moe, Lillimur and Geelong.



Under the pilot 14 automated Fire Danger Rating signs will be placed in hard-to-access, high traffic locations leading into high fire risk locations. Centrally managed by the State Control Centre, using a web based upload of information these have been designed and manufactured by Ararat based company: Bartco Portable Traffic systems (LED type).

Two Victorian based companies with two sign variants are participating in the trial, both will use the fan style FDR design, are solar powered and reliant on 3G reception. One sign type utilises a motorised needle, the other LED panels, both have a LED message panel for use on Total Fire Ban or Code Red days and during a local incident.

CFA Operations Officer Rohan Luke said "The automated FDR signs are a great way to make people aware of the Fire Danger Rating in their district." Mr Luke also commented that "This information is also particularly relevant if the person is travelling outside of their home location. By placing these signs in high traffic locations the message will reach a greater number of Victorians."

These new electronic signs will complement more than 300 manual Fire Danger Rating signs that were installed across Victoria in the past year.

With the Fire Danger Period in place, residents are urged to use common sense and care. You are always responsible for any fire you light!



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