

Let's Light Up Romsey Football Ground



Late last year one of the light towers at the Romsey Football Ground collapsed resulting in all of the light towers having to be removed, as they posed a serious safety risk to users of the park. Unfortunately without the lights we will not be able to train in winter. Romsey Junior Football Club and the Seniors Romsey Football and Netball Club are working with Macedon Ranges Shire Council to upgrade the power and replace the lights at a cost of \$230,000.

The combined football clubs are responsible for paying \$27,500.

We Need Your Help!

To Kick off the fundraising effort to replace the lights we are Getting Active with a



LIGHT UP ROMSEY PARK FUN RUN/WALK

Sunday 1st April 2012

10km, 5km or 2km Run Or 5km or 2 km Walk

Cost \$20 per entry or \$50 per family.

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARD LIGHTING UP OUR PARK.

This will be a fun Community Event for all ages and abilities. Bring your family, bring your friends, bring someone you don't know! Help us to raise the funds to upgrade the power and replace the lights and have some fun and get active while we are at it!

REGISTRATIONS by 18th March 2012

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Romsey Women's Golf Report

The year has only just started and some of us feel we need a holiday already.

The clinics will continue, please see the poster elsewhere in the Rag.

Some ladies are continuing to enjoy their Saturday golf and would welcome any new women wanting to join them. 11.45am assembly for a 12.15 hit off.

Kath & Denise combined well at the 4BBB at Broadford to score 44 pts but came home without winning. Lorraine and I enjoyed our day but couldn't score as well but were happy to avoid the water that doesn't come into play. Leila is playing really good golf and won the January monthly medal with 97-34-63.

Kath won the par round with a +3 and on the 15 Feb. Leila won the Mulligan's by just a couple of strokes from Wendy.

Our highlight this month was volunteering at the Australian Women's Open held at Royal Melbourne. As you can all imagine the course was in pristine condition, even if we felt the greens were too hard. It was really good to get up so close to the top women players and watch them play their shots. After working with our quiet signs on the 17th on the Sunday we walked up the fairway behind the last group and then had to stay and watch the 6 way playoff. Very few people from the crowd had left and were all around the 18th green waiting and watching to see who

would be the first to make birdie. I think the crowd favourite won.

Recipe for this month

Ginger Crunch

BASE:

125 g butter

60 g sugar

1 cup flour

1 tsp baking powder

1tsp ground ginger

Cream butter and sugar.

Add flour, baking powder and ginger.

Mix thoroughly until absorbed.

Press into flat baking pan.

Bake moderate oven 15-20 minutes.

TOPPING:

4 tbsp icing sugar

2 tbsp butter

1 tsp ground ginger

3 tsp golden syrup

Place all ingredients into saucepan.

Stir over low heat until blended smoothly.

Pour over biscuit base while warm.

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"Supervise, Separate and See"

Parents are cautious when it comes to their children's safety. However, even the best precautions can't prevent all accidents. One type of accident that is becoming more common is driveway accidents involving young children.

The younger the child, the larger the car, the faster it travels, the more likely a moment's carelessness ends in tragedy. Tragically one child, often a toddler, is run over in the driveway of their own home every week in Australia and two in three driveway fatalities occur in nonmetropolitan areas.

The majority of events occur during the day, particularly late afternoon, and the most vulnerable period is late in the week—approaching and including the weekend

To raise awareness of these tragic accidents Kidsafe has launched a Driveway Safety Campaign.

They have released a driveway safety sticker designed to go on the inside of the drivers car window to remind and reinforce the message "SUPERVISE, SEPARATE AND SEE". The stickers are available from my office (telephone 54 282138) together with a facts sheet with information on how to make your driveway safer.

Some things to remember around your driveway:

- **Supervise children whenever a vehicle is to be moved.** Hold their hands or hold them close.
- If you are the only adult around and need to move a car, even a small distance, **put children securely in the vehicle while you move it.**
- **Never assume someone else is looking after your child.** Know where they are at all times.
- **Treat the driveway like a small road.** It should not be used as a play area.
- Make child access to the driveway difficult – for example use **security doors, fencing or gates**

We teach children to look both ways before crossing the road, we wear helmets riding bikes, have baby seats in cars and we install special locks on cupboards and fence backyard swimming pools. It's time to keep our kids safe and tackle driveway accidents as well.

Stay safe and warm regards
Joanne Duncan

Apology: "The wording of our press release regarding the Macedon Ranges Toy Shop may have been interpreted to suggest that Cobaw Community Health was at risk of closure. This was not our intention and we apologize for any confusion caused."

Romsey Golf Club – Men's Report

<http://romseygolfclub.net>

Saturday, February 18th, 2012 - 4BBB Final & Stableford

The final of the club's oldest shield (1965) the W. E. Tom/Ampol 4BBB Shield was a very tight affair. M. Thornton (4) & L. Gaunt (5) got off to a steady start keeping one or two in front until the 16th hole. After the 18th the match was all square so off to the 1st again. There were some amazing shots in the next three holes to salvage par and square the hole however Wright/vanDenHeuval were able to pull off a win on the 21st to grab the shield. All members not involved in the 4BBB final played Stableford. The day's winner was; Anthony Freeman (21) with 43 pts. Other good rounds came from Graeme Clement (14) - 39 pts, Peter Scanlon (27) 39 pts and Aaron Partridge (4) - 36 pts. NTPs went 1 & 16 Daniel Wright and 15 Les Gaunt

Saturday February 11th 2012 - 4BBB Sem-finals and Par

The semi-finals of the 4BBB were quite contrasting affairs. M. Thornton (4) & L. Gaunt (5) got off to a great start against C. vanDerVliet (26) & S. Poulton (36) turning the corner 7 up. The next three holes went vanDerVliet/Poulton before Thornton/Gaunt closed out the match 6/5. The second semi was all square with four holes to go. From there on it was all D. Wright (4) & D. vanDenHeuval (18) who defeated A. Lakey (19) & R. Preece (30) 3/2. All members not involved in the 4BBB semi-final played par. With over 20 mm of rain on Friday the fairways had softened reducing run however the greens were again very receptive to attacking shots.

The day's winner was Graeme Clement (15) +3 from Kev Milner (7) +2 and Bob McLennan (12) +1. NTPs went to 15 - Bob McLennan and 16 - Ron Walker

Saturday February 4th 2102 - Ampol/W.E. Tom 4BBB Qualifying Round

The qualifying round of the club's oldest shield was played under hot, windy conditions. The fairways had dried out considerably so relief, to a handspan on the fairway played, was given. The firm fairways and receptive green again assisted a number of teams to record scores well into the 40s. The top four pairs were A. Lakey (19) & R. Preece (30) - 50 pts, C. vanDerVliet (26) & S. Poulton (36) - 47 pts, M. Thornton (4) & L. Gaunt (5) - 45 pts and D. Wright (4) & D. vanDenHeuval (18) - 44 pts. These groups will play off in the semi-finals on or before Saturday February 11th. NTPs went to - 15 (\$200 winner) L. Gaunt and 16 - M. Thornton.

Saturday January 28th 2012 - Monthly Medal - Stroke & Putts

The January Medal was contested by a strong field. The heat of the previous week had dried the fairways however the greens were in good condition so players were able to attack off the tee and onto the green. The temperature rose steadily and sat at 34C+ for most of the afternoon. A number of players used the extra run on the fairways to return good scores; 10 actually

shooting below their handicaps. The day's winner, on a count-back, was veteran Peter Scanlon - 93/30/63 from another veteran Les Gaunt 69/6/63 - three under the card, another top round (including eagles on the par 5 - 7 and Par 5 - 14) from a continually excellent performer. Other good rounds came from Bob McLennan - 78/13/65, Anthony Lakey - 85/19/66 and John Freestone - 87/20/67. (Club captain, Mat Hall, turned in another excellent round of four under the card - 68/+1/69). The women's winner was Lorraine Robb - 104/30/74 NTPs went to Mat Hall - 1 & 16 and Pat Chisholm - 15. Least putts also went to Medal winner Peter Scanlon - 23.

Thursday January 26th - Australia Day 2012 - Texas Ambrose

The round began with a shotgun start initiated by "Advance Australia Fair" played by local musician Rob Smithies from the 5th tee. The players enjoyed the new version of Ambrose and quickly worked out the best way to take advantage of the various handicaps within their group. Strong winds from the SE made a few holes very difficult but assisted drives on a number of other holes so things tended to even out. After a very enjoyable afternoon, including much good-natured banter across the fairways and greens, the day's winners were the team of; Neil Jarman (11) Anthony Lakey (19) & Jan Harver (45) - 106 pts from Gary Watts (14), Anthony Freeman (23) & Sharon Carroll (43) - 97 pts. The only NTP went to 15 - Neil Jarman.

Saturday January 21st 2012 - Stableford

Players looked forward to firm fairways and receptive green as they took to the course to compete in the club's stableford competition. Play began under overcast skies but by mid-afternoon the sun had broken through and the temperature rose into the low 30s. It was a day for attacking golf; a number of players made daring decisions and were able to reap the rewards.

The day's winner was Graeme Clement (17) with an excellent 43 pts. Runner-up as Bob McLennan (14) with 40 pts. Other good rounds came from Rob Walker (24) 39 pts, Pat Chisholm (24) 37 pts and Lorraine Robb (31) 37 pts. NTPs went to 15 - Les Gaunt and 1 - Mat Hall.

Saturday January 14th 2012 - Stroke

Strong, gusting winds and overcast skies met the players as they hit off in the club's Stroke competition. The strong winds made a number of holes extremely difficult forcing players to adjust their club selection and often causing a good shot to fall into trouble or a poor shot to find the centre of the fairway. The Bowls Club were also out in force and it was a happy, talkative crowd of golfers and bowlers who shared the rooms at the end of the day. The day's winner was inveterate joke teller and veteran golfer Peter Scanlon with an excellent 99/31/68 from Anthony Freeman - 94/23/71, Les Gaunt - 80/7/73, Dave Richardson -101/27/74 and Bob McLennan - 88/14/74. NTPs went to 1 - Bob McLennan



Attention: All Romsey Community and Sporting Groups

IT IS TIME FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND SPORTING GROUPS TO BE BETTER CONNECTED AND COORDINATED!

All community groups and sporting clubs are invited to attend the inaugural

Romsey Community Group Round Up

On Wednesday 28th March 2012 at 7pm at the Romsey Community Hub.

Each group will be given the opportunity to present the following:

- Event and fundraising agendas for 2012
- Challenges (e.g. membership, funding, communication, facilities, marketing etc)
- Contact details
- Networking ideas
- General Discussion

This event is being coordinated by Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association and supported by Macedon Ranges Shire Council with supper provided.

RSVP: 23rd March 2012, Jenny Stillman, Email: jennystillman@optusnet.com.au Phone: 0412 349849



BOLINDA & MONEGEETA News

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Vale: We were shocked and saddened to hear of the recent death of Chris Feltoe. He was a loving husband and father and a valued community member, serving others, particularly through his involvement with the Bolinda-Monegeeta CFA. We extend our most sincere sympathy to his wife Ruth and their little twin daughters.

As usual, the weather gets our attention... January was very dry, with just 39 points (approx 10mL) of rain. However, a terrific cloudburst and drenching rain on the 10th/11th gave us (at Bolinda) 74pts (18mL) which certainly settled the dust. But what an amazing sight Monegeeta North was after the storm on the 10th; it looked like a Christmas card scene, with deep drifts of hailstones looking like snow! Apparently two storm fronts collided over the area to let loose an amazing deluge.

HALL:

Our next community function is our Bulbs @ Bolinda sale day on Saturday, March 31st. Doug Bryce will have a range of excellent quality bulbs for sale at very good prices. Last year I picked up some beautiful little species tulips, which are hardier and even more charming than the common ones, for just \$2.50. They repeat very easily. Doug has a range of daffodils - including miniatures, tulips, different grape hyacinths, nerines, crocuses and many more. He also has a range of more rare 'one-offs'. Our day starts with a brief question/answer session at 2:00pm. Also a lucky door prize and afternoon tea

BOLINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS: Our local youngsters are back at school bright and chirpy, ready to achieve their personal best, in all areas, this year. We welcome our new preps - and a new teacher.

BOL-DARRA (Bolinda-Darraweit) GARDEN CLUB:

We had a last minute change of plans for last month's meeting and went to visit the SkyDancers Nursery in Castlemaine. The nursery has a number of different areas - well worth a visit - and it was lovely to see their beautiful butterflies. We had afternoon tea there and then went on to the Castlemaine Botanic Gardens. If you haven't been for awhile, the Gardens are certainly worth a trip. We viewed the northern end, especially the 1863 oak tree and a collection of stone pines. We were really impressed with the new barbeque/playground area, complete with a pioneer cottage for the littlies. Wonderful plantings here, including striking silver Spinning Top gums. The southern (main entrance) has some lovely formal plantings - red, blue and silver beds are very striking - and that wonderful avenue of grafted elms. And many other beds and trees, and the lake...

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH:

We thought it would be good to introduce you to some of the great local businesses - some well-known; others may be new to you. One of our biggest is FROST'S SAWMILL - TIMBER AND HARDWARE SUPPLIES in Monegeeta. It all started in 1966 when Harold Frost and Lindsay Ingleton were collecting wood, mainly from the Kerrie and Cherokee area, to sell for firewood. Harold commented that some of the timber was too good to burn - it could be cut for timber - and away went the business from there. Harold bought out Lindsay and the family business boomed. Known far and wide for excellent quality, terrific service and competitive prices, the business has never looked back. At present they employ about 14 people. The family, and the firm, are very generous with their time, financial and business sponsorship of many and varied community projects. So - for all your building and timber needs, you couldn't go to a better place than Frost's!



2012/13 Community Funding Scheme

Applications for the 2012/13 Community Funding Scheme will open 1 March 2012 and close at 5pm on 30 April 2012.

In 2011, more than \$100,000 was made available for a wide range of projects and activities. The annual funding scheme provides grants in the areas of recreation, facilities, youth, festivals and events.

Copies of the guidelines and application form are available to download from www.mrsc.vic.gov.au

Applicants must discuss their application with an appropriate Council officer prior to submitting an application.

Grant Writing Workshops

As part of the Community Funding Scheme, Council offers free grant writing workshops. The workshops are informal, friendly and designed to help community organisations feel equipped to seek and write grants.

In 2012, workshops are planned for Tylden, Lancefield, Riddells Creek and Macedon. The dates and locations will be advertised in local newspapers in March and on www.mrsc.vic.gov.au

To register your attendance contact Kate Strahan on 5422 0345 or email kstrahan@mrsc.vic.gov.au

"Get To Know Your Neighbour"

Morning Tea



You are invited to morning tea at the Romsey Community House (at the Romsey Hub) **on Sunday March 25th 2012** to "Get To Know Your Neighbour".

Commencing at 10.00am, there will be a guest speaker from the CFA followed by a delicious morning tea.

This is a free community event, and a great opportunity to meet and greet others who live in Romsey.



Please register your attendance by phoning the Community House on 5429 6724 or call in in person by Wednesday March 21st.

Watch out for posters around town for further information.

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Local Retailers Pass Tobacco 'Sales to Minors' Test

The latest round of tests by Macedon Ranges Shire Council show that local retailers are doing the right thing and asking for identification before selling tobacco products to customers they suspect may be under 18 years of age.

This is the second consecutive year that Council has worked with an under-age test purchase assistant to conduct random tests of tobacco sales to minors throughout the shire.

Sixteen test purchases were undertaken on 30 and 31 January in outlets such as milk bars, service stations and supermarkets. This time none were found to have sold cigarettes, including six retail outlets who had previously offended during the first program conducted in July 2011. The aim of the program is to reduce the retail supply of cigarettes to people under the age of 18 years by increasing tobacco retailer compliance with the cigarette sales to minors provision in the Tobacco Act 1987 (Vic).

All retail outlets in the shire have now participated in the program and follow up 'Sales to Minors' visits will be conducted by Council in the coming months.

People concerned about retailers selling to children should ring the Council's Environmental Health Team on 5421 9670 or the Department of Health Tobacco Information Line on 1300 136 775. Information on tobacco laws is available at www.health.vic.gov.au/tobaccoreforms

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CLARKEFIELD MUSIC FESTIVAL (CLARKEFIELD, VIC) ~ A CAMBODIAN KIDS FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER ~ SUNDAY 18TH MARCH

The First Annual Clarkefield Music Festival will see some of Australia's finest musicians join forces for a common cause, as they raise money to help assist children and their families living in poverty in Cambodia. All money raised on the day will go directly to building a new school for over one thousand children in the Kampong Thom province of Cambodia.

The Festival will feature renowned musicians **Kim Salmon, Nick Barker, Hope Addicts, Dead River Deeps, James McCann, Brother Johnstone, Saint Jude and Jeb Cardwell.**

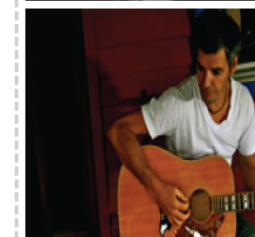
Set on a vast grassy green lawn, surrounded by paddocks, trees, old wagons and the beautiful old bluestone buildings of The Clarkefield Hotel (Coach and Horses Inn, 1857), it's the most surreal and ideal place to lay down a rug, sip a cold beer and enjoy some of the finest music the country has to offer.

With BBQ food, cold drinks, a jumping castle, good friends and great music, it's a perfect way to spend a Sunday and raise some much needed funds to help the lovely people of Cambodia.

"The Cambodian Kids Foundation is a not for profit organisation and a registered Cambodian NGO. Our foundation aims to educate and empower the people of Cambodia through a number of projects that ensure maximum sustainability and success". (Cambodian Kids website)

The Clarkefield Pub (Coach and Horses Inn)
50 Station St, Clarkefield
(100m from Clarkefield Train Station on the Bendigo line, 30min from Melbourne CBD)
Sunday 18th March 2012
Time: 12 midday - 10pm
COST: \$20, Under 12's Free
Tickets at the gate
No BYO, drinks at bar prices

For more information:
www.clarkefieldmusicfestival.com
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By Marilyn Hunter - Senior Pastor Living Word Christian Church

Centuries ago in the country of Greece there was a young athlete who had so distinguished himself in the public games that his fellow citizens raised a statue in his honour, to keep fresh the memory of his victories. This statue so excited the envy of another athlete who had been defeated in the races, that one night he went out under cover of darkness with the intention of destroying that statue and knocking it to pieces. First he tried and tried to tip over the statue. He tugged and pulled and shoved... and after an hour it moved just a little bit. This encouraged him and he gave one mighty push and the statue fell -- on top of him, and killed him. Envy always harms the one who is guilty of it.

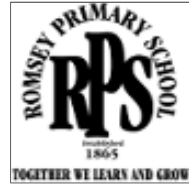
Did it ever occur to you that when you envy somebody or you are jealous of somebody, that this does not hurt that person in any way... He or she does not feel it at all... It only hurts you: it eats your insides out... So, you see, that it is a useless, self-destructive exercise.

The Bible says: A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.- Proverbs 14:30 - NIV

If you would like to know more about how you can have a heart at peace this year feel free to join us at either of our Sunday services, Mid week Life groups, or contact us at our Church office on 5429 6327. We would be happy to be of assistance to you. We are a Family church and welcome everyone.

Romsey Primary School News
Beginning the Year with our Values Program

Our whole school Values program has facilitated a wonderful start to the 2012 school year for all students and staff. With the focus on understanding and living our school values of responsibility, learning, relationships and resilience students have been actively engaged in a range of activities including establishing classroom procedures, roles and responsibilities, working cooperatively, exploring Cybersafety and being Cybersmart, setting class and personal long and short term goals and demonstrating positive behaviour as part of our whole school Positive Behaviour Management program. All Year 5 students spent a full day being trained as Peer Mediators while our Year 6 students were involved in a range of activities to further develop their leadership skills and abilities.



School Captains

We are pleased to announce our School Captains for 2012 are Abbie Quigley and Keith Traill. They are proudly wearing their badges and have presented their first speech to the school assembly. They are looking forward to a trip to Parliament House to meet parliamentarians Georgie Crozier and Donna Petrovich for a private tour. Both Abbie and Keith will be excellent leaders and look forward to representing the school in the community.



Whole School Picnic Open Night

What a successful evening Romsey Primary School had with the family picnic. It was wonderful to have so many families attend, enjoy the picnic and have the opportunity to go to their children's new classroom and meet their teacher. Staff also enjoyed the chance to wander around groups meeting and chatting to families. At the conclusion of the picnic students took their parents to their classrooms and shared some of their work. Overall this informal friendly gathering laid the foundation for parent/student/teacher conferences in early March.



Writing Win

At the end of last year a number of senior students from Romsey Primary entered a nation-wide writing competition run by well-known Australian children's author Morris Gleitzman. Students had to write a short story using the first sentence from Morris' new book, Pizza Cake. More than 1,000 entries were received and the school was very excited to learn that Ash Smith from Mr McPherson's class was the competition winner! As his prize, Ash won a signed set of all of Morris' books for himself and our school, and Morris Gleitzman visited our school in the last week of term. He spoke to all students in Years 3 – 6 in the Learning Neighbourhood and signed many of his books. Ash's story was titled The Emerald Scorpion and had both humour and a surprise ending.



Our Whole School Approach to Reading

What a flying start we have made this year to further developing and implementing our whole school approach to reading. With the focus on improving reading outcomes for all students, the one hour reading block is implemented daily, involving explicit teaching and independent reading where students read Just Right texts.

This term we are explicitly teaching our students about the structure and features of both fiction and non-fiction texts as a further means of improving their reading comprehension. Learning about how texts are organised and the features that accompany each text type is assisting our students to develop their understanding of what they are reading and to become more critical readers.

Classrooms are busy establishing their classroom libraries, which contain a range of fiction and non-fiction text. Students have been busy choosing and categorising texts for their library. The photos depict some of our students reading in their classroom libraries.

All parents and community members are warmly invited to attend an information session about our whole school approach to reading on Monday 5 March. The session will be held in the library from 9.30-10.30am. Please phone the school office 5429 5099 if you would like to attend

Preps in 2012

This year we have three Prep classes. They have all had a great start to the year, making a smooth transition from kinder to school and settling very quickly into their new routine.



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Secretary: Jeni Clampit - 5429 5480



*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.*

**Uniting Church Adult Fellowship
 Stamp Fund
 "Sammy Stamp"**

Records show that the women's groups in both the Presbyterian and Methodist churches had a Stamp Committee before Union.

The PWMU began collecting used stamps for sale in 1959. In 1963, there was £53/5/- in the Fund and a donation was sent to the Il Sin Hospital in Pusan.

Network reported: The Stamp Fund is a sort of 'widows cruse of oil'. It never seems to have a great deal in it, but it is never empty, and it is used for an amazing variety of purposes.

Thirty-eight years later, funds from the sale of stamps are still used for an amazing variety of purposes.

Sales of stamps for 2011 reached about \$33,624 (last year \$24,870.) This is the highest amount raised in one year since Sammy's formation in 1977.

Sales since 1977 now total about \$614,566.

Thanks to those scattered church groups, individuals and firms throughout Victoria and Tasmania and other states who collect, trim and/or sort un-numbered stamps for the UCAF Stamp Fund (Sammy Stamp) so that many worthy causes can be supported.

By sending your used stamps to Sammy Stamp you help raise money for special needs projects.

These are projects in Victoria, Australia and the world, worthy of assistance but not covered by other Uniting Church funding.

- Recent projects supported include
- Victorian Bush Fire Disaster Appeal
 - Aid projects in Timo Leste, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, PNG and Sudan
 - Prahran Mission Crisis Support
 - Frontier Services – Support for people in remote Australia
 - Relief Work – Philippines Typhoon; Samoa, Tonga and Niue Tsunami Appeal; Indonesia Earthquake Appeal
 - Vanuatu Eye Care Project
 - UC Housing Assistance Program, Geelong; Christmas gifts for children & Christmas Day Lunch.
 - SHARE – Victorian Flood Relief Appeal; New Zealand Quake Appeal; Queensland Flood Appeal; Japan Earthquake & Tsunami Appeal; Horn of Africa Crisis Appeal; Community Care; Chaplain assistance; Winter Appeal.

We are asking you all to save your stamps for 'Sammy Stamp', and in doing this contribute to a very worthy project.

Stamps can be given to any member of the Romsey Uniting Church, or pick up can be arranged by contacting Jeni or Noel on the phone numbers at the top of the page.

Thankyou.

Church Services in March 2012

4 th	9am	Worship Service conducted by The Worship Team
11 th	9am	Worship Service and Communion Conducted by Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones
18 th	9am	Worship Service conducted by the David Noble
25 th	9am.	Worship Service conducted by Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones

Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association
 Proudly announces.....

"LIGHT UP THE SKY"

ROMSEY COMMUNITY EVENT

Saturday 21st April, 2012 from 5 pm

Lions Reserve (Skate Park)

Music Community Stall Sausage Sizzle Activities for All Ages

GRAND FINALE FIREWORKS DISPLAY



1 February 2011

New Guide Helps Families of Missing Persons

A new guide will be launched to assist families and friends of missing persons to manage the financial and legal difficulties created when a loved one goes missing.

Funded by the Victoria Law Foundation, the Bendigo based Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre produced the guide, with the assistance of stakeholders including Victoria Police, VCAT, State Trustees and the Coroner's Court. The Centre believes that the guide will give practical support to recent legislative changes in Victoria that enable the proper administration of the affairs of missing persons.

The legislation, passed with bipartisan support in the Victorian Parliament in late 2010, resolves the legal limbo that faced the families and friends of missing Victorians - previously unable to effectively manage and safeguard their loved one's affairs.

It enables a family or friend of a missing person to apply to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) to appoint them with power to deal with missing person's property and financial obligations, such as payment of bills, mortgages or to provide for the missing person's dependents.

The reform followed a swell of community and political support for the reform following a submission made by the Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre to the Victorian Law Reform Commission's review of Victoria's guardianship laws. That submission was influenced by the experience of the family of missing Bendigo man Daniel Rosewall.

The guide will be launched by President of VCAT, Justice Iain Ross and Daniel Rosewall's father, David Rosewall tomorrow at VCAT in Melbourne. "This guide will be valuable to any person experiencing the heartbreak and stress of a loved one going missing. I only wish it had been available to us when Daniel went missing" Mr Rosewall said.

Anna Howard, Principal Solicitor at the Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre said "the guide give families like the Rosewalls practical information about the legal, administrative and emotional challenges they must confront when a loved one goes missing."

The guide, an online resource, will be available from a number of websites including the National Missing Persons Coordination Centre, Department of Justice, VCAT and the Federation of Community Legal Centres.

Mr Rosewall said that in addition to the guide, families and friends of missing Victorians require a dedicated and funded support group, like there is in NSW. "Families need a voice at the end of a phone; they need to know they're not alone".

Media Contact: Anna Howard on 5444 4364 or 0417 237 044 between 7am and 10pm. The submission can be found at <http://www.communitylaw.org.au/loddoncampaspe>

A program of the Advocacy and Rights Centre Ltd ACN 082 541 240



Romsey Red Cross Unit

March is our Red Cross Calling Month.

Our very best wishes for the coming year. A safe and bushfire free year.

Red Cross is in great need of your support. Our members have been very busy with Out Reach helping flood victims in Victoria.

We would welcome anyone who could join our unit. Our meeting day is the 2nd Tuesday of the month. We meet at the Uniting Church Hall in Pohlman Street, 1:30pm to 3pm. Come to our meeting as a tester.

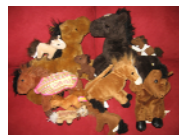
Our fund raising for April 20th : "Blooms Fashions", 10:30am at the Uniting Church Hall, Pohlman Street off Murphy Street. A delicious lunch to enjoy.

Isobel Hood, President.
5429 5502

For Sale – Beanie Kids
(very loved) - \$140 O.N.O
33 Big Beanie Kids and 14 babies
Contact – 0417035078



For Sale - Collection of 11 Horse soft toys (very loved) - \$50.00 O.N.O
Contact – 0417035078



For Sale – Collection of Barbie/Bratz dolls (pre loved) & accessories - \$150 O.N.O
31 good condition
8 missing limbs & heads!



3 large make-up heads
1 Scooter
1 Tent with 2 sleeping bags
2 cars
2 horses
Accessories, shoes and clothes
Contact - 0417035078

For Sale – Littlest Pet Shop toys & accessories (good condition – worth new \$700) - \$290.00 - O.N.O

100+ toys
Light up studio
2 large houses
1 large car
Contact – 0417035078



For Sale – 3 Shade sails (a bit faded)

Green rectangle 12ft by 15ft - \$50.00 O.N.O
Green triangle 16ft X 16ft X 16ft - \$50.00 O.N.O
Cream triangle 11ft X 11ft X 11ft - \$50.00 O.N.O
Contact – 0417035078



For Sale –

Steel Bird Aviary -
\$200.00 O.N.O
1700H X 1700W X 900D
Contact - 0417035078



For Sale - \$12,500.00 O.N.O.

Renault executive model Laguna 2008 –
RWC certificate Jan 2012. One meticulous owner only - registered until Aug 2012. When purchased, had the highest safety rating in Europe. Full service history, serviced regularly at Richmond Renault. 180,000 kms on open roads
Brand new windscreen worth \$1100.00
Diesel, Cruise Control, Hatch, 4 cylinders, Silver, automatic, airbags, aircon, Keyless entry, power steering, leather trim
Phone – 0417035078 (NO TEXTS PLEASE)



From the CWA



In a reflective mood I said to my husband, "Forty years ago we lived in a cheap house, drove a very old car, slept on a sofa bed, watched a 10 inch black and white television, but I slept with a hot and sexy 25 year old guy".

Now I have a \$500,000 home with swimming pool, tennis court, etc, I drive a \$100,000 Mercedes Benz, sleep in a king size state-of-the-art bed, watch a 56 inch Plasma television, but I sleep with a grumpy 65 year old man. It seems to me you are not holding up your side of this marriage."

My husband is a very reasonable man. He told me to go out and find a hot and sexy 25 year toy boy, and I once again would be living in an old house, driving an old car, sleeping on a sofa bed and watching an old black and white telly.

Early in February we met at the Mechanics Institute Supper Room for our meeting. Many items were discussed for the coming year, such as our Association Day, State Conference, Group Creative Arts Exhibition, community work, etc.

Our sewing machine demonstration day with a lady from Statewide Sewing Centre in Bendigo, proved to be most informative. We learnt about the newest computerised sewing machines available and what a delight these were shown to be.



Healthy and Active People

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? Then consider joining one of these programs as part of the Macedon Ranges Healthy and Active People initiative:

AustCycle

Want to get back on that bike or never learnt to ride one? Then come join the AustCycle Program. Gain confidence and riding skills in a friendly group environment. Our AustCycle Teachers cater to a range of skill levels from those who have never ridden a bike to those comfortable riding on quiet roads.

When: Starts Thursday 8 March 2012, for 6 weeks
Time: 10.00am - 11.00am
Where: Buffalo Sports Stadium, Forest Street, Woodend
Cost: Gold coin donation per session
RSVP: Monday 5 March 2012 by calling 5422 0216.

Contact the Healthy Communities team at Macedon Ranges Shire Council for more information
Phone: 5422 0216 Email: healthycommunities@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Our Group Conference and AGM has been held where delegates and observers had a most enjoyable day. Ladies are busy getting ready for the Group Creative Arts Exhibition in Kyneton to be held in April. A soft toy, which is to be donated to Peter McCallum Institute, is the competition for this exhibition. So far our ladies have constructed a golliwog, koala, dolls, octopus (Henrietta) etc. and these should be well received by the children undergoing treatment at Peter Mac. or for sale in their gift shop.

The State Conference in Swan Hill in May will see four of our ladies attending this most important function. Four days are spent with an Ecumenical church service, hearing many guest speakers, constitutional matters dealt with, Song in Costume concert and competition, State Dinner and Badge Ceremony and the Association's Annual General Meeting. This Conference is not all serious, and has many lighter moments and an opportunity for members to catch up with members from other branches throughout the State.

We are ready to make another 8 art smocks for Bolinda Primary School for their new students commencing school this year and have time on our hands to assist other local community organisations to the best of our ability with the facilities we have.

Ladies, come along and sit in one of our meetings and see what we are about. We meet at the Mechanics Institute Supper Room each 1st Thursday of the month for our meeting, and the 3rd Thursday of the month for craft. Enquiries can be made to Branch Secretary, Val Jordan, 5429 2311.

Connecting Carers Forum

Bendigo Health Carer Support Services and the Macedon Ranges Healthy and Active People Initiative invite all carers in the Macedon Ranges Shire to a free Connecting Carers Forum. Come and find out about the ways carers can look after themselves while they are busy looking after someone else.

WHO IS A CARER?

A carer is someone who voluntarily cares for a family member or friend who may have a disability, mental illness, chronic illness, dementia or who is frail aged.

Date: Thursday 8 March 2012
Time: 10.00am—2.00pm

Where: Woodend Community Centre, Forest Street, Woodend

Details: Lunch provided. Respite for carers to attend this event can be arranged.

RSVP: Monday 5 March 2012 by calling 5471 1017.

Outline for the forum

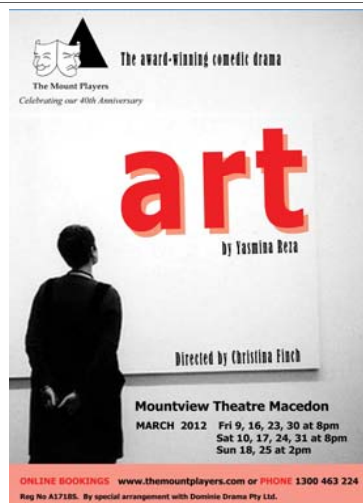
- Listen to Carol Henderson from Carers Victoria as part of the *Caring for Yourself* workshop
- Find out about Carer Support Services
- Hear about the Macedon Ranges Healthy and Active People Initiative and what programs and activities are available to you.
- Join in discussions with your peers about opportunities for carer support groups and/or healthy lifestyle activities in your community.

Art for Art's Sake!

The Mount Players kick off their 40th Anniversary Year with "Art". Bookings are now open at www.themountplayers.com or 1300 463 224

Friendship is put to the test by a white square...or is it? Serge is the proud new owner of a modern painting. But the reaction of Marc is not what Serge hoped for, and their mutual friend Yvan tries to please everyone. Will the friendship survive the point of no return? Will Yvan take a stand? And what colour is white? Featuring original artworks from Macedon Ranges locals, Art is a rewarding night out. Duration: 1 hour 20 mins. No interval. Some coarse language. Don't miss this funny, thought-provoking show about the ties that bind and changes that can tear us apart... or let us discover what is really important.

March 9-31 at the Mountview Theatre, Macedon.



GIVING LEARNER DRIVERS THE KEYS TO DRIVE TODAY

Federal Member for McEwen, Rob Mitchell today urged learner drivers and their supervisors to get online and register for the Government's *keys2drive* free lesson program to help reduce the incidence of road crashes involving young drivers.

"*Keys2drive* offers free driving lessons to learner drivers and their supervisors, with accredited local driving instructors." Mr. Mitchell said.

"The Australian Government has funded 50,000 driving lessons through the *keys2drive*, and I would encourage all learner drivers to sign up today."

Keys2drive is an Australian Government funded program that has been developed by the Australian Automobile Association (AAA), with support from the driver training industry.

"Many driving instructor schools across McEwen are involved in this free lesson program, which provides support to both L Platers and their driving supervisors, who are usually their parents or older siblings, to best prepare them for solo driving." Mr. Mitchell said.

The *keys2drive* program is the single largest national learner driver safety program to be rolled out in Australia, and the first of its kind undertaken anywhere in the world. It is a program squarely focused on saving lives through education.

Mr. Mitchell said every parent with a child learning to drive should take the time to have a *keys2drive* lesson with their child.

"Unfortunately young drivers are more likely to be involved in a car crash. This is because they are not yet experienced driving solo. This is particularly true for drivers in the first six months of their provisional license. As a former tow truck driver and emergency service volunteer, I have witnessed firsthand the terrible results that occur due to car accidents and the pain and suffering that families feel," Mr. Mitchell said.

"The good news is that the risks in these early stages of driving can be reduced with more supervised driving practice during the learner period. *Keys2drive* is invaluable for equipping both parents and learner drivers with driving skills and information for supervisors."

Keys2drive was developed by the Australian Automobile Association (AAA), with support from the driver training industry. It provides on-road technical skills and off-road learning with an interactive website, videos and educational games.

For further information or to book your free *keys2drive* lesson visit www.keys2drive.com.au

Media Contact: Gareth Jones 0457 703 067

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Contact us at: Ph: 5428 5418 or 5429 6354
email: muddy27@bigpond.com



Macedon Ranges Masonic Lodge
Meet 1st Thursday except January
Installation - June
ALL BRETHREN WELCOME

World Day of Prayer – 2012

Theme: *Let Justice Prevail*

This 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 1: 2-4, 1:5, 3:2, 11-19
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

- Formerly known as the Women's 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 Western 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

St Paul's Anglican Guild, Romsey

Invites you to join them to learn

What It Is Like To Be In "The Inside"

Rev. Bill Carroll—
MY FIVE YEARS IN GRAFTON PRISON
(As a prison chaplain)

Where: Christ Church: Anglican Church
Chauncey Street, Lancefield

When: Thursday March 29th, 1.30pm
Donation: \$5 Raffle Trading Table Afternoon Tea
RSVP 23/03/2012
Enquiries: Doreen 54296060 Glenice 5429 6418

International Women's Day Celebrations!

International Women's Day (IWD) is a global day celebrating the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future. It is a day when women are recognised for their achievements without regard for divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic and political.

The Zonta Club of Kyneton is one of many organizations holding special events in March to mark this occasion. As part of a global service organization whose charter is the advancement of the status of women worldwide, the Club sees this as an important opportunity to bring together women from the Macedon Ranges in an evening of celebration.

The guest speaker for the dinner, Christine Nixon, will need little introduction. She will focus on the theme for the evening of *Lead, Inspire, Empower*.

More than 200 women will come together for the dinner which will be held at the Kyneton Town Hall on Thursday 8 March. The dinner will be supported by sponsorship from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council. Bookings can be made with Nancye at Jetset Travel, 20 High St Kyneton 5422 1777.

Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) Year Ending 31 March 2012

Businesses can minimise their FBT liability by keeping appropriate records.

Car Fringe Benefits – Statutory or Operating Cost Method

To ensure flexibility of choosing the most tax effective method, it is important to maintain current log books and to record:

- Car odometer reading at 31 March each year; and
- Car expense records.

Changes Affecting New Car Contracts

From 10 May 2011, new rates will apply under the statutory method to phase in a flat rate of 20% within four years regardless of kilometres travelled.

These changes may impact on the effectiveness of salary packaging cars and also impact employees eligibility for the following:

- Family tax benefit
- Medicare levy surcharge
- Personal superannuation contribution deduction
- Government superannuation co-contribution

Other common fringe benefits include provision of meals and entertainment, car parking, accommodation, expense payments, in-house property and recreation (i.e. gym memberships)

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

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Discounted Microchipping Day for Pets

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is holding a microchipping day for cats and dogs on Saturday 24 March 2012 from 10am until 2pm at Buffalo Stadium Woodend for the discounted rate of \$25 per animal.



Microchipping your pet can help ensure that you are reunited with your pet if it goes missing. However, it does not replace the need to register your pet.

State legislation requires that all new applications to register your pet cannot be accepted unless the animal has a microchip.

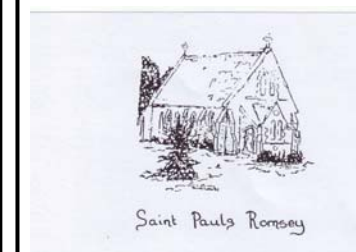
If you are planning on attending the microchipping day, all dogs must be kept on a leash and cats in a cage.

What is a pet microchip?

A microchip is about the size of a grain of rice and contains a barcode that is linked to your contact details and recorded on a national database. In the event that your pet is lost, a vet or Council officer can use a handheld scanner to identify the microchip and trace the barcode back to your contact details held on the national database.

How is the microchip inserted?

The procedure is simple – one quick injection under the skin by a vet and the microchip causes no discomfort or pain to your animal.



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Friday 12.30—4.30pm

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Please note: We are unable to take any electrical goods, computers, TVs, baby prams, baby seats, bike helmets or any large furniture.

Clothes, bric-a-brac, books, toys in good condition are most welcome.

Goods can be left at the back of the Op Shop.

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RIDDELLS CREEK TO HOST CLASSIC MOTORCYCLING EVENT


The Australian Motorcycling community is gearing up to celebrate a massive milestone in its history. 40 years ago the Kawasaki Z1 was first released, changing motorcycling forever. This iconic motorcycle was known as the 'King' of the superbikes of the seventies and was featured in historic Australian movies such as Mad Max and Stone.

The Kawasaki Z Club – Victoria, who is also celebrating their 20 year birthday, will be hosting a three day rally to celebrate this occasion at Riddells Creek's Tree Tops Scout Camp with enthusiasts of the Z travelling from all over Australia on their classic bikes. Locals and the general public are invited to join in the celebrations on Saturday 3 March, 2012. A historic display of the Kawasaki Z and the National Club will be open to the public along with a display of bikes from the seventies. Some food and beverages will be available along with entertainment provided for the afternoon. Gates will be open between 11:00 and 3:00pm and admission cost is a gold coin donation to the local scouts. Proceeds from some of the stalls on the day will be donated to the Good Friday Appeal. For information or enquiries, please contact Lex at l.piper@optusnet.com.au.



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Riddells Creek
(follow "Z" signs)



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SATURDAY 3RD MARCH, 2012
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Gold Coin Entry

KAWASAKI Z OWNERS- Victoria
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Celebrating
40 Years since world release of Z1, Z900
21 Years of Z owners in Oz (National)
20th Birthday of the Victorian Z Owners

Being held as part of our Clubs National Rally,
The Days Events Will Include:

- * Static Hall Display- Z Series Motorcycles
- * Musical Entertainment
- * Human Gymkhana
- * Bikes of The 70's Display
- * Food & Drinks Available
- * Family Entertainment

NO BYO OR DOGS
FURTHER INFO: l.piper@optusnet.com.au
MOB: 0423 481 872

DARE TO GO BARE! \$25 Two Course Brunch!

Did you know?

- More than 11,500 Australians will develop leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma this year – or a person every 46 minutes
- Right now, more than 40,000 Australian families are facing the physical, emotional, and financial challenges of blood cancer
- The Leukaemia Foundation is the only national not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the care and cure of people with leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and related blood disorders.

Soltan Pepper Romsey & Sapphire Hairdressing are holding a fundraising brunch on

Saturday, March 17th at 10.30am

to support the Leukaemia Foundation through the World's Greatest Shave. Enjoy a delicious two course brunch with tea and coffee for \$25, with \$5 from each brunch going directly to the World's Greatest Shave along with any other funds we can raise on the day. The 'Full Monty' is in store for some locals, while others will be revealing their new outlandish hair colour with Erin and the girls from *Sapphire Hairdressing* generously donating their time, and clippers, to the cause!



**SAPPHIRE
HAIRDRESSING**
Ph: 5429 5300

Call *Soltan Pepper
Romsey* on 5429

SOLTAN



PEPPER

Can You Help?

I am researching the 1920 Soldier Settlement on Chocolyn estate, north of Camperdown in south west Victoria. Thomas Humphries was a resident of the Romsey District and hopefully I can locate a relative. I am seeking relatives of Thomas Humphries who served in the 3rd Aust Pioneer Battalion from 25/2/1916. Thomas took up a block in the Soldier Settlement Scheme at Chocolyn, north of Camperdown in south west Victoria. His parents Thomas Humphries and Euphemia Furphy were married in 1877 and lived at Romsey when he enlisted. He was brother of Deborah, Alexander, Sarah, Robert and Gilbert and Eileen. Thomas did not marry and remained at Chocolyn until 1944. He died in Heidelberg Military Hospital 6 September 1951 aged 65. I understand family members are interred at Romsey. The Chocolyn Fire Brigade is planning to erect a plaque to honour the 35 servicemen involved in the Chocolyn settlement and are trying to make contact with all families

For further information please contact Alan Fleming 55931371
email alanfleming1@bigpond.com

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TIME: 10 AM

**FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION CONTACT:
Beryl Cole 54295411**

ROADS LESS TRAVELLED CHINA TOUR

In October 2011 Shou Mei from Wu Lin Retreat at Lancefield accompanied a group of 18 local people to China for a life time experience. She calls the tours Roads Less Traveled because the groups are treated to places of great interest not often visited by foreigners. In fact, they were the first non Chinese to visit the hanging temples at Maishan Mountain.

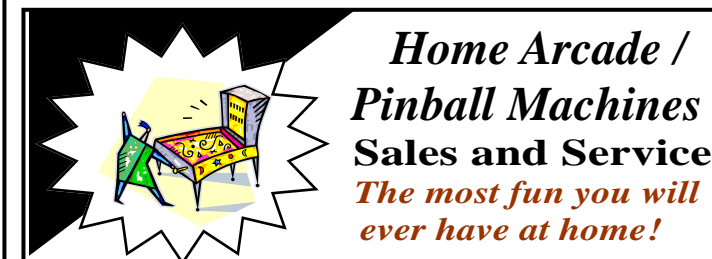
The ancient walled city of Pingyao was one of the favorite stops, one felt they had stepped back in time staying at the beautifully preserved city. Rafting and cruising down the Li River presented beautiful photos of the magical Wutai Mountain and its beautiful temples. In addition we dined on exquisite foods in the countryside, meals never seen in Australian Chinese restaurants.

Beijing with its Temple of Heaven, Tianamen Square, Forbidden City and the awesome Great Wall of China is something one never forgets. Three days in Beijing was completed with a visit to the most popular Peking duck restaurant where the group enjoyed a meal beyond belief.

Members were surprised by the efficiency and cleanliness of traveling in China, in fact many of the same people will return again this year when Shou Mei is organizing another exciting tour. The 2012 tour will visit a larger section of the Great Wall at night and catch the cable car for a magnificent vista.



We plan to visit the secret garden of the Emperor at Forbidden City, a new part of the Palace never seen before, along with the UNESCO World heritage sites of Mount Huangshan, filming location of Hidden Dragon Crouching Tiger, and the ancient town of Lijiang. The Tour will wind up at Conghua the world famous hot spring-spa village, followed a free day of sensational shopping at Guangzhou City. More information may be obtained by calling Shou Mei at WuLin Retreat on 54292122 or email james@jamesumarac.com



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The *Macedon Ranges Family Newsletter* is a free publication produced quarterly at the start of each school term. The aim of the newsletter is to provide relevant and up to date information that is useful to local families, specifically those with children aged from birth to eight years old.

The **Term 1, 2012** edition will be out at the end of February! To view or download a PDF of this edition please go to www.mrsc.vic.gov.au and select Council services > Children > Macedon Ranges Family Newsletter.

Paper copies are available at:

- Childcare centres
- Council Service Centres in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend
- Kindergartens
- Libraries
- Maternal and Child Health Centres
- Playgroups
- Primary schools
- Toy libraries

To receive future newsletters automatically via email please go to www.mrsc.vic.gov.au and subscribe via our eNews link (located on the top menu bar).

We hope you enjoy the newsletter!



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

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer will be hosted by the Lancefield Anglican Church on Friday 2nd March.
Venue: Christchurch, Chauncey St, Lancefield
Times: 10.00am Prayer & Scripture
11.00am World Day of Prayer Service, followed by a shared lunch (please bring a plate).
Please support this prayer day.

LENT

Ash Wednesday 22nd February begins the special time of preparation for Holy Week and Easter. This is a time of deeper prayer and good works to prepare our hearts to celebrate the centre of our Christian faith.

Read Romans 7 sometime, live with the agony of Paul and see that he's just like every one of us. Why do I do what I don't want to do? I hate myself for doing it. And I don't understand myself, woe is me. Paul says, "Who will rescue me from this body doomed to death?" There you can feel a man almost tortured with self-hatred, trying to get out of his body. Haven't all of us, at some point in our lives, disliked the person we'd become?

Church people set out to be nice people. Yet, in our moments of honesty, we know much of our soul is not of God. We have negative, destructive, even violent and vengeful thoughts toward other people. Romans 7, thank God, is followed by Romans 8. St. Paul leaps to the most ecstatic chapter in the New Testament: "This I know, in Christ there is no condemnation" (8.1).

What allowed Paul to jump out of the immense self-hatred of Romans 7 into immense hopefulness? Whatever it is-Grace? Enlightenment? Conversion? Powerlessness? Surrender? - it's the most important thing to pray for: "Lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil..... Thy kingdom come." God will answer that Our Father will deliver us from Romans 7 to Romans 8. Depend on it.
Richard Rohr

EASTER CEREMONIES		
Mass of Anointing: Karinya	21 st Mar	11.00am
Parish Reconciliation: 2 nd Rite	21 st Mar	7.30pm Romsey
Holy Thursday	5 th April	7.00pm Romsey
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper		
Good Friday-		
Ecumenical Way of the Cross	6 th April 10.30am	Anglican Church Lancefield
Good Friday Ceremonies	3.00pm	Lancefield
Easter Vigil - Holy Saturday	7 th April	7.00pm Romsey
Easter Sunday	8 th April	8.00am Romsey
The Resurrection of the Lord		10.00am Lancefield

St Mary's Parish Primary School

Dear Parents and Children, After a restful and relaxing break, everyone is back into the full swing of school life. We have had a very positive start to the year, with all the students eager for the year ahead. Our new Preps have made a very smooth transition to primary school life and our Senior students have been wonderful role models for all students at St Mary's. We welcome three new staff members, Miss Kahli Murtagh, Miss Annie Fitzgerald and Mrs Emma Barker, who bring to our school, many gifts and talents. Pictured below are our Preps.



Beginning of the year Mass

This Wednesday the 15th of February we will hold a whole school Mass to welcome everybody to be a part of our community, especially the new families. This will be followed by a BBQ



Staff for 2012

Principal:	Tony Falls
D.P.:	Rosalie Baldwin
R.E.C.:	Kahli Murtagh
Maths/Literacy Coord:	Sue Gale
Reading Recovery:	Cheryl Walker.
Admin staff:	Geraldine Clarke.
Aides:	Maureen Milner, Trish Tame, Michelle Clayton.
Library/Aide:	Michelle Kilpatrick.

Our 2012 classes are:

Prep:	Mrs Martin
Year 1/2A	Miss Inglis
Year 1/2B	Mrs Barker
Year 3/4MB	Miss Murtagh and Mrs Baldwin
Year 3/4ZM	Mrs Zarb and Mrs Miller
Year 5/6F	Miss Fitzgerald
Year 5/6RG	Mrs Ryan and Mrs Gale

Specialist Teachers:

Music:	Rita Vecchio
Art/Drama:	Mrs Dwyer
Japanese:	Fumie Cox
Phys Ed:	Melinda Giles

The 3 Bs of St Mary's

This year as part of our School Wide Positive Behaviours Program (SWPBP), we will be embedding in all that we do, three key behaviours. These are to be positive, be cooperative and to be respectful. As a Catholic school we have Jesus as our model of how to live out these 3Bs, in all that we say and do. Each week at our Monday morning assembly we will be giving out awards to students who we notice have been demonstrating the 3Bs.

BINGO!! BINGO!! BINGO!!

Every Thursday evening
St. Mary's Church Hall at Romsey
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Hair Room News

The Hair Room farewells Brooke Cruise .. much gratitude for filling in over the busy festive season. We wish you well and hope you enjoy your new life in the city!

The best news is renovation of "The Beauty Room" is complete and we are so excited to be providing a range of new and exciting services, waxing manicures pedicures lash extensions etc. our clients can now enjoy having hair and beauty treatments during the one visit .

The beauty room is also the home of the Versaspa tanning booth, which is seeing to it that everyone has a great natural tan in just a couple of minutes.

New to The Hair Room:

Be Gorgeous hair extensions ! They're bonded into your own hair with a keratin loop, many colours to choose from and as much length and volume in your hair as you desire ..very glamorous, pop in for a look.

Teenager's Ghd hairstyling classes over the holidays were great fun and they all learned the techniques so quickly, well done to all. We will be conducting classes again for girls in the Easter holidays. Call the salon with any enquiries or to book a place. Consider putting together a group of your own ..minimum of four per class.

Please feel comfortable to come in for a chat or even to take a look around the new surrounds, Jodie Leah & Jess.

P.S. Olivia sends greetings to all from London

ROMSEY / LANCEFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS Meet each Monday.

Come and enjoy lunch, a game of cards, indoor bowls or just a chat with a very friendly group of people. Bus trips arranged each month.

For details, please ring Rae Hooke on 54291602.

Macedon Ranges Cup 25 March

The inaugural Macedon Ranges Cup will run on Sunday 25 March at Kyneton NMIT Park. The new race meeting will celebrate the food and wine of the Macedon Ranges, and is a partnership between Macedon Ranges Shire Council, the industry and the Kyneton and Hanging Rock Racing Club.

"This new event will celebrate everything the Macedon Ranges has to offer and we expect this to become a key feature on the region's annual events calendar," said Mayor Cr Henry McLaughlin. "Council will work with the Kyneton and Hanging Rock Racing Club to grow this event year on year."

Features of the event include local marquee and VIP eating and drinking options, a 'touch up tent' for racegoers' beauty needs, a five piece band, children's activities, a food and wine marketplace showcasing local producers, and 'Bubbles Central' – a bar featuring the region's best sparkling wine.

"We encourage residents to take advantage while the weather is still warm and bring a group of friends or take the family to enjoy a wonderful day out," said Mayor, Cr Henry McLaughlin.

Free shuttle transport will be offered from the Kyneton Train Station, Daylesford and Romsey (via Lancefield).

The event will be promoted over the coming weeks, featuring special giveaways and packages available to racegoers. Keep an eye out for a 2 for 1 entry coupon in local newspapers and Council's newsletter.

General Admission is \$15, Concession \$9 and children under 15 are FREE.

For information or bookings call 1300 139 402 or visit www.kyneton.countryracing.com.au

Business Networking Event

Tuesday 20 March 2012

6.30pm – 10.00pm

Gisborne Golf Club, Daly Street, Gisborne

A fantastic opportunity to network with businesses in the shire while enjoying a glass of local wine and great food.

Bring your team along to be inspired by guest speaker, Matthew Pollard presenting his winning sales formula:

"First Contact to Conversion: Tips and Templates to Drive Up Sales Revenue."

Winner of the Young Achiever Award at the Melbourne Business Awards in 2007, Matthew went on to create a telecommunications company that went national in three years, turning over \$4 million per annum. Now, Matthew is teaching over 1500 students his winning sales formula at the Pollard Institute.

Cost is \$30.00 including finger food.

For details on other exciting local business events, see Council's 2012 Professional Development Calendar which features a range of interactive workshops and seminars to assist businesses with marketing, social media, financial management and business planning.

For bookings or more information visit mrac.vic.gov.au and follow the links to Tourism and Business.

Alternatively, contact Council on 5421 9616 or email jduncan@mrac.vic.gov.au



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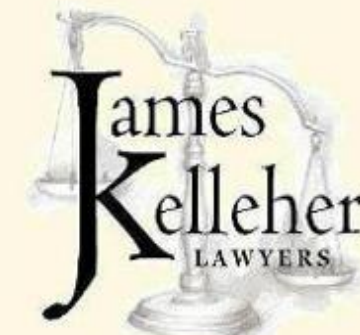
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Breaking down the myth – just because you're on wages doesn't mean you have to pay more tax!!

One of the most common complaints from those who draw most of their income from a salary is that the self employed get all the tax breaks and that nothing can be done to change this. Whilst it is true that with correct structures the self employed do allow some tax planning opportunities not available to employees, it is not right to suggest that there are no opportunities available for the employed and self employed alike. Below is a list of just some of the tax planning opportunities available to all taxpayers, whether employed or self employed.

Superannuation contributions of up to \$25,000 for those under 50 years of age and up to \$50,000 for those over 50 years of age are deductible to all taxpayers
Interest paid on money borrowed to purchase investments (generally property or equities) is tax deductible to all taxpayers

Transition to retirement tax planning is available to all taxpayers earning an income and over 55 years of age

Superannuation income streams (from accumulation accounts) are tax-free for all taxpayers over 60 years of age

Capital Gains Tax concessions are the same for the

sale of investments (other than a small business) for employed and self employed taxpayers
Succession Planning options for investment assets are the same for all employed and self employed taxpayers

This list is not comprehensive nor detailed however the principal is clear – whether you are employed or self employed seek to create quality investments within sound investment structures. Remember, real returns are a product of the investment returns and any tax paid on that investment returns. Don't neglect one or the other as quality investments and effective tax structures are the key for maximising your financial returns.

Before the purchase of any investment or any major investment decision is completed a quick call to your accountant can save you thousands of dollars in the long run. It may mean establishing a trust, company, superfund or partnership now which might have a small upfront cost for a massive long term saving. There is no one right answer for where you should hold your assets however preparation and planning can save you many thousands of dollars in your investing plans and increase your real returns.

Tim McCarthy, McMahon Osborne Group

Meets second Monday
Lancefield Hall 8.00 pm

All welcome

Contact:

Robin 0428 315846

Hayley 0409 936814



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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 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.

Rotary / RSL Remembrance Day Ceremony
Last November the Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club Inc and the Romsey Lancefield RSL sub-branch held a special Remembrance Day ceremony at the Avenue of Honour to unveil the first plaque dedicated to Gallipoli. The ceremony was led by RSL President John Lynch. John asked the school children in attendance to continue to maintain the Avenue of Honour and observe Remembrance Day well into the future. He added that the RSL and Rotary would continue to work together on this joint project over many years to come.

Macedon Shire Council Mayor Henry McLaughlin also spoke at the ceremony reminding those present that the future of such Remembrance days is in the hands of the younger generation.

The Rotary President Dennis Ness and the Community Bank General Manager Rod Brown unveiled the new plaque. Six other plaques have been promised by generous donors and many more are needed. Local businesses, families as well as community groups can all participate in this project that acknowledges significant military events in Australia's history. Contact the Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club Inc (see below) should you wish to participate in this project. Flanders Field poppies were on display and next year the RSL sub-branch plans to have these poppies growing in garden beds alongside the plaques.

RSL sub-branch Vice President John Horan called for a Minute's Silence and then recited the Ode. RSL sub-branch Secretary Hilary Simpson presented a framed certificate to

the school children and the Rotary Club that depicted 'In Flanders Field' poetry as a fitting memento of the event. Those in attendance included local Councillor Joe Morabito, RSL sub-branch Secretary Hilary Simpson and Vice President John Horan Rotary President Dennis Ness and members - Vicki Pettingill, (PP) Mark Shepherdley, Anne Collins as well as Honorary members Peter Mitchell (and Margaret Mitchell) and Annie Phelan AOM.

RSL President John Lynch and RSL members, three local primary schools (Romsey Primary - Principal Joan Gibbs (Romsey PS captains Ash Smith and Tilly Bryant), Lancefield Primary - Principal Diana Ellis (Lancefield school children Andrew Hicks, Lucas Green, Declan McLaughlin) and St Mary's Primary School Principal - Anthony Falls) were also in attendance. Many others from the local community representing various groups as well as local identity Don Gray and the Community Bank tellers also attended this special event.

A special thank you to all those who were able to attend the ceremony. Its envisaged that each Remembrance Day a

The winner of the Rotary raffle at Christmas was Mrs M. McKeown from Sunbury with ticket no. 204.

new plaque will be unveiled.
From the editors:

We apologise for the delay in publishing this article.



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

Events & Competitions

MRJT Champion, Gary Watts Shield and Chris Gaunt Cup
Multitude of trophies & prizes for Gross/Nett, NTP, Long Drive etc.
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Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club

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

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



Friday Morning Coffee



Musical Afternoons each month.



Ten Pin Bowling each fortnight.

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

Our next meeting will include the AGM
on Thursday 22nd March.



Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA) *UPDATE*

Romsey Business Supports Romsey Community

For Romsey businesses to survive and thrive, they need to be supported by their local community. This is not always easy when a significant proportion of the residents commute to work away from the town.

RRBATA has an ongoing mission to encourage our community to shop locally. However, RRBATA recognises that support is a two way street. For Romsey community to support local business, local business needs to support Romsey community.

Consequently, RRBATA (as the representative body for local business and tourism operators) is organising two significant events over the coming months as part of its commitment to facilitate the link between business and community.

The first is the inaugural Community Group Roundup which has been kindly supported by Macedon Ranges Shire Council. Romsey's myriad of community and sporting groups form the fabric of our town. They run as non for profit organizations (as does RRBATA!) to improve community life. As such, they all strive for fundraising support (often through assistance from local businesses) and face common challenges.

The **Community Group Round Up** will provide an opportunity for every sporting club and community group to be represented on evening of the 28th March 2012 at the Community Hub to discuss challenges we face, how we can communicate and link better with each other and to be aware of each group's scheduled events and fundraising initiatives ahead in 2012.



The second event is the **Light Up The Sky** community event to be held at the Lions Reserve (skate park) on the evening of Saturday 21st April. This will be in a similar theme to the successful tree illumination family night convened last year by RRBATA as part of Romsey's 150th Anniversary celebrations. However, the climax to this evening will be a fireworks display guaranteed to light up Romsey's autumn night sky. Those Romsey businesses agreeing to sponsor this event will be heavily promoted in return for their support. RRBATA hopes to continue, with the support of local business and tourism operators, to convene a significant community event in autumn on an annual basis.

No More Postal Work for Allan and Marg

Long time loyal RRBATA member, Allan Joynson, has retired from post office life, having recently sold the Romsey Post Office business. Allan has been a great supporter of the Romsey community during his 12 years of tenure tending to all our postal needs. RRBATA wishes Allan and his wife all the best for the future.

TMR to Present at RRBATA Meeting

By the time this Romsey Rag edition has been printed, Tourism Macedon Ranges (TMR) board members will have made a presentation to RRBATA members and friends at a general meeting held at the Bay Tree. This will be fully reported in the next edition of the Rag.

Romsey Online Update

The website is an important resource for both local residents and potential visitors to our town as well so it is important that a fresh appearance is maintained. Remember - For RRBATA members, a General Listing is now included in their membership subscription. Listing for other businesses is very affordable, and community groups can list their contact details or events and news at no cost. And don't forget, **ANYONE CAN BE A REPORTER!** Whether it is sporting results, photos, reports on events etc, the website is waiting for your "news". Please ensure a note of consent from people featured in any photographs accompanies your submissions. Remember, the website is only as good as the information fed to it at info@romsey.org.au.

Thinking About Membership?

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

Next RRBATA Function:

General Gathering
Monday 21st May 2012 at 7.30pm
Venue to be advised
ALL WELCOME

A Message From The Post Office

As you may be aware, new licensees have taken over operation of the Romsey Post office. Marg and Allan would like to introduce Bill and Bahire Raif and wish them all the best for the future. Please introduce yourselves to our new licensees and make them welcome. Marg and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our loyal customers for their friendship and support over the last 11 years and for all your wishes for our future away from the Post Office. Marg and Allan Joynson.

The team at the Romsey Rag would like to thank Allan and Marg for their continued support of the Romsey Rag, assisting with the distribution of the Rag each month. We join the rest of the Romsey community is saying thank you, job well done and all the best for the future. Enjoy a well-earned break!



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Sunday: **CLOSED**

Lancefield Medical Clinic Hours
Monday to Friday: 8.30am – 5.30pm
Saturday: Services through *Romsey Medical*
Sunday: **CLOSED**

After Hours Services
When the clinic is closed, we have an on-call doctor available for urgent matters.
Please call 1300 557 512 to speak to a nurse who will contact the doctor on duty if required.

On the day appointments
Both Romsey Medical and Lancefield Medical Centres can guarantee on the day appointments for all patients. Call 03 54295254 from 8.15am or as soon as possible after this time.
Romsey and Lancefield Medical Centres will attend to all urgent care on the day.

Telehealth Consultations Available
Telehealth Consultations from the Medical Centres with your Melbourne based specialist is now an option, this saves patients having to travel long distances for review appointments. Speak to your doctor to check if this service is available to you.

Remember:
Bulk billed *Quick Clinic* appointments are available every weekday at both centres, for urgent/lost repeat prescriptions, re-referrals and some vaccinations.

Could the Macedon Ranges have Victoria's 2012 Tidiest Town?

Donna Petrovich, Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Environment announced that entries for the 2012 Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria's awards are now open. Towns in the Macedon Ranges could be Victoria's next winner in the Tidy Towns - Sustainable Communities Awards in which Rural & Regional communities compete for one of 11 awards including the Victorian Tidy Town of the Year Award.

"Many towns in the Macedon Ranges are well known for their environmental and sustainability initiatives and these awards offer a great opportunity to have those community efforts recognised," Mrs Petrovich said.

Minister for Environment and Climate Change Ryan Smith said the awards were a great way to recognise Victorians who take practical action to improve their local environment.

"If you think your community may be one of the tidiest in Victoria, I encourage you to submit a nomination. For thirty years these awards have been encouraging Victorian communities to look after their local environment and be proud of the community they live in. I support these awards because they encourage practical and local efforts to improve our environment," Mr Smith said.

Entries for the *Tidy Towns – Sustainable Communities Awards* close on 11 May 2012.

To find our more information about the awards or to enter, please visit www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/kaby.

Self Esteem and Resilience in the Preschooler Workshop



How can you assist your children to grow, thrive and lead rich and rewarding lives in a sometimes challenging and constantly changing world? How do children become resilient and have a good self-esteem?

Come along to this two hour workshop and discuss ideas, suggestions and practical strategies with other parents in a supportive environment.

Where: Woodend Neighbourhood House
47 Forest St Woodend
When: Thursday 15th March, 2012
Time: 10:15am -12:30pm
Facilitators: Anna Garlick & Prue Robertson
Cost: FREE
(but please arrange your own child-care)

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

To register your attendance or for further information please contact **The booking line on 5422 0231**

For information on Occasional Care please call Family and Children's Services on 5422 visit Council's website at



Whack those Weeds

The Deep Creek Landcare Group is getting ready to whack weeds in the Lancefield and Romsey areas thanks to a \$500 grant from the Bendigo Bank to purchase a 100 litre 12-volt spray unit. The unit came in right on budget thanks to a generous discount from Rodwells, Kilmore and will be used by the group for preparatory spraying for new plantings and maintenance spraying of existing plantings.

Pictured here is John Anderson getting the new pump ready to go.

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 pop in for a chat.

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.



LANCEFIELD & DISTRICT FARMERS' MARKET TURNS 9 IN MARCH!

This month, we are celebrating at the farmers' market - 9 years in operation! Over this time the market has grown to around 50 stalls each month, 50 stalls of great produce, plants & provisions direct from producer to you. Our market is the same size as many of the metro farmers' markets without claustrophobia! We are one of the most popular regional farmers' markets in the state & are regarded by many as 'the one to get to'.

That said, we are always looking at ways to improve the market. We have been

the recipient of funding from Regional Development Victoria & the Macedon Ranges Shire Council to expand the market. Currently we are working on a custom built mobile demonstration kitchen to be used in farmers' markets across the shire & this year we will launch the Macedon Ranges Farmers' Markets marketing campaign, where we band together with our neighbours to celebrate our fabulous Macedon Ranges Farmers' Markets circuit. Look out for our fliers & posters in March. We would also like to welcome Kyneton Farmers' Market to the fold, who have recently applied for accreditation with the Victorian Farmers' Markets Association, the peak body for farmers' markets in the state.

Keep an eye out in the months to come as we will be conducting more fundraising stalls - like the 'Great Kitchen Clean-out Sale' to raise money for the demonstration kitchen fit-out.

Our birthday market is Saturday 24th March. Come to the birthday lunch at the pub on Sunday 25th March from midday.

People wishing to get involved with the market can contact me on 0407860320.

Meggs Hannes - Market Coordinator. On behalf of the Lancefield Neighbourhood House Inc.

LANCEFIELD & DISTRICT FARMERS' MARKET PRESENTS...

A Sunday lunch with local pork producers at the Lancefield Hotel

Ever wondered how our local pork farmers create such wonderful products? Pork has become a real focus at the Lancefield & District Farmers' Market, with three local breeders in attendance each month, strutting their stuff in the marketplace.

The time has come to celebrate pork & the Lancefield & District Farmers' Market's 9th birthday!!

Join us at the Lancefield Hotel for an informative & delicious lunch featuring presentations from **Matt & Abbey Brown of Springfield Pork PLUS Jillian Ryan & Robyn Harris of Pork from the Paddock.**

Three course meal featuring (you guessed it) free-range pork accompanied by fresh local vegetables & something sweet...

Sunday 25th March at 12:00 midday - 3:00pm

Bookings - Lancefield Hotel 54 292 202

Presented by the Lancefield & District Farmers' Market in partnership with the Lancefield Hotel.

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Reflection: Why do we Celebrate Ash Wednesday?

This year Ash Wednesday falls on 22nd February. Ash Wednesday celebrations can be traced back to as early as 300AD, symbolizing the beginning of the Lenten season. Lenten is an old English word meaning spring.. A bishop once said, "It could mean the Church wants people to have a new spring in their lives." Ash Wednesday occurs 40 days before Good Friday and is also known as the "Day of Ashes". It is a significant day for those who wish to come back to the Church, to begin a reconciliation process. And it is also a period of fasting and renewal for all members of the Church. It is a time in which sinful activities and habits are forsaken.

Ash Wednesday was celebrated at St Paul's Anglican Church, Romsey, on February 22nd.

Blessings
Rev. Bill Carroll
5429 1680

Like Organising & Having Fun?
The Romsey Festival Organising Committee is seeking interested people to join the Organising committee for this years "Come Rain or Shine - Romsey Street Festival 2012, Sat 24th November 2012. All enquiries to Vanessa Meredith 0429 313 977

Vale Harry Witkiss

The Romsey community notes the recent passing of long time Romsey resident and local police officer Harry Witkiss. Many people would remember Harry as a community minded, friendly "local cop". Sincere condolences are extended to Harry's family.



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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

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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

**EARLY EDUCATION CENTRE
ROMSEY**

Address: 10 Ewing Drive, Romsey

Tel: 5429 6442

**Leading Early Childhood Education Centre
(Long Day Care Centre & Kindergarten)**

***Upcoming Centre Activities
& Events***

March 8th – Pancake day- Children participate in cooking their own pancakes for afternoon tea

March 21st – Harmony day- Children acknowledge & celebrate differences within our community

April- 2nd - Children's International Book Day, Easter Activities

PLUS many more educational experiences

Call us today on 5429 6442 to Join in these exciting activities



Our Young Chefs in the Kinder Room