

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

The women are still playing golf on Saturdays hitting off at 12.15 and welcome new players to join us. The course is in excellent condition as are all the Dalhousie courses we have played recently. We welcome Dee and Trisha as new members and hope you continue to enjoy your golf and bring your handicaps down. It was great to have Darlene use her Wednesdays wisely during her school holidays. During the month Kath has reduced her handicap to 25.

The Rag month started off on 19/3/12 with a 4BBB at Eildon and the Dalhousie Player of the Year presentations. Lorraine and I struggled to combine well but enjoyed the warm sunny day and the views. Meanwhile Denise who had paired up with an Eildon lady and was driven around in a cart really enjoyed the course and the local knowledge shared. She and Lyn came in winners on the day. Needless to say Lorraine and I did the visit to the banks of Eildon weir and enjoyed more views. On Tues. March 20<sup>th</sup> Leila and Lorraine went to Melton Valley's President and Captain's Day. The golf course was very interesting but scoring was difficult when balls went astray into the short but very thick rough. A strong wind also added to the challenge and scores for the day were generally low. Everyone however enjoyed lunch and Leila caught up with some old friends.

21/3 was a wet day and numbers were down but Kath and I won the RWH 4BBB and will play in the district final to be held at Romsey in June.

22/3 Kath, Lorraine and I played in the Kilmore Bowl where I was runner up in B grade.

28/3 Monthly medal was played in fine conditions. Scores were not good; my theory is there is too much chatting and not enough concentration. I was the winner with a Net 83 on a count back from Lorraine.

29/3 Kath Denise and I played in the Hidden Valley Bowl where we all gave the ducks some balls to retrieve from the water. Kath won C grade for the second year in a row.

4/4 another sunny day and Kath won the Stableford event with 32pts on a count back from Leila.

5/4 Kath, Neryl-Lea and I played in the Lancefield Mt William Cup. The weather was again perfect for golf (boy haven't we being spoilt lately).


11/4 in perfect conditions and lots of talking with poor scores Kath and Neryl-Lea won the foursomes 113-33.5-79.5

**Recipe for this month****Ginger nut delight** (A quick sweet)

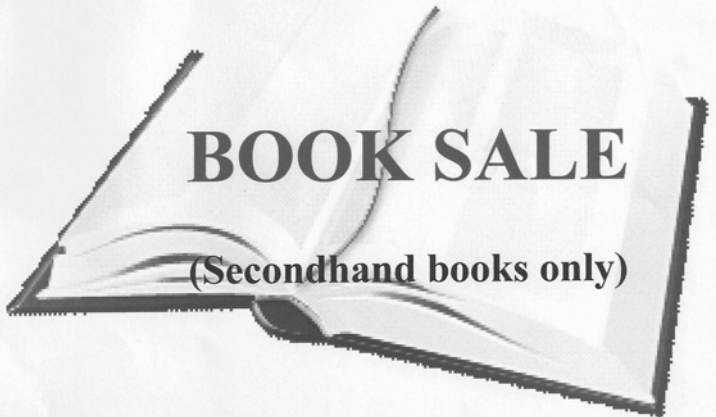
Ginger nut biscuits, sherry, cream, and slices of fruit.

Quickly dip 1 ginger nut biscuit in sherry, spread with cream, add another biscuit on top repeat cream, another biscuit and cream then decorate with a slice of fruit. (3 biscuits cream between and decorated) You only need to dip the bottom biscuit.

Beryl Cole  
54295411



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The Easter Resurrection, throughout the years, has been critically examined, judged by authorities, and written about; most considered it as an event that cannot be proven and may even be too good to be true. It may look like an apple but is artificial fruit, they may conclude. But if you pick it up and "take a bite" you will come to know that He really did rise from the grave. He is listening to our prayers.

George Bernard Shaw, the famous playwright, was handed a newly written play by a young author. Shaw was asked to give the young man a criticism of the work a few days later. "How do you like it?" asked the author. "I fell asleep reading it. Sleep is my comment of your work"

Unlike the young author's work, there is nothing boring about the Easter Event. Easter dawns upon a world hidden in darkness. Easter reveals the news that Christianity is real and alive. Christianity is anything but boring. Let's wake up and smell the roses. The truth is that "the Lord is risen".

Rev. Bill Carroll  
Interim Vicar  
St Paul's Church

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## Reduce the risk of house fire

With the onset of colder weather there has been a recent spate of house fires, and while we focus on fire risk in summer, we also need to be mindful of fire in winter.

Often the causes of fires are literally right under our noses! Whether it's leaving a flammable item too close to the heater, a lit candle unattended, or frayed electrical wires, there are numerous situations that can create the potential for disaster. Statistics reveal that almost half of all home fires are started in the kitchen and 43% of all fire fatalities occur in winter. The key to reducing the risk of fire occurring in your home and to surviving a house fire is being prepared.

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- Never smoke in bed.
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- Always keep lighters and matches away from children and educate them that fire is a "tool not a toy"
- Take extra care when using heaters, electric blankets or open fires.
- Use a fire guard in front of open fires
- Never leave lit candles unattended

Never dry clothes on a heater

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### Romsey Golf Club – Men's Report <http://romseygolfclub.net>

#### 2012 Pennant Round 3 - Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup>

3rd Round results were:  
Scratch played Mt. Macedon at Euroa winning 5/2. (Daniel Wright losing his match on the 25th.)  
Handicap played Hidden Valley at Trentham winning 5/2

#### Saturday April 14th 2012 - Stroke

An unseasonably warm, still day and a course in excellent condition awaited players as they hit off in the club's stroke competition. It was a perfect day for golf and, as expected, a number of players were able to take advantage of the conditions to break their handicaps.

The day's winner was Andrew Laing - 88/20/68. Other good rounds came from Jim Patton - 89/20/69, Mat Thornton - 74/3/71 and Les Gaunt - 76/5/71.  
NTPs went to 15th - Les Gaunt and 16th Mat Thornton

#### Saturday 7th April 2012 - Singles K/O Final & Stableford

A fine, still day greeted golfers as they hit off in the club's stableford competition, it was also the final of the Algie Mitchell Singles K/O shield. The course was again in excellent condition however a problem with the greens' mower meant the greens were a little "furry". Whilst a number of players were able to play some excellent golf in short spurts no-one was able to really take advantage of the conditions and return a handicap smashing score. The day's winners were:

**Algie Mitchell Shield Final** - A tight final with Ron getting one up and holding on until the back nine, Les fighting back with some great golf on the 15th and 16th before closing it out on the 17th. Final result was; Les Gaunt D Ron Walker 2/1  
Stableford; Daniel Wright (2) 36 pts from Jim Paton (20) 35 pts, Mick Nicholls (27) 34 pts and Anthony Freeman (20) 34 pts.  
NTPs went to 1 - Les Gaunt and 15 & 16 Daniel Wright.

#### 2012 Pennant Round 2 - Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup>

2nd round results were:  
Scratch: Played Alexandra at Trentham winning 4/3  
Handicap: Played Mt Macedon at home winning 5/2

#### Saturday March 31st 2012 - Monthly Medal - Stroke & Putts

The March Monthly Medal was contested under clear skies with some gusting winds. The course was in top condition and many of the 400 trees planted over the last two years were now coming in to play. Despite the generally excellent conditions some overly optimistic golf saw many players card very ordinary scores.

The day's winner and March Monthly Medalist, was ever reliable veteran John Freestone - 88/19/69. Other good rounds came from Chris vanDerVliet - 96/26/70, Ron Walker - 88/18/70 and Mat Thornton - 75/3/72.

NTP's went to 15 - Rob Rea & 16 -Steve Poulton

Least putts went to Jarrad White - 23

#### 2012 Pennant 1st round - Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup>

1st round results are:  
Scratch - Played top team Euroa at Alexandra going down narrowly - 4/3  
Handicap - Played Trentham at Mount Macedon and recorded a sound win - 5/2

#### Saturday March 24th 2012 - Stableford

After a week of wildly fluctuating weather Saturday was a warm, still day ideal for golf. The whole course remained in excellent condition and all players looked forward to carding a good score. However, on such a good day, only one player, Andrew Clement, was able to take advantage and shoot below his handicap, this after a lay-off of almost four months

The day's stableford winner was A Clement (10) - 37 pts from M Thornton (3) - 32 pts, G Clement (14) - 31 pts and P Scanlon (24) & J Freestone (20) 30 pts.

NTPs went to 1 - M Thornton and 16 - O Dunn

**Algie Mitchell Shield:** Round 2 results were, R Walker D P Chisholm 5/4 and L Gaunt D A Laing 2up. Ron Walker will now play Les Gaunt in the final on Saturday April 7th.

#### Saturday March 17th 2012 - Round 1 Singles KO & Par

Heavy rain during the week meant that fairways had not been mown and that there was a deal of casual across the course: conditions were thick and heavy. To top the day off strong, gusting winds from the SW often made play a little fluky. The greens, however, remained in great condition and gave all players good value for their shots.

**Algie Mitchell Shield:** The pairings for the 1st round of the Algie Mitchell Shield promised some tight matches; results were; Ron Walker D M Nicholls - 8/7, L Gaunt D J Laing - 3/2, A Laing D M Thornton - 1 up & P Chisholm D R Rea - 1 up.

All members, not playing in the Algie Mitchell, were involved in a Par competition. The Par competition results were: D Wright (3) +4, from A Partridge (3) & K Milner (5) -2  
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**BOLINDA & MONEGEETTA News****COMMUNITY NEWS:**

Some cold days, some warm...heading into the lovely autumn season for the best Shire on earth! The weather ... January was very dry, February very wet and March just right with 254pts/63.5mL. Grass everywhere for the farmers and -hmmm -the gardeners. Must be a record season for mower sales and repairs.

**BULBS @ BOLINDA Sale Day** on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> was a great community day. People were able to pick up some really interesting bulbs and plants at really good prices. There was some keen competition for bulbs for the Spring Fair in September (the 9<sup>th</sup> of Sept: pop that date in your diary) with some up and coming bulb enthusiasts ready to enter the challenge. We are very grateful to Doug Bryce for being such a long time supporter of Bolinda through his sponsorship of Trophies at the Daffodil Show and his contributions of many bulbs to the Bolinda School.

**HISTORY BOOK** *Bolinda History book is now available again.*

**HALL HIRE:** *Don't forget our community hall is available for hire at very cheap rates. We want to see it used by the community. Not available for 18ths or 21sts, however, per Council regulations.*

**BOL-DARRA (Bolinda-Darraweit) GARDEN CLUB:**

Our Bulbs @ Bolinda purchases have been planted and now we're ready to enjoy looking at the fruits of other Laborers in the Garden. We have a new garden to visit, about 12k from Lancefield. Geoff and Richard have invited us to see the garden they have built. Then back to Lancefield for a cuppa at one of the excellent quality cafes there. We met at Bolinda Hall (Melways 609 J10) for a quick cuppa, chat about garden problems and a plant swap. (Last time we had 2 different red hot poker for giveaways). It's always very enjoyable and no garden experience is necessary. Come to meet some nice folk! We meet at 1:30 to move off to our garden visit at 2:00.

**BOLINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL:**

It certainly has been a busy start to the school year for Bolinda. We had mentioned that Anita Batty had retired (I'm sure she's enjoying that!) but had not mentioned that Pam Landers has moved on. She has been a wonderful teacher at Bolinda for years; her most recent achievement being the arrangement of the end-of-year concert at Bolinda in 2011. It was the best I have ever seen at a school - a wonderfully polished performance, with every child on cue and confident in their own ability and their group role. A fast-moving, action-packed and fun presentation, with every word clearly heard. We wish Pam all the best in her teaching at Killara.

Aides Margaret and Debbie have also moved on; they were committed and caring workers in the school and for the community. We wish them all the best. But of course, we have new folk to welcome. Lynn Flynn was a very capable and caring Acting Principal during the absence of John McIntosh (on sick leave, though he was very involved in the school issues during this time) during Term 1. John returns to his Principal role in Term 2. We trust he has made a complete recovery. New teachers Kayla Bachtetto and Janine Di Bella have settled in well and bring youthful spirits and enthusiasm to their teaching. We know they will love their time at Bolinda.


Lots of busy settling-into-routine work at the school during term 1. One of the highlights of the term was an incursion (shared with the cluster group of Clarkefield and Darraweit) by the global TV group Lazy Towns, focussing on the key issues of healthy eating and the importance of exercise. This builds on the Fruit Program initiative of encouraging the children to eat fruit daily.

The children have a great veggie patch, planted last year and now yielding silverbeet, parsley, pumpkins - and more! Supportive parents have helped keep it in bounds and fertilised.


**BUSINESS OF THE MONTH:**

*Part of the success of the veggie garden is the horse manure supplied by our spotlight business of Challis Racing and Bolinda Thoroughbreds at 478 Bolinda Road (54 285 549). Liz and Bob (and Daniel) are favourites of the Garden Club, as they supply us with free horse manure in manageable bags! Fantastic for the garden and a saving on shovelling for us. The Bolinda Thoroughbreds aspect looks after the breeding mares and foals with 'Walk In' (mares are taken to a stallion) facilities. 70 plus horses means a lot of work in general feeding and care and a very busy time around weaning time. The Challis Racing aspect is a very time-consuming part of the business with around 18 horses in training. Horses are transported to Kyneton 4 days a week for track work. Feeding is a critical factor, of course. Liz and Bob employ 3 full time and 2 part time workers. Liz would be very happy to see another horse of the calibre and success of her favourite 'Doosra Diamond' emerge... Bob clerks at race meetings 3 days a week (you know; those wonderful riders, red coated, on hand for assistance and emergencies). Successful clerking depends on the right horse and Bob has a great pony at present and one in reserve. Great community people!*

Cheerio from Bolinda & Monegeetta (Enquiries: John and Ruth Green 54285347; 0415256911)



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**FAREWELL TO  
FR. GEORGE O'CONNOR**

*Father George O'Connor, our parish priest of St. Mary's Lancefield/Romsey for the last 17 years will be retiring from our parish at the end of July 2012..*

*The 10.00am Mass at Lancefield on the 29<sup>th</sup> July will be his last Sunday Mass in the parish as parish priest.*

*At 2.00pm on that afternoon we shall be farewelling Father at an afternoon tea and presentation in St. Mary's Primary School Hall, Raglan Street, Lancefield.*

*If you are attending the afternoon tea, to assist with catering, would you please RSVP by 14<sup>th</sup> July to any of the below contacts.*

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**Romsey & Lancefield  
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**President:** Mrs. Jean Buist 5429 1116  
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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.



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

On Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup>, we are having lunch at the Melton Country Club.

Our May meeting will be on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May.





## Romsey Primary School News

### Making Maths Learning Fun

Romsey Primary School is committed to ensuring our teachers and education support staff have regular opportunities to plan, reflect and improve their teaching capacity. On the last day of term two we spent the day working with Michel Ymer. He is an experienced mathematics teacher/consultant who is involved in numerous Victorian state initiatives in Mathematics. His enthusiasm for teaching Mathematics is infectious and he has a clear and practical approach to the challenges that confront schools. His main message focused on the importance for all students to have fluency with low numbers and to be able to manipulate and understand their inter-relationship. The other important component is a clear understanding of place value. His presentations included a variety of engaging activities which involved cards, dice and real life situations and an understanding of what does and doesn't work in classrooms. Within classrooms there is a 5 year span of ability and Michael demonstrated many ways of altering a learning task to suit this wide range of abilities.

**I would like to invite members of the community to attend our parent session with Michael on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May for 7:00 to 8:00pm in the library.**

### News from the Classrooms

#### Preps

It is very pleasing to report that all Prep students have made a terrific start to the term. Refreshed and rejuvenated, all students have been participating enthusiastically in their classroom programs, working to the best of their ability. This term their Integrated Inquiry studies will be based around investigating the properties of materials used in the classroom and toys. Students will explore the suitability of materials and changes to classroom materials and toys over time. Literacy and Numeracy activities will at times incorporate aspects of this topic. Already, students have shown a keen interest in the topic and are looking forward to expanding and refining their current understandings.

#### Year 1/2 Inquiry for term two is What's Living in the Garden?

Within the unit students will be exploring questions such as;

- What are the differences between living and non-living things?
- What are the differences between plants and animals?
- What characteristics do minibeasts and plants have?
- What are the stages of the lifecycle of a minibeast/plant?

Students will be encouraged to explore and discover minibeasts and plants in their gardens at home.

#### Year 3/4: Life in the Water

Students have had a positive start to term 2. They are well prepared for learning and demonstrate awareness of behaviours that contribute to a successful learning environment. Positive social relationships have been established and this is assisting students to feel happy and safe within the school environment. The Integrated Inquiry Topic this term is Life in the Water. Students will be exploring the life of living and non-living organisms, and their requirements for survival. They will develop an understanding of human impact on water ecosystems. Students will continue to have the wonderful opportunity to use the schools' netbooks throughout the curriculum, building on their ICT skills. In Maths students will continue to extend their knowledge of place value, number patterns and learn efficient methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. A focus in measurement will also be to estimate, measure, order and compare length and area and describe angles in everyday situations

#### Year 5/6 Learning Priorities for Term Two

In Literacy there will be a continued focus on reading with an emphasis on summarising. Teaching students to summarise improves their ability to identify key elements, comprehend content and connect information to the text.

In Numeracy this semester students will continue to look at number, in particular multiplication and division, and working mathematically. Areas to be covered include fractions and decimals, perimeter and area and time.

The Integrated Inquiry will be looking at the formation of Government. Key understandings will include:

- Rules and laws provide a framework for living safely, justly and fairly within a community
- Australia's government is a democracy and laws can be made or changed through parliament and enforced through the courts
- Democratic systems are based on the ideal that all people can participate in decision making
- In Australia we have three levels of government that are elected by the people
- Some international governments are not elected through a democratic process
- The media has a responsibility to present information in a balanced way

#### School tours this term:

**Thursday 26 April at 10am**

**Wednesday 2 and 9 May at 10am**

**Tuesday 22 May 6-7.30pm**

**Wednesday 30 May at 10am**

**Thursday 7, 14 and 21 June at 10am**

Please phone 5429 5099 to book a tour.

#### Dance Program

Our year 5 and 6 students have commenced a 6 week dance program called Footsteps and judging by the first session last week it will be a very popular new program at the school! At the end of the 6 weeks students will put on a performance related to the dances they have learnt.



## Landcare Gets Good Gear

Sheehan's Reserve, Romsey is getting ready for a facelift with a fantastic partnership project between the Deep Creek Landcare Group, Parks Vic and Melbourne Water. The Parks Vic "Healthy Parks, Healthy People" grant of \$1,000 has now been matched by a grant of \$3,095 from Melbourne Water's "Healthy Waterways" program. Melbourne Water's support has enabled the purchase of both a brushcutter and a much needed augur drill to assist with the revegetation planting. Gisborne Power Products gave the Group a good deal and have kindly provided the many extra bits needed to go with the gear.

Naturally, all the labour is being provided by the volunteers of the Deep Creek Landcare Group who would welcome other members of the community joining them in this and the other on-ground projects currently on the go.

Right: John with the new augur and Robin with the new brushcutter.



Meets second Monday  
Lancefield Hall 8.00 pm

All welcome

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DEEP CREEK LANDCARE  
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Interested locals are wel-

come 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.

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

Have a look at the Group's website at [www.deepcreeklandcare.org.au](http://www.deepcreeklandcare.org.au)

## Dads 4 Kids

### National Marriage & Family Conference 18 -19 May 2012

The Dads4Kids National Marriage and Family Conference, taking place in National Families Week

[www.familiesaustralia.org.au](http://www.familiesaustralia.org.au), will be a first for the Macedon Ranges in many ways. This is the first time the Dads4Kids Conference has been held in Victoria. This annual conference will be held at the 'House of the Rock Church', Nexus Centre, 17 Goode St, Gisborne from 18-19 May 2012.

Three events will be held on Friday 18 and Saturday 19 May. Events can be found and registrations made at:

<http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventList.aspx?eid=24057>

Firstly, there will be a **Men's Ministries Leadership**

**Roundtable** from 1pm-4pm on Friday 18 May. This session will include lunch and is for a group of only 12 men. Cost is \$25.00. For those interested in forming a successful men's ministry, Warwick Marsh will be chairing this roundtable discussion.

Secondly, there will be a **Men's Leadership Forum** held later that evening from 6pm-9pm, Friday 18 May. This session includes a BBQ dinner. Cost is \$10.00. This forum is for men and fathers interested in becoming great leaders in their homes and workplaces. Rob Koch, from [www.bettermen.com.au](http://www.bettermen.com.au) will also be speaking.

Thirdly, on Saturday there will be a **'Love & Respect' Marriage Bootcamp** from 9am-4pm, 19 May. The Marriage Bootcamp includes lunch, morning and afternoon teas, workbook and the 'Marriage Revolution' DVD. Cost \$120.00 for couples or \$75.00 per single. This day is a practical workshop for couples which promises to deliver an inspiring injection of encouragement to any marriage.

Warwick Marsh and his wife Alison will be conducting the 'Love & Respect' Marriage Bootcamp.

Warwick Marsh, Wollongong NSW, is the founder of Dads4Kids and a leader in the Australian men's movement. He has a passion to encourage men in their role as leaders and fathers. He produces a weekly newsletter for dads, available through [www.fatherhood.org.au](http://www.fatherhood.org.au), adverts. promoting fatherhood and lobbying for dads throughout all aspects of Australian life. Along with his wife and family of 5 children he spent many years traversing Australia and other nations playing music in schools, churches and gaols to help stem the problem of fatherlessness. Robert Koch, founder of Better Men Australia and author of Pit Stop, (a 'parenting tune-up' for every father who wants to see his family firing on all cylinders) is based in Dandenong, Victoria. He works alongside men and their children, coaching, consulting, speaking and conducting courses and activities.

Alan Carlyle, local organiser for these events, had this to say about the upcoming conference, "Hosting the Dads4Kids National Marriage and Family Conference 2012 is a first for the Macedon Ranges and a first for Victoria. It will be a great way to celebrate National Families Week. We hope many men and couples will take advantage of having such great speakers come to this part of Australia. We look forward to seeing you at one or all of the three events planned for the Dads4Kids National Marriage and Family Conference."

For more information: Alan Carlyle on 0407 721 218  
Email: [eaglewings@internode.on.net](mailto:eaglewings@internode.on.net)



Warwick Marsh (left) and Rob Koch (right).





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### MEN'S SHED FUNDING ROUND OPENS FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Applications have opened for funding from the Gillard Government for tools, new activities and more local workspaces under the men's sheds program, Rob Mitchell, Labor Member for McEwen announced today.

"Up to \$10,000 in federal support is available to men's sheds in our local community – and I encourage them to apply under the Government's latest funding round," Mr Mitchell said.

There are more than 700 men's sheds in Australia, with more than 55,000 members. Including 13 run by local organisations across the McEwen electorate. The program is funded by the Gillard Government because it helps encourage preventive health care among men who work in the sheds alongside their friends.

"I know how men's sheds make a positive contribution to the community with the projects they work on and the social connection they provide for the blokes who use them," Mr Mitchell said. "It's also a chance for men to come together to talk about men's health which we blokes tend not to do enough. I've seen first hand how men's sheds have given opportunities to youth at risk to gain practical skills from experienced older blokes, particularly retired tradesmen."

Local sheds can apply for up to \$6,000 to improve access or utility connection for existing buildings; up to \$5,000 for local fundraising costs and \$4,000 for tools and equipment including work benches and safety gear.

Application forms are available for the three types of funding from the Australian Men's Sheds Association website at: <http://www.menshed.org> Applications close on May 25.

### \$79,800 COALITION GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR A NEW SUNBURY TAXI RANK

"The Coalition Government will provide \$79,800 to improve safety and access at Sunbury's railway station taxi rank," Donna Petrovich, State Member for Northern Victoria, announced today.

Mrs Petrovich said that the Coalition Government's Taxi Rank Safety Program (TRSP) will allow the construction of a new taxi rank by the Hume City Council.

"The new taxi rank will be built in Brook Street and assist not just local shoppers and nightclub attendees but also result in an improved waiting area for train and bus passengers who need a taxi in Sunbury," Mrs Petrovich said.

Minister Mulder said the TRSP was making real improvements to taxi rank safety and amenity all over Victoria. "So far the TRSP has allocated over \$1.5 million to councils across the state. The TRSP is part of the Coalition Government's commitment to build better taxi services for passengers, taxi drivers and the local community," Mr Mulder said.

Mr Mulder said "Professor Alan Fells will hand his Taxi Industry Inquiry draft to the Government in the next few months."

Mrs Petrovich said today that "Sunbury is one of 13 municipalities in the third round of the \$4 million TRSP, announced by Minister Mulder.

The project is expected to commence in February 2013 and will compliment the modification of the railway station under the Sunbury Electrification Project.

This is a significant boost to the redevelopment at Sunbury."

Mrs Petrovich said "Full details are yet to be finalized but it is likely that new lighting, seating, shelter, better access for disabled passengers, signage and information will be included. I believe the existing taxi pick-up arrangements in the Sunbury Town Centre will be improved to better satisfy the requirements of the current modernization of the transport system."



### COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION – ROMSEY BRANCH

This will make you chuckle –

*Whilst sitting at the doctor's the other day a man sat next to me. We got chatting and exchanged names. I said mine was "Val" and he said his was "Clock". I said to him that this was a strange name and asked how he came by it. He said he had been working in a saw mill and had had an accident. He showed me that he had five fingers on one hand and three fingers on the other. He had one large hand and one small hand. Consequently, the name "Clock" was given to him by his mates at the footy club.*

Romsey Branch has had another busy month. Ladies attended a fashion parade at Sunbury where garments were able to be purchased. Another outing was to a display of collectible dolls at Mt Macedon. This display was conducted by the Macedon Branch of the Country Women's Association with two members exhibiting their collections.

A bus trip to the Melbourne Flower and Garden Show was organised by the Kyneton Branch and I am sure those that attended had a wonderful time. Three ladies attended an afternoon at Lancefield Christ Church to hear Rev. Bill Carroll speak of his time as Chaplain at the Grafton Prison. This was a most interesting presentation, followed by a delightful afternoon tea.

Other things on our agenda are a talk by the C.E.O. of Ray M. Begg Nursing home, a lady from ASPREE to tell us the pros and cons of taking an aspirin a day to ward off dementia, strokes, Alzheimer's Disease, etc. Two more fashion parades and the Antiques and Collectables Valuation Day conducted by the Romsey Ambulance Auxiliary are listed for our ladies to attend if they wish.

The Central Highland Group, which includes Romsey and Lancefield, as well as other towns from Malmsbury to Craigieburn, is holding its Creative Arts Exhibition in Kyneton during April. Handicrafts and home industries (cooking)

will be displayed and well worth inspection. Open to the public on Saturday April 14th at the Masonic Hall, Yaldwin Street East.

Romsey Branch is having an afternoon where local resident, Anne Phelan, AOM, is the guest speaker. Anne is well known as a TV and stage actor, and is highly involved with an organisation called "Positive Women" who support ladies with the HIV virus. Part of our proceeds on this day will go to support this group, in lieu of appearance money to Anne, as well as to our Head Office for distribution to our most recent flood victims in Victoria. This function will be held on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Romsey Mechanics Hall at 1.00 pm. Anne's presentation will be followed by a delightful and typical CWA afternoon tea. Cost is \$7.00 per person and bookings to Val Jordan would be appreciated to help with catering.

Our major project for this year is to make Art Smocks (90 of them in three sizes) for the Romsey Primary School. With our limited coffers we will be able to start on some of them. We are applying for a grant from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council to enable us to fulfil this request from the school. We have also been approached to make half a dozen barbecue aprons for the Lancefield Motor Cycle group, and these will be constructed when prices of materials are obtained. This group works tirelessly to raise funds for a child who has a life threatening illness to fulfil his or her "Wish List". The aprons requested will complement their mobile barbecue which is used for fund raising.

As you can see, we don't just sit around and chatter. Come along to one of our meetings and you will be made very welcome.

Bookings for our day with Anne Phelan and any other enquiries regarding our very busy branch of the Country Women's Association in Romsey can be made to:

Val Jordan,  
Telephone 5429 2311  
Email - [jordanval@bigpond.com](mailto:jordanval@bigpond.com)



### BEST AUTUMNAL PHOTO IN THE MACEDON RANGES COMPETITION

Tourism Macedon Ranges is offering you the chance to show others your part of the Shire, and the opportunity to win amazing prizes. Do not keep you patch a secret show if off for everyone to see what a beautiful part of the world we live in.

The Macedon Ranges in Autumn is incredibly colourful and vibrant, we want you to share with us your best "Autumnal Pictures" !

Fantastic prizes to be won !

1st Prize – One dozen bottles of Macedon Ranges Wine  
2nd Prize – High Tea for two at Campaspe Country House  
3rd Prize Beautiful Wine pack and glasses from Gisborne Peak Winery

All entries must be in by the 30th May 2012

On entry please ensure when you post your picture/s you include:

Location in the Macedon Ranges  
Name of Photographer and/or entrant

Conditions:

- The winner must like Tourism Macedon Ranges Facebook page
- If you have not taken the picture yourself you must have permission from the photographer and credit the photographer in your entry
- The winner will be contacted by Tourism Macedon Ranges by June 30 and will be announced via the Tourism Macedon Ranges Facebook page.

Sandra McGregor  
Promotions Sub Committee

**TOURISM MACEDON RANGES INC**  
P O Box 1112, Kyneton, VIC, 3444





## Pastor's Parables



### THE PROGRESSION OF MOTHERHOOD.

Here are some of the ways having a second and third child is different from having the first.

#### Your Clothes:

1st baby: You begin wearing maternity clothes as soon as your doctor confirms your pregnancy.

2nd baby: You wear your regular clothes for as long as possible.

3rd baby: Your maternity clothes ARE your regular clothes.

#### Preparing for the Birth:

1st baby: You practice your breathing religiously.

2nd baby: You don't bother practicing because you remember that last time, breathing didn't do a thing.

3rd baby: You ask for an epidural in your 8<sup>th</sup> month.

#### Baby clothes:

1st baby: You pre-wash your newborn's clothes, colour-coordinate them, and fold them neatly in the baby's little bureau.

2nd baby: You check to make sure that the clothes are clean and discard only the ones with the darkest stains.

3rd baby: Boys can wear pink, can't they?

#### Worries:

1st baby: At the first sign of distress--a whimper, a frown--you pick up the baby.

2nd baby: You pick the baby up when her wails threaten to wake your firstborn.

3rd baby: You teach your 3-year-old how to rewind the mechanical swing.

#### Dummy:

1st baby: If the Dummy falls on the floor, you put it away until you can go home and wash and boil it.

2nd baby: When the Dummy falls on the floor, you squirt it off with some juice from the baby's bottle.

3rd baby: You wipe it off on your shirt and pop it back in.

#### Nappies:

1st baby: You change your baby's Nappy every hour, whether they need it or not.

2nd baby: You change their Nappy every 2 to 3 hours, if needed.

3rd baby: You try to change their Nappy before others start to complain about the smell or you see it sagging to their knees.

The Bible says in Psalm 128:1-8 that if we follow God's Instructions of how to treat and rear our Children that it will be well with our families throughout our lives and into following generations. What better gift could a Mother receive this Mother's Day, than peace and joy in her home?

Mums if you need help in the rearing of your children, we would be happy to point you to God's ways so that you too, will reap the blessings of godliness in your homes.

Please feel free to join us at either of our Sunday services, Mid week Life groups, mainly music program 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.***

### What type of car is your business?

Over the past month I've been fortunate to work with a number of clients on all sorts of projects but three have stood out. One client is looking to re-establish their successful business through a process of re-engineering systems and processes. The second has made a huge personal decision to relocate their whole business and family and enter a new industry. The third is heading for a new stage in life as the owners seek to sell the business so that they can move towards retirement.

It would seem that each of the three has vastly different issues and needs and, on the exterior, this would be the interesting aspect but what has particularly stood out has been the exact opposite. Whilst each business has different issues, underneath the hood, each business requires very similar structural work in order to obtain the maximum returns, both financial and personal, for their different needs.

And herein lays the paradox of small businesses – whilst every business has its different needs, nuances, systems and products, the underlying chassis of every business is very similar. The concept is not too different from a car – every car has doors, wheels, engine, brakes and a steering wheel – but cars have different colours, shapes and engine sizes. So on the outside there are different looks, features and characteristics yet all built on essentially the same chassis.

In working with these three clients, it has become extremely apparent that sustainable business success and the ability to adapt to different business situations links directly to the strength of your "business chassis". In each case we have reviewed the underlying business model using our "7 points to a sound chas-

sis" program and in each case the ability to change and adapt has been accelerated using this system. In short, sorting out the chassis has meant each client has moved closer to achieving their desired personal and business outcome.

The program has been developed to help business owners build a sound foundation. This increases the likelihood that the business can provide successful outcomes for the owners and their family – after all the ultimate purpose of a small business is to allow the owners to create success for themselves and their families.

In considering your business chassis, the questions for all business owners to consider are:

Do you understand the elements of your business chassis?

Does your existing business model allow you to adapt to change?

As your business evolves will your chassis allow your personal needs to align continuously with your business needs?

Do changes in the external environment blindsides your business or does your model mean you are you ready for these challenges?

If you would like a sneak peak of the "7 points to a sound chassis" program email [tim@mcmahonosborne.com.au](mailto:tim@mcmahonosborne.com.au) for your FREE introduction to the program. This offer is without cost or obligation so please feel free to obtain your copy to start your own chassis.



## Want to meet some great everyday local women?

The Romsey Region Women's Network is a group that aspires to connect local women in our rural communities in a warm and welcoming environment. It's a great way to meet new people in the local area, tap into the wealth of knowledge local women have to offer, gain inspiration and have some laughs.

Our group is not only a great way to network in a business/professional sense but also meet like-minded women and form new friendships. The intent is to provide a safe environment for women to gather together, exchange ideas, talk about their lives and learn from each other. It is our hope to then unite women through shared interests or hobbies such as a gardening group, book club, walking group, craft circle or similar time in life.

We meet at 7pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at varying venues in the area. Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May at Sicilian Vespers @ 7pm**, so take some time out for yourself and please come join us for a glass of wine and a chat. Our current members represent a number of towns/areas throughout the district (Romsey, Lancefield, Rochford, Woodend, Riddells Creek & Gisborne), spanning different backgrounds and age groups.

To complement our monthly meetings it is our goal to hold significant interest activities/events throughout the year and some of these events will also be open to non-members. These are some of the events we have planned for 2012: -

Barefoot Bowling Family Day

Cooking Class with Tonia Toddmann

Wine & Cheese Tasting @ The Bentinck - TBA

Life Painting – Bring out the Artist in You

High Tea @ Campaspe House - TBA

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Enquiries: -**

**Romsey Region Women's Network Inc.**

**111 Main Street**

**Romsey VIC 3434**

**Annual membership: - \$20**

**Email: [info@rrwn.com.au](mailto:info@rrwn.com.au)**

### **Bolinda Primary School**

Term one at Bolinda Primary School has been extremely busy. We welcomed two new teaching staff Janine DiBella and Kayla Bacchetto, both have settled into life at our school well. We also welcomed seven new prep students and another two new students to our school, we are a growing school but still have very low student/teacher ratios where we are able to meet the individual needs of all students.

#### Family Night

We had our annual family night and met the new parents and families. As usual parents brought a wonderful selection of salads and desserts which were enjoyed by all. As principal I was very pleased with the number of parents who approached me to compliment the staff and the culture of the school which is caring and inclusive.

#### Footy Clinic

Players from the Essendon Football Club including 2011 Best & Fairest David Zaharakis, conducted a footy clinic as part of our 'Footy Day' which included footy dress up and a special lunch. We believe we have a few potential champions and we wouldn't be surprised if we have AFL club recruiting officers knocking on our door sometime soon.



#### Lazy Town

Prep year three students from Clarkefield and Darraweit Guim Primary Schools joined us for an incursion, the production of 'Lazy Town' - How to eat healthily and exercise. It was a great success, the actors were wonderful with the students, interacting with them and involving them in the



production. The students thoroughly enjoyed the production.

#### Biggest Morning Tea

The school will be supporting the Cancer Council's 'Biggest Morning Tea' on Thursday 24th May from 10.30 – 11.30. We would like as many parents, grandparents, friends, neighbours, former parents and students as well as people from the local community to join us in a cuppa, something yummy to eat and to catch up with others they may not have seen in a while. It will be conducted in the Bolinda Hall, so come along and make it the biggest morning tea we can possibly muster. Entry by gold coin donation. Further details are available from the school.

#### Open days

We will be conducting tours of the school for parents of prospective prep students for 2013 on Wednesday 16th May 10.00am—12.00 pm. A second day will also be held on Thursday 24th May in conjunction with the 'Biggest Morning Tea.'



Please let friends, family and neighbours who will have/know children who will be beginning school in 2013 to come for a tour.

Any parents who are unable to attend on the open days can make appointments at a mutually convenient time. Contact the Principal John Mackintosh 54 285 317 to make arrangements.



## Healthy and Active Macedon Ranges



Get healthy and active in 2012 by joining in the following activities as part of the Healthy & Active People Initiative:

### Romsey - Live Well Be Well Stay Well

Do you want to learn about how to make healthy food choices and try out a range of different types of physical activity? Then join in the Live Well Be Well Stay Well eight week program.

**When:** Starts from Thursday from 26 April

**Time:** 9.00am - 11.00am

**Where:** Romsey Community Centre at the Romsey Hub, 96-100 Main Street, Romsey

**Cost:** \$5.00 per session

### Riddells Creek- Cooking for One or Two

Come along and learn and practice the basics of cooking healthy meals for one or two people in this six week program. Meet others in your community and cook and share a meal together.

**When:** Every Thursday starts 26 April

**Time:** 12.00 midday - 2.00pm

**Where:** Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House, 59 Main Street, Riddells Creek

**Cost:** Gold coin donation per session

### Gisborne- AustCycle

Join in a six week bike riding program for adults wanting to get back on a bike or who never learnt to ride. Gain confidence and riding skills in a friendly group environment.

**When:** Starts Thursday 26 April

**Time:** 10.00am - 11.30am

**Where:** Sankey Reserve, 7 Aitken Street, Gisborne

**Cost:** Gold coin donation per session

To RSVP for all programs call the Healthy Communities Team on (03) 5422 0216 or email [healthycommunities@mrec.vic.gov.au](mailto:healthycommunities@mrec.vic.gov.au)

Program registrations will not be taken after Tuesday 8th May.



### THE MRFS LIKES A GOOD FAIRY TALE!

Following the screening of "Heavenly Creatures" starring Kate Winslet at the April meeting of the Macedon Ranges Film Society, a dark film which prompted animated conversation after the show, the May choice contains all the elements of a classic fairy tale – fun, fantasy, romance and adventure.

"The Princess Bride", a novel written in 1973 by William Goldman, was made into a film of the same name in 1978. The film opens with a grandfather reading from a much-loved book. The fantasy which ensues involves three main characters: Buttercup who is the princess bride, her childhood friend Westley who she treats with disdain, and Prince Humperdinck to whom she is unwillingly engaged. The plot thickens with a kidnapping, a masked man in black, a duel and a wrestling match and many more devious twists and turns before all is resolved.

This film will be shown on May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Woodend Community Centre, where the Macedon Ranges Film Society meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. Film notes are supplied and for those who wish, there is discussion about the film afterwards, accompanied by refreshments.

Email [mrfilmsociety@gmail.com](mailto:mrfilmsociety@gmail.com) or call Vicki on 5427 2323 or Christine on 5429 5452.

### Western Water's community grants

Western Water is urging Romsey residents to apply for grants under its environmental and community garden programs. The grants, named after Western Water mascots Sammy the Snake and Francis the Frog, are for school and community gardens and environmental projects. Schools and community groups can apply for grants to purchase plants and equipment, or for hands-on support such as volunteer labour from Western Water staff.

"The Sammy grants are a great opportunity for keen community gardeners to get a helping hand with establishing a new garden or improving an existing one," Western Water's Managing Director, John Wilkinson says. "We want to encourage sustainable gardening and promote the health and education benefits of gardens in our region."

Mr Wilkinson says the Frances grants will be available to Landcare and other environment groups for projects that improve environmental health and biodiversity.

Anyone applying for the grants must be part of a not-for-profit community group, or a school in Western Water's service region.

Applications for school garden grants close on May 11. Environment groups have until May 25 to apply for a project grant, while applications for community gardens are open until June 29.

The grants are part of the organisation's Corporate Social Responsibility Program, which aims to give back to the local community through volunteer hours, donations and sponsorship of groups, events and activities.

Anyone interested can find out more and download an application form at [WesternWater.com.au](http://WesternWater.com.au), or call 1300 650 425.

### Macedon Ranges Bridge Club

Bridge is arguably the most popular card game in the world. Millions play it socially and competitively. The Macedon Ranges Bridge Club now has around 90 members. Each year many bridge clubs right across Australia play in the "Bridge For Brain Research Challenge" organised by Neuroscience Research Australia in order to raise funds for the continuing research into finding cures for degenerative brain diseases like Alzheimer's.

This year the Bridge For Brain Research Challenge event is played in the first week of May, and all the participating clubs play the exact same hands so that players across the country can do their bit to assist others as well as checking their bridge prowess against players they would not normally meet. The Macedon Ranges Bridge Club meets three times each week in Woodend; on Monday at 12.40 pm and Tuesday at 7.30 pm at the Community Centre Hall, Forest Street, and on Thursday at 12.40 pm at the Woodend Tennis Club.

If you are at all curious about bridge our next beginners course starts on the 8th of May. Come along, the first lesson is free, then continues each Tuesday night for a total of 8 weeks. The cost of the course is \$80 and includes notes and book for beginners. The classes are held at the Community Centre Hall, Woodend starting at 7.45 pm. For more information please contact the club secretary Peter Wells on 5420 7595, or check out our website at [www.mrbc.asn.au](http://www.mrbc.asn.au) Peter Wells

### Romsey Red Cross Unit

We thank the community for their generous support over Red Cross Calling in March. A thank you to IGA for their support and space time for collecting. The winner of the Picnic Hamper raffle was Mr B Briggs. Thank you also to everyone who attended our 'Blooms' fashion parade on April 20<sup>th</sup>. All fund raising goes to the continuing work of the Red Cross.

New members would be most welcome. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at the Uniting Church, Pohlman Street, Romsey at 1:30pm. Membership is \$5.00 per year.

Isobel Hood, 5429 5502

COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF VIC. INC.

## ROMSEY BRANCH

ASSOCIATION DAY

*Everybody welcome!*

Come along to hear our Guest Speaker



ANNE PHELAN,  
OAM

ROMSEY RESIDENT,

Star of TV, radio and stage:

**Prisoner                      The Harp in the South**  
**Something in the Air        Bellbird**  
**Blue Heelers                Guys and Dolls**  
**Winners and Losers**  
**Door Man's Orange**

Anne will tell us about her show business life, her involvement in support for women with the HIV virus and her support for asylum seekers and refugees.

### Romsey Mechanics Hall

Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012

at 1.00 pm.

Entry \$7.00

All proceeds to go to charity

Raffle and Afternoon Tea.

**RSVP: Val Jordan, 5429 2311 before April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

## Romsey Trailer Repair

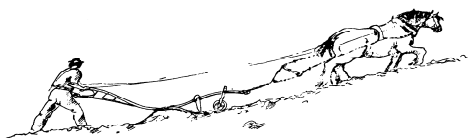
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## Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society



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The Society has several events coming up in the next month or two.

The Obituary Book is available for sale from the Courthouse or Cottage for \$10 each.

Sheryl has been busy making fund-raising ribbons in red and black and yellow and black, prices for these vary. They will be available for purchase at the Cottage and the Courthouse.

The July Lunch will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> July, cost will be \$10.

The Cottage is having a Christmas in July Morning Tea on 10<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30 a.m. Come along and have a cuppa with "Mrs. Seymour."

We still have no news as to when the plaques will be laid in Romsey. The plaques were purchased with money donated by RRBATA from the Romsey 150<sup>th</sup> dinner.

The annual Family History Day will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> August from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. at the Lancefield Courthouse. Entry will be gold coin donation.

National Trust Heritage Festival is on from 21<sup>st</sup> April to 20<sup>th</sup> May. The Seymour Cottage will be open on 20<sup>th</sup> May and the Courthouse is open Mon – Wed & Friday 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. each week. Everybody welcome. Further information on [www.natrust.com.au](http://www.natrust.com.au)

The Society is very interested in collecting information on houses in the towns of Lancefield and Romsey. It is quite difficult at times to know where and who owned homes and businesses in earlier times.

Last year the Historical Society received a Macedon Ranges Shire Community Grant to put together all the information we hold on all the schools that have existed in the Romsey Shire. There were 35 schools at one time or another, some were not in existence for long, other are still going strong and there are now two new schools – Red Rock Christian School at Clarkefield and Candlebark School at Cherokee. Do you have a special item from your school days? We would love to have a look at this item and photograph or copy it – we are not asking for it to be donated to the Society – we only want to see it and hear your story about it.

Our next general meeting will be on 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30 p.m. at the Courthouse, 55 Main Road, Lancefield. Topic will be the history of the buildings that are to be identified with the plaques donated by RRBATA.



'For the right outcomes'

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## Romsey Uniting Church

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*You are most welcome to come to the Romsey Uniting Church Services and share in fellowship and worship*

### LOVE

"The harvest of the Spirit is love..." Galatians 5: 22 "This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you." John 15: 12

"Fortitude you have; you have borne up in my cause and never flagged. But I have this against you; you have lost your early love." Revelation 2: 3-4

"I love you, Mummy," my daughter said tonight, and I held her close and whispered, "I love you, too."

Love is a many splendoured thing indeed.

At times, it's so easy to love ...

But at times it is so hard.

Yet you have made love a commandment, Lord, and I wonder at that.

Can love be commanded?

What is more, you command that we love as you have loved.

Yours was a love for all men, deserving or not.

In love, you emptied yourself, you chose to serve, giving strength to the weary, acceptance to those despised, hope to the hopeless, and joy to the sad at heart.

Yours was a love that led you to the cross.

And so, in you, we discover a new meaning in love, we learn that the proof of love is not how we feel but how we act.

Love is more than a heart inscribed by young love on a tree.

Love is a hand reached out to grasp desperate hands and give reassurance.

Love is a foot that is weary from trudging for miles to bring help to the needy.

Love is a head that aches from unsleeping hours spent sharing a burden.

Love is all this and more.

But to love as you have loved needs constant renewal.

Without you, our love grows cold and meaningless.

Revive our first love – for you – and for all people, Lord.

*Conversations with God by Joy Merritt*

### Church Services in May 2012

6 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Worship Service conducted by The Worship Team
13 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Worship Service and Communion Conducted by Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones
20 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Worship Service
27 <sup>th</sup>	9am.	Worship Service conducted by Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones

## Woodend Whole Town Garage Sale Saturday 5 May

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# Romsey Recreation Centre Facility Update

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## What's New

Senior Mixed Netball is returning to the Romsey Recreation Centre. Starting Term 2, matches will be held from 6.50pm on Thursday nights. Team and individual entries available  
Call now to register your interest

### Facility News

There have been some exciting developments at the centre over the summer break. The stadium floor has been ripped up, with a brand new timber floor constructed. We also had new basketball rings and backboards installed. Romsey can now boast the best court in the Shire.

We have worked closely with Melanie and Anthony Traynor over the summer to develop the upstairs area into a fantastic fitness studio. You Can Fitness is now in operation, with the full timetable of classes available at [www.youcanfitness.com.au](http://www.youcanfitness.com.au). A great addition to the facility and to Romsey.

The Romsey Junior Basketball Squad teams will be playing in their first tournament this April. A tri series against Kyneton, Woodend and Riddells Creek. About 35 kids from Romsey and Lancefield will be competing across all age groups. We wish them all the best.

### Grand Final Action

The Under 12 Basketball grand final was played out between Celtics and Jazz. Jazz had dominated the summer season without dropping a game, and came into the match as favourites. Celtics played amazingly well to make the grand final, playing a fantastic semi final. Celtics played their best but were unable to stop the dominating team Jazz, who won 60 - 23. MVP for Jazz was Olivia Coburn, and for Celtics Georgie Prespakis. Highest point scorers were Kyle Townsing and Jack Coburn.

The Under 15 Basketball grand final was an absolutely fantastic match. The Wolves and the Bucks came out all guns blazing. At half time scores were level at half time 8 all. After the break scores stayed tight with teams going point for point. With 5 seconds to go wolves were up 22 - 20. Bucks had a shot to tie the match on the siren, but it bounced off the ring. Best for wolves was Keston Burley, and for the Bucks Sean Gottschling. Congratulations to all players throughout the season.

The Senior Soccer grand final was played out between Romsey Victory and The Tequila Slammers. Romsey Victory did well to make it into the grand final, knocking off the top team in the semi finals. The match was exciting and high scoring with Brodie Hopkins leading the charge for Romsey Victory. Brodie's 4 goals weren't enough to hold out The Tequila Slammers who ran away with the match in the second half, taking out the final 10 - 6. Jake McBride was top scorer with 6 goals for the match. Congratulations to the golden boot winners, James Bakogianas (42) and

## Enrolments - Now Open -

- Goal Kick - Under 10 Coaching Program**  
Friday nights from 4.00pm
- Under 12 Soccer Competition**  
Friday Nights from 4.50pm
- Senior Mixed Soccer Competition**  
Friday Nights from 7.00pm
- Aussie Hoops - Under 10 Basketball Development Program**  
Tuesday nights from 4.00pm
- Under 13 Basketball Competition**  
Tuesday nights from 4.50pm
- Under 16 Basketball Competition**  
Tuesday nights from 6.30pm
- Under 20 Basketball Competition**  
Tuesday nights from 8.00pm
- Ladies Daytime Netball Competition**  
Thursday mornings from 10.00am
- Senior Mixed Netball Competition**  
Thursday nights from 7.00pm

\*Please note: All programs are subject to minimum numbers to operate.

### A Gift to The Local Community

WBBooks Inc., a Romsey based historical group, has donated a collection of 30 local history books to the local library. These books were presented by president Greg Powell and author Peter Mitchell to the manager of the Goldfields Library John Bourne and Romsey library manager Sara Bryant. The collection of books is a gift to the wider Romsey and Lancefield communities and will be displayed at the Romsey Hub where access will be restricted; that is not to be borrowed. Dr Powell has had a lifelong passion for local history.



The collection of books consists of many local family histories from townships in the Macedon Ranges together with the Kilmore and Sunbury areas. West Bourke Books Inc. has published six titles in 16 years, its most recent publication being Romsey: A Veritable Garden of Eden- by Peter Mitchell and Alan Jackson-published in 2004.

W.B.B.is grateful to members both alive and deceased, and the Goldfields Library for their support with this project.

### Macedon Ranges to share in \$400,000 heritage support

Donna Petrovich has welcomed Planning Minister Matthew Guy's announcement that the Macedon Ranges Shire Council is one of 36 councils across Victoria to receive funding towards the provision of Heritage Advisory Services for 2011-12.

Mrs Petrovich said she was pleased that Macedon Ranges Shire Council received the maximum funding of \$14,000.

Councils supplement the funds with a minimum \$1 for \$1 expenditure to provide Heritage Advisory Services through the appointment of an experienced professional to:

- Provide free advice to owners of heritage places
- Assist councils with the management of heritage assets
- Promote heritage conservation in the municipality.

Mrs Petrovich said heritage advisors helped residents make appropriate decisions on restoration and development plans for heritage sites.

"These services can help people recognise the importance and historical significance of early buildings and how they can enhance streetscapes and enrich our understanding of our local history," said Mrs Petrovich.

Mr Guy said the programs provided by Heritage Advisory Services, first trialled in Maldon in 1977, have been successful in developing a positive attitude towards heritage through the provision of free heritage advice to councils, communities and owners and managers of heritage properties.

"The benefits of these services are now evident in many towns with restored heritage buildings, appropriate signage and upgraded streetscapes," Mr Guy said.



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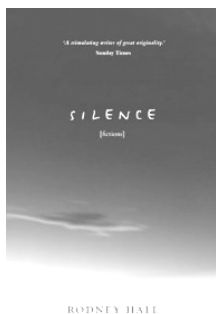
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**Book Review**

**Rodney Hall, Silence**



Silence is a collection of 29 short stories, each exploring an experience, interpretation or memory of silence - in all its forms - ranging across continents and ages and from the very personal to the historically tragic and contemporary political. Silence is not just a theme that weaves its way (sometimes imperceptibly) throughout the collection, it is also a feature of Hall's inspiration, in that the stylistic approach and events at the heart of each story are a nod to the works of fellow writers - his 'silent partners' as he refers to them in the afterword.

Some in the group found the stories too short or the 'silent partners' too contrived. One found the stories too bleak and disturbing to finish the book. The majority of the group, however, were deeply moved or enthralled by the stories, and marvelled about how Hall's mastery of language and imagery could conjure whole worlds, other ages and states of being so vividly in such distilled form. Some are barely more than a page long - like the exquisite 'Korean House' in which a servant woman is determined to shame the invading Japanese army by leaving a house in immaculate order. Others, like 'Winter Campaign' builds layers of evocative imagery across several pages to tell the haunting story of an army of 9000 men making camp in the tundra at nightfall, against the backdrop of battle at dawn, and heavily falling snow.

The majority of us agreed that this is a collection of stories that we will want to re-read and savour. Despite the few who didn't warm to the book, the overwhelming enthusiasm of the rest of the group has put this collection of stories on our 'favourites' list.



*Dromkeen*

**What's on at Dromkeen**

**Exhibitions**

Our latest exhibition features the newly released picture book **A Day to Remember**. Written by Jackie French and illustrated by Mark Wilson the book explores Anzac Day. Anzac Day is the day when we remember and honour ANZAC traditions down the ages. This is a picture book that looks not only at traditions, but also the effects of war. The evocative illustrations of Mark Wilson visualize those traditions.

You can meet Mark Wilson at Dromkeen on **Sunday June 17** to watch him drawing and talk with him about his creative process.

**Looking Back – Australian History as seen Through our Children's Picture Books**

This exhibition draws on artwork from the Collection and showcases aspects of Australia's history as seen through picture books. From books exploring our indigenous history to contemporary stories, this exhibition will continue until October 7 when the Collection in its entirety will move to the State Library of Victoria.

**Fun Sundays**

April 29 & May 6  
12-4pm

**Food for Thought**

In conjunction with the Daylesford Macedon Produce Harvest Week Festival join us for fun filled afternoons showcasing picture books, food and produce. Well known illustrator/author Kevin Burgemeestre will be running a free illustration workshop between 1.30-2.30 on both days.

**Dromkeen National Centre for Picture Book Art**

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RBATA Report continued....

RRBATA commented that businesses could be more strategically equipped to sponsor groups if there was an organised timeline of events/fundraisers.

It was suggested that a second Community Group Round Up be scheduled for September to further progress the discussion. Meanwhile, a contact register and discussion paper summarising the meeting are being prepared by RRBATA for all sporting clubs, community groups and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council.



**Business of the Month –  
Countrywide Building Services**

RRBATA wishes to gratefully acknowledge Countrywide Building Services as a gold sponsor for April's Light Up The Sky event in Romsey. This Romsey-based business is a registered building practitioner and is insured to carry out foundation work. It has 30 employees including exceptionally experienced trades people, engineers, surveyors and claims negotiators so is well equipped when negotiating insurance claims for customers. Whether it is restumping or underpinning, Countrywide Building Services stands by the quality of its building rehabilitation work. Contact them by phoning 54291735 or see [www.countrywidebuildingservices.com](http://www.countrywidebuildingservices.com).

**Romsey Online Update**

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](mailto: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](mailto:hages10@optusnet.com.au)

**Next RRBATA Function:**

General RRBATA Gathering  
Monday 21st May 2012 at 7.30pm  
At Sicilian Vespers



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## Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA)

### UPDATE

#### Light Up The Sky- A Great Night

A balmy April night in Romsey set the scene for a wonderful evening in the Lions Reserve (skate park) ahead of a spectacular fireworks display (from Crack A Jack Australia).

This was a casual, family friendly night out for the community courtesy of the generous sponsorship from local businesses which made it all possible.

Fusion had trained local volunteers from Romsey Youth Space, Lions and Living Word Church to assist with the myriad of activities provided on the night (face painting, wind tunnel, tug of war etc etc).

"Glenn and Barry" provided live music from the big stage courtesy of Romsey Fresh Wholesale, which also donated a beautiful food hamper to raffle. Bendigo Bank's piggy handed out balloons.

Angus and Keeley ran the guess-the-number-of-snakes/smarties/jellybeans competition.

CFA's support for this event was much appreciated. They received the proceeds from another raffle, the winner of which had the privilege of switching on the fireworks display! Scouts and GRAAP provided food, with RRBATA running a tea and coffee (thanks to Hugh and Zac).



Volunteers from Lions and Macedon Ranges Masonic Lodge assisted with marshalling duties when it was time for the fireworks to begin where up to around 500 people watched from the skate park, White Avenue and Romsey Primary School.

The night's wonderful sponsors were:

- Countrywide Building Services
- Custom Built Motor Homes
- Romsey Super IGA
- Romsey Community Bank (Bendigo Bank)
- O'Dea's Auto Spares
- Romsey Stock Feeds
- Black Range Business Group
- Forbes Automotive Services
- Romsey Fresh Wholesale
- Romsey Post Office
- Romsey Self Storage

- McLaughlin CB Pty Ltd
- Newmarket Equine Centre
- Crack-A-Jack Australia

In addition to our great sponsors, RRBATA wishes to acknowledge the following:

- Romsey Primary School – for making the oval available
- Romsey CFA
- Fusion International
- Romsey Lancefield Lions Club
- Macedon Ranges Masonic Lodge
- Romsey Youth Space
- Living Word Church
- GRAAP and 1st Romsey Scouts – for proving stalls.
- Sicilian Vespers – for providing the giant urn
- Joeys R Jumping (jumping castle)
- Macedon Ranges Shire Council – for having the park's lawn looking great for the event.



It was a great night out for all, courtesy of financial contribution from local businesses which want to contribute to making our community life great.

**REMEMBER – FOR LOCAL BUSINESS TO SUPPORT ITS COMMUNITY WITH GENEROUS SPONSORSHIPS, LOCAL COMMUNITY MUST SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS!**

RRBATA welcomes feedback on this event – please contact Jenny Stillman (Email: jennystillman@optusnet.com.au Phone:0412 349849)

#### Community Group Round Up

On 21st March, a great representation of Romsey's sporting and community groups attended the inaugural Community Group Round Up organised by RRBATA at the Community Hub. This provided a forum for exchange of contact details, plans for the year ahead and issues confronting community groups. Macedon Ranges Shire Council was represented by Leanne Davey (Economic Development and Tourism) who reminded groups about the Community Funding Scheme. Bendigo Bank (Romsey Community bank branch) board member Russell Pattinson explained the timeline and application process regarding the Bank's Community Grants program. Lancefield Neighbourhood House representatives were guest observers as they hope to initiate a similar gathering later this year. The need for community and sporting groups to more easily and effectively communicate with each other was acknowledged. The capacity to better support each other was identified. It was suggested that Romsey Online could be utilised better to facilitate this. Shortage of personnel (especially with committees and general volunteers) and funding difficulties were identified as the main issues of concern.



#### St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey

Parish Priest: Fr. George O'Connor  
Pastoral Worker: Mrs. Joanne Reuther  
School Principal: Mr. Anthony Falls

Presbytery: 5429 2130  
Presbytery: 5429 2130  
St. Mary's Primary: 5429 1359

#### MASS TIMES

##### Saturday:

6.00 p.m. Lancefield

##### 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month:

8.00 a.m. Lancefield and 10.00 a.m. Romsey

##### 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

The CWA are inviting all to a talk by Anne Phelan OAM. Anne will talk about her show business life and her involvement in support for women with the HIV virus and her support for asylum seekers and refugees.

#### Romsey Mechanics Hall

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 1.00pm

Entry \$7.00 to go to charity.

Afternoon Tea and raffle.

RSVP Val Jordan on 54292311

#### BINGO!! BINGO!! BINGO!!

Every Thursday evening

St. Mary's Church Hall at Romsey

Doors Open 7.00 p.m.

EYES DOWN 7.30 p.m.

\$3.00 per 15 game book

No entry fee Canteen facilities Free tea and coffee

#### A Cow Load of Cash

Each year in the lead up to Easter, the students of St Mary's Primary School Lancefield, raise money for those in need around the world. The Grade 3 and 4 students investigated ways they could raise money for the Catholic aid organisation "Caritas". In small groups the students designed activities such as colouring in competitions, egg and spoon races and a puppet show. The cost of participating in each activity was 10c. On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, the students invited other grades to attend their fundraising day. As a school over \$600 was raised, which was enough for Caritas to buy a cow, for a community in need.



Tamzin and Hannah are manning the "exchange table" where 10c tokens can be purchased



Ben and Jack are setting up their side show bowling game



Zac is official time keeper and judge for this heat of the egg and spoon race



Declan and Matthew are selling tickets for their Raffle



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**Term 2 2012**

### Health, Fitness & Wellbeing

#### Yoga

**Mondays 7pm-8.30pm** @ Romsey Community House  
 \$14 per class when Term Paid before end of Week 1  
 \$18 Casual Contact: Leisa Kirk 0408 934 656

**Thursdays 7pm-8.30pm** @ Romsey Community House  
 \$15 per class when Term Paid before end of Week 1  
 \$18 Casual Contact Lisa Moore: 0448 345 338

#### Sun Style Tai Chi

**Tuesdays 1pm-2pm**

\$8 per class (Minimum Numbers Apply)

To join—Contact Romsey Community House

#### 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)**

#### Heart Foundation 'Walk Together' Program

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

### Social & Creative Activities

#### Line Dancing

**Mondays 9.30am - 10.30am & Fridays 7.30pm-8.30pm** 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

##### Romsey Arts Society

Meets at the Community House Wednesdays fortnightly at 7pm till 9pm.

Gold coin contribution on the day.

Please feel welcome to bring in your own artwork and enjoy the company of other artists. For more information please ring Tanya Salter 04000 53 829 or 5429 6029

#### Art Classes

All children's classes run during the school term. Adult classes runs 90% of the year.

**Tuesday Adult 10:30 - 12:30am, \$15 a lesson**

Bring your own materials and I can show how to paint and draw in watercolour, acrylics and oils.

**Thursday Children's 3:45 - 4:45pm, \$7 a lesson**

**Thursday Children's 5:00 - 6:00 pm, \$7 a lesson**

Bring your own materials and I will teach your the child all the formal tools to creating a painting. Phone Tanya Salter for more information, 04000 53 829 or 5429 6029

#### 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 run on Tuesdays 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 on Thursdays from 12.30pm - 3pm

Cost \$165.00 / Conc \$60.00.

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### 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 the Romsey Community Hub. 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 H:0409 801 082 or H:54295448

#### Workshops for Children (with Stavroula)

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

**Tuesday April 3rd 10am-11am**

**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'

**Wednesdays 4th & 11th April 10.30am -12.30pm**

For more information or to book –

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## Romsey Playgroup Inc.

Romsey Community Hub,  
Main Street, Romsey

#### Welcome to Term 2 2012!

Welcome to Term 2 at Romsey Playgroup! We hope all of our families had an enjoyable Easter break, and are looking forward to lots of autumn fun this term.

As with last term we are running sessions Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9.30am until 11.30am. There is also an all ages session running Thursday afternoon from 1.30pm – 3.30pm, and a New Mothers Group joining us this term on Tuesday afternoons.

In order to continue to fund activities and toys for local children up to the age of 4, Romsey Playgroup is holding the following fundraiser in the month of May:

#### 2012 Playgroup Major Raffle

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Myer Shopping Spree Valued at \$10,000  
 2nd Prize - Myer Shopping Spree valued at \$2,000  
 3rd Prize - 2 nights at Silverwater Resort, Phillip Island valued at \$700

Tickets are only \$2 and will be available at Romsey Playgroup during sessions and from all 2012 Romsey Playgroup Members

For further information about supporting our fundraiser or to find out more about playgroup, please contact Melissa on 0438 831 427 or Email romseyplaygroup@gmail.com



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## COOLER WEATHER MEANS A HIGH RISK TIME FOR HOUSE FIRES

With Victoria set to experience an early dose of winter this week, CFA is warning all residents for the increased risk for house fires.

Already in the Northern and Western Metropolitan Region, CFA crews have responded to a number of major house fires in Melton, Sunbury and Wyndham Vale.

With much of the state now experiencing cooler temperatures, Sunbury Leading Firefighter Gary Anderson said the risk for house fires was high.

"Winter is one of the highest risk periods for residential fires, and many of these incidents can actually be avoided," he said.

LFF Anderson said this included fires that were caused by heaters that had not been properly checked or maintained.

"It is around this time of year that people will be turning on their heaters and other heating appliances for the first time in a number of months," he said.

"All heating appliances must be installed by a qualified tradesperson and correctly maintained in line with the manufactures recommendations."

LFF Anderson said residents with an open fire should also have their chimneys checked and swept annually.

Another danger area around the home is the kitchen, with one of the most common causes of winter fires being accidents or distractions from cooking.

"Never leave cooking, heaters, open fires or candles unattended. This includes drying clothes too close to heaters," LFF Anderson said.

"In the bedroom, people should ensure electric blankets are turned on, no more than 30 minutes before getting into bed and are turned off, once you are in bed. You should never have heavy items on the bed when the electric blanket is turned on.

"There are many precautions you can take to help safeguard your home and protect your family from the threat of fire.

"One of the most important things is to ensure your home has a working smoke alarm."

Last year there were more than 250 residential fires across the North West Metro region, with the highest number of incidents in Sunbury, Hoppers Crossing and Werribee.

For more winter fire safety tips, or to download a winter fire safety checklist, please visit [www.homefiresafety.com.au](http://www.homefiresafety.com.au)