

Romsey Golf Club Woman's Report

Wednesday 20th March: The monthly medal was played in perfect autumn weather. Wendy was the winner with 113-45-68. She also won the putting on the day with 30 putts.

March 21: The weather was predicted to be windy with some rain. Well they got it right. The wind was very strong. Playing Kilmore was a challenge while watching trees and trying to keep the ball low. Denise and I both got wet along with the rest of the field. The Kilmore ladies in the clubrooms were considering calling us in as they were worried about the conditions. Lunch was enjoyed and I won a prize in the raffle so all was not lost.

March 25th: Back to good autumn weather for the Dalhousie 4BBB and player of the year presentations. Lorraine and Denise managed the hill in a cart which was a challenge at times for them while Wendy and I walked also a challenge. Proves we are not as fit as we think.

Wednesday 27 at Romsey we played the club level of the Royal Women's Hospital 4BBB. Jan (40) and Leila (29) combined well to win with 46 pts and will go on to play in the district final at Yea later in the year. Congratulations we hope you go well and on to the state final.

Thursday 28th with bad weather forecast Lorraine and Beryl headed to Hidden Valley for their bowl. This time the bureau was wrong and we only had the briefest of a shower on the first hole followed by a perfect day for golf with no wind or sunshine. Despite this some scores were not good, but it was an enjoyable day.

Wednesday 3rd: April saw preparations being laid for our own bowl. Thanks to Jan who gave up her game of golf to do some mowing on the course to help it look its best for the full field on Thursday.

April 4 was the Romsey Challenge Bowl. After Lorraine sent the field off for the shot gun start there seemed to be no hurry as the sun was shining and no wind saw perfect

conditions for golf, but scoring on our small greens seemed to beat most players. The players were late in for lunch. With score cards all checked Gisborne were the winners of our bowl with a combined score of 88 pts. Kath Keating with 34pts from Woodend won A grade and Liz Toomey 31pts from Gisborne won B grade. Many thanks to our sponsors MTM golf Clubs and the Romsey Pharmacy and P & V Newell who donated the new bowl.

Monday April 8 Lorraine Wendy and Beryl journeyed to Marysville to compete in their bowl. The autumn weather was again on our side and we had an enjoyable day and didn't lose too many balls to the stream.

Wednesday April 10: With the weather continuing to smile upon us we played stapleford and secret partners. Denise (45) 40pts won the day and broke her handicap. Secret partners were won by Wendy and Beryl with 75 pts. Wendy (45) 37pts also broke her handicap.

Thursday April 11 it was up the road to Lancefield for the Mt William Cup. Leila, Denise and Beryl found the course fairly similar to Romsey but with less grass on the fairways. Denise continued her good form (34) pts and again broke her handicap.

Recipe for this month Yummy Chocolate Mousse

250g Cadbury Old Gold chocolate
4 eggs
300ml thickened cream
1 tsp vanilla
Separate eggs & beat egg whites until thick
Beat cream & vanilla until thick.
Melt chocolate (can be microwaved)
Mix cream & egg whites
Lightly beat egg yolks
Mix egg yolks with melted chocolate
Beat/Mix cream & chocolate mixtures together
Refrigerate until firm

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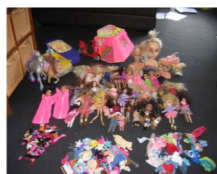
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News From the House

As this edition of the Romsey Rag goes to print, negotiations are being finalised for the appointment of a new Committee of Management. Be watching the Romsey Rag next month for details of the new faces and the revamped programs being offered at the House. In the meantime, please call in or phone to find out what the House has to offer or what you can offer the House. *On behalf of the retiring committee members I would like to say thank you to everyone who has supported the House since its inception in 2005, and to wish the new committee success in the future.*

Robyn Moore, former secretary

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CHINESE FRIENDSHIP GROUP INVITATION

In recent years there have been more Chinese people move to the Macedon Ranges.

Although some interaction opportunities are offered between local Australian and Chinese residents, there an opportunity exists to foster a deeper understanding and expanded communication within our community.

I am pleased to be able to assist Angela Shi in organising the first Australian Chinese Friendship Networking event in the Macedon Ranges.

This event is aimed at promoting cultural understanding between locals and Chinese residents, strengthening communication and information exchange, developing networking opportunities and encouraging positive engagement with the local community.


The event will be held at Joanne Duncan's office on May 13 at 7:30pm.

Everyone is most welcome.

If you wish to know more please contact Angela on 0468 617 186 or email australianchinesegroup@live.com.au or Joanne Duncan's office on 54282138

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Romsey Golf Club – Men’s Report

<http://romseygolfclub.net>
Saturday April 13th - Semi Finals Single K/O & Stroke

A few heavy dews but no real rain for over two weeks saw the growth on the fairways stall making the grass cover quite inconsistent so relief, on the fairway played, was given. The two Algie Mitchell Shield matches got through a few holes before the wind blew up while the bulk of the stroke field had to contend with inconsistent, gusting NW winds for the whole round. Our birds had returned for one last (hopefully) attack on the 7th green and a quick chew on the 9th but their work lacked conviction and whilst an inconvenience, was reasonably quickly repaired. Apart from these minor concerns the greens were in top nick. The day's results were;

Aglie Mitchell Shield Semi Finals;
Kev Milner (9) **D** Pat Chisholm (18) 8/7

Steve Poulton (29) **D** Shannon Wright (9) 4/3. Kev will play Steve in the final next Saturday.

Stroke: Winner; Tony Freeman - 91/17/74. NTPs 15 - Bob McLennan, & 16 - Tony Freeman

Saturday April 6th - 1st Round Singles K/O & Par

The sun was shining, there was virtually no wind, the greens were in great nick and the fairways were well on their way back after the extended dry so it seemed the day was almost perfect for golf as players took to the course for the 1st round of the Algie Mitchel Singles Knock-out and the Par competition. However, despite the excellent conditions, it proved very difficult to card a good score. Many players underestimated

the run and bounced well past the green or found themselves chopping at a ball buried in the uneven new, green growth on the fairways. The day's results were;

Algie Mitchell Singles K/O
Kev Milner (9) **D** Tony Freeman (17) 3/4

Shannon Wright (9) **D** Mick Nicholls (20) 21st hole

Steve Poulton (29) **D** Les Gaunt (5) 19th hole

Pat Chisholm (18) **D** Bob McLennan (9) 5/4

Par competition; Winner John Laing (22) +1 from Chris vanDerVliet (25) -1 NTPs; 15 - Steve Poulton.

Saturday March 30th - Monthly Medal, Stroke & Putts

Conditions were ideal for golf, just over 20C, fairways greening up, receptive greens and only occasional gusts of wind so players expected to card a good score in the March Monthly Medal. The recent rain had greatly reduced the irregular bounces on the fairways; players could shoot directly at the greens knowing that if they were short the ball would take a true line. The greens continue to improve allowing golfers to attack the hole with confidence feeling sure that there would be no unexpected deviations. The day's results were; Winner and March Monthly Medalist - Anthony Lakey - 86/18/68 from Bob McLennan - 79/9/70 and Pat Chisholm - 90/18/72.

Least putts - Kev Milner - 25. NTPs went to 1 - Anthony Lakey, 15 - Bob McLennan.

The 2013 pennant captains were also announced. Scratch - Bob McLennan, Handicap - Tony Freeman.

Saturday March 23rd - Singles Knock Out Qualifying - Stableford

Players in the qualifying round for the

Algy Mitchell Singles K/O Shield were met by strong, gusting winds however, by mid afternoon, the winds had died down leaving only the occasional squall from the south west or the north west. As the day wore on the strong field enjoyed the generally warm, dry conditions. After about 15mm of rain during the week the fairways were a little softer and, whilst drives lost some distance, approach shots were more consistently struck. The greens continued their steady improvement and gave steadfast putters a great return. The day's results were; Winner - Kev Milner (9) 40 pts from Mick Nicholls (21) 39 pts, Mitchell Clement (13) 39 pts, Steve Poulton (30) 38 pts, Bob McLennan (10) 37 pts, Pat Chisholm (19) 37 pts & Les Gaunt (5) 36 pts. NTPs went to 1- Shannon Wright, 15 - Kev Milner & 16 - John Laing.

Round 1 of the Algie Mitchell Shield will feature Kev Milner (9) **Vs** Tony Freeman (17), Mick Nicholls (21) **Vs** Shannon Wright (9), Steve Poulton (30) **Vs** Les Gaunt (5) and Bob McLennan (10) **Vs** Pat Chisholm (19). These matches must be played on or before Saturday April 6th.

It is sad to report the ongoing vandalism around the golf course and through the park. On many occasions we must replace flags and poles that have either been stolen or broken and left on the green. We also have to contend with damaged greens where people have ridden their bikes across skidding to leave gouges or have dug flag poles or large pieces of wood into the surface. A number of young trees have also been broken off or just pulled out of the ground.

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September 1st	October 6th	November 3rd	December 1st

Bolinda & Monegeetta COMMUNITY NEWS: **BOLINDA HALL CENTENARY DAY IS THE 22ND OF** **JUNE, 2013.**

AND THE WEATHE Rainfall for March was 125pts (31mL) and it's drying out again. We seem to be missing some of those isolated downpours other areas are getting but our turn will come. Lovely milder autumn weather is with us; it's lovely to feel a nip in the air and see the change of colour in the leaves. Autumn roses are stunning just now, salvias are providing a feast for the birds and the autumn bulbs are in flower; it's a good time to enjoy the garden before the pruning and mulching is on us.

HALL COMMITTEE Hope you have marked the date in your diaries – June 22nd, the full moon in June, for the Bolinda Hall Centenary Day. We have anecdotes and a display in the afternoon – 2 to 4pm – and plenty of time to chat and reminisce over a cuppa and afternoon tea. Let us know if you are coming so that we can allocate you a seat in case the weather is not what we hope for. Our evening dinner is from 7pm, so you will need to book for that. It's a great occasion – a good meal, great company - indeed, a once-in -a -century experience for just \$25 a head. Book on 54 285 347 and if we are not there leave a clear message and please repeat your contact details. We will confirm your booking with you.

We are still looking for any postcards, photos, clippings etc, if you know of any that we can photocopy. Please let any ex-residents know. Our next Hall Committee meeting is on Tuesday, May 7th at 8:00pm. Anyone and all are very welcome! (Even just to drop in for a natter!)

HISTORY: FROM THE MINUTE BOOK: *Not from the Minute Book this time, which says nothing about the actual opening of the Hall. We are very grateful to the Romsey-Lancefield Historical Society, in particular Robyn Miller, for the following from the Romsey Examiner for the 13th of June, 1913. (And what a wonderful job this Society has done over the years. The many volunteers who have been involved in documenting the history of the area are to be warmly thanked; our research has been done for us, is available for our use and we are very grateful.)*

"BOLINDA. A working bee was held at the Bolinda Hall last week, and a large number of men and women turned up with horses and drays and a busy time was spent. Gates were erected, and sand and gravel carted. Much yet remains to be done and another day is to be arranged. The ladies thoughtfully arranged a hot dinner at Mrs Brady's place and Messrs Lloyd and F. Clarke expressed the thanks of all present. Everything is ready for the opening next Friday, and given a good night, a large crowd should be present. At the last meeting of the committee a hearty vote of thanks was carried to Mrs Robert Clarke, of Bolinda Vale, for her gift of the Encyclopaedia Britannica to the library."

BOLINDA HALL(Melways 610 J9; cnr Mullaly's and Melb-Lancefield Road): *Don't forget our community hall is available for hire at very cheap rates. We want to see it used. That's why it was built! Great for adult or children's parties with lots of safe outdoor space available.*

BOL-DARRA (Bolinda-Darraweit) GARDEN CLUB: We had a wonderful opening to our Garden Club year last month when we visited Mrs Joanie Curling's lovely Riddell garden. Daughter Susie Laurie explained how her mother had come

from England (and a large garden with several gardeners...of such are dreams made...) to Australia after the war. Contracting severe polio did not detract Joanie from building wonderful gardens – often based on the time-honored give and take of sharing cuttings, seeds, slips, etc. This last garden has been designed by Sue *to be looked out on from inside the house*, where Joanie spends her time now. The front garden, wonderfully cottagey with roses, lavender etc, overlooks the Lake Park, giving a vista of mature oaks, a monkey puzzle, etc whilst the long rear garden looks out to the hills overlooking Riddell. Delightful! We all met Joanie, had a great browse, collected cuttings (Salvia Black 'n Blue was a favourite) and had a great day. Then a yummy afternoon tea at the Mocha Leaf café. They kindly stayed open to cater for us... I had forgotten it was Easter Saturday. We enjoyed great hot coffee, a terrific range of food and stimulating chatter.

Our next meeting is on the 27th of April, to Werribee Mansions to view the wonderful autumn colors of the roses. We meet at Bolinda Hall at 1:30 for a chat and brief discussion session...and then we move off to our garden visit about 2:00. Please feel free to join us. And remember -"Anyone who has a library and a garden wants for nothing." (Cicero)

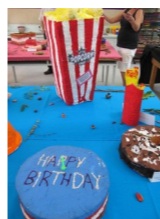
PEOPLE OF THE MONTH: When I went to visit our 'People' this month, I met daughter Anne, who said, "Mum is around somewhere. She was just cutting cypress at the front, but I think she's gone around to get the ute to load it onto." Nothing strange about that – except "Mum" is Phyl Jacobsen and she will be 91 on the 5th of May! (Daughter Kim has a clinic for cross-country riders coming up and Phyl had made her a brush jump, but the cypress brush needed replenishing, which is why Phyl had been cutting cypress.) Phyl and her sister Nancy Snider moved to be close to Phyl's daughter Kim in Weatherly Road, Bolinda, about 13 years ago. Nancy came from the El Dorado area and Phyl from Templestowe. They were not strangers to the district though, as their Great-Great-Granny had been married to James Miller, one of John Brock's three sons. (Brock was one of the original settlers in the area. Brock's Monument, etc)) When James Miller died after a fall from a horse, 'Granny Connors' moved to Colac, where she married Joseph Henry Connors. Nancy has been a district identity for years with her passion for gardening and roses in particular; in fact Anne was busy weeding the rose bed when I arrived. There was a stunning array of roses in glorious autumn bloom and Phyl delights in taking a bunch to Nancy, who, due to ill-health, is now in Woodend community Aged Care but keen to keep up with the district doings. Phyl has a great passion for horses; it runs in the family, as she has an 'Ondit' sales catalogue from 1884 when a buggy horse sold for 3 guineas and Connors' Welsh mountain pony, imported from Wales and undefeated in the show ring was passed in – and sold later for 180 guineas! Phyl also loves gardening; she has some lovely geraniums and is at present potting up plants to decorate Kim's ménage. She had been moving soil out of some old troughs – she had 3 wheelbarrows on the go when I was there! She feeds 7 horses morning and night, starts up the old mower and keeps the grass down, fixes gates when the posts have moved. I think there is a bit of trepidation in Anne's voice (she's a teacher, based in Melbourne) when she rings up and says, "What have you been up to today?" Is Phyl our oldest resident? Meet her at the Centenary dinner!! She's booked in. Cheerio from Bolinda & Monegeetta **John and Ruth Green 54 285 347; 0415 256 911; jandrgreen@hotmail.com**



TOGETHER WE LEARN AND GROW

You Can Do It

Romsey Primary School is excited to be introducing the social emotional program "You Can Do It". It consists of explicit, weekly instruction on the development of five social and emotional capabilities: **confidence, persistence, organisation, getting along and resilience**. Each component is made of a number of Habits of the Mind which are important life skills for all students. These are Accepting Myself, Taking Risks, Being Independent, I Can Do It, Giving Effort, Working Tough, Setting Goals, Planning My Time, Being Tolerant of Others, Thinking First, Playing by the Rules and Social Responsibility. These Habits of the Mind are taught explicitly, as well as integrated into the whole school curriculum. Bringing the parents on-board will also be important and a range of opportunities will be available to inform them of the program and how they can support their children. With depression being of concern in our community it is important to teach children about their emotions, how to control them and to give them a range of strategies to improve their social skills. Research from schools which use this program shows that children who understand and display these capabilities achieve higher learning outcomes.



Big Food Little Food Art Exhibition

This is one of the many art works exhibited at the end of last term at the Year 5&6 "Big Food Little Food" Exhibition. Congratulations to the senior students who organised and ran this art show, and the Visual Arts teacher Annie Betts for steering them through this process.

School Cross Country

In the last week of term the school cross country event was a huge success. Students participated with enthusiasm and many showed great persistence to finish with very good times. Congratulations to Annie Horton for the smooth organisation on the day. It was great to see the Romsey Primary School shelter on display for the first time and to be able to incorporate the new Romsey sport's oval within the course. All students participated, along with some parents, with the older students completing two or three kilometres and the Prep -2 students one kilometre. We were very proud of our extremely responsible year 5/6 students who helped the younger students and particularly our House Captains who assisted with the organisation, set-up and pack-up. Congratulations to Clarke for winning with 294 points. House Captains Travis Clarke and Remy Gibson were proud to accept the shield on behalf of Clarke House. The final scores were

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Clarke 294 points, Shaw 250 points, McIntyre 226 points and 4th Clement 202

A team of the best competitors will be participating in the local schools competition at Hanging Rock. The first place-getters in each section were:

Prep girls	Alice Bromley
Prep boys	Nathan Wilmann
Year 1 girls	Alison Day
Year 1 boys	Harry Bryant
Year 2 girls	Tahlia Giri
Year 2 boys	Leroy Ristevski
8/9 y.o.girls	Koby Rademaker
8/9 y.o.boys	Noah Emonson
10 y.o.girls	Georgie Prespakis
10 y.o.boys	Liam Muir
11 y.o.girls	Alice Quigley
11 y.o.boys	Corey Johnston
12/13 y.o.girls	Georgia Grigoletti
12/13 y.o.boys	Alex Nicola



each area of force. Students will continue to have the wonderful opportunity to use the netbooks throughout the curriculum, building on their ICT skills. The year 4s and 3/4LS continue their gardening program and are preparing the garden beds for autumn planting.

Year 5/6 Learning Priority - Windows on Australia

Senior students have a focus on history investigating how Australia's discovery, settlement and exploration. They will also learn about some significant events in Australia's history and how people in Australia's past have influenced the development of our nation. Pre-orientation visits to Kyneton and Gisborne Secondary Colleges are scheduled for this term to help students with their transition to secondary education.

Thank You Mrs Byrne

We feel sure that the community would join us in offering our best wishes and gratitude to retiring staff member Mrs Vicki Byrne. After 25 years of service at Romsey Primary School, and 35 years with the Education Department, Vicki has decided to retire on Friday May 10th, will move to the coast for a new lifestyle in the near future.

Vicki came to Romsey Primary School with a wealth of experience in several rural schools, as well as experience in special education. At Romsey Vicki has taught every year level from year 1 to 6. In addition to being a generalist classroom teacher, Vicki's particular area of expertise and passion has been in literacy and language development, and she has been a Reading Recovery teacher, Literacy Coordinator and library program leader during her time at Romsey.

A small token of appreciation was presented to Mrs Byrne at assembly. At Vicki's request we will not be holding an official school event to say farewell, but we do say thank you on behalf of the staff past and present, as well as many hundreds of students and families who have known Vicki, for a job well done.



Starting Prep in 2014

Learn more about what **Romsey Primary School** has to offer.

2013 School Tours

Thursday 2nd May Thursday 6th June at 9:30am

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Special tours can be arranged. Please call the Principal Joan Gibbs for an appointment

Romsey Red Cross

Thank you to everyone for helping us raise \$1,425.80 to continue the good work of the Australian Red Cross.

The lucky winners of our Easter Raffles were:
Saturday 17th March—Eileen French & Phoebe Mottram
Saturday 24th March—Robyn Moore & Patrick (Leeanne Eames)

Coming events:

Musical Afternoon – May 26th – Mechanics Institute Hall

Blumes Fashions – Luncheon – September 6th

Centenary of Australian Red Cross - 13th August 2014

The next meeting 1pm second Tuesday of the month at The Uniting Church Pohlman Street. **ALL WELCOME**

Chairperson: Karen Hermann 5429 6658

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Grants help local farmers tackle climate change

The Federal Member for McEwen, Rob Mitchell MP, is encouraging farmers and land managers to put in their application for a share of \$30 million under the next round of the Gillard Government's Carbon Farming Futures Action on the Ground program.

"This program will help implement real on-farm trials of new practices that reduce carbon emissions," Mr Mitchell said. "Individual grants of up to \$775,000 are available to farmers, land managers, non-government organisations and research and industry sectors. Farmers and landholders are responsible managers of their land. They are on the front line of climate change and this program will help them find new methods to reduce their emissions. I encourage farmers and landholders in McEwen to get involved."

The grants will support innovative projects that will reduce methane emissions in livestock production systems, reduce nitrous oxide emissions or increase carbon sequestration in soils.

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Joe Ludwig, said the program supported trials that would help develop new Carbon Farming Initiative methodologies.

"Action on the Ground is about turning research into real world practices for use across the agriculture sector," Minister Ludwig said. "This program supports trials and demonstrations that can reduce on-farm greenhouse gas emissions or increase soil carbon, while maintaining or improving farm productivity and sustainability."

The Action on the Ground program is also a key element of the Carbon Farming Futures Fund, a component of the \$1.7 billion Land Sector Package under the government's Securing a Clean Energy Future Plan.

Outcomes from the program will also contribute to the development of Carbon Farming Initiative offset methodologies, paving the way for farmers and land managers to earn additional income through carbon credits.

Applications for funding under round two of Action on the Ground close on 23 May 2013.

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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

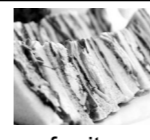
Persons who are interested in this club and wishing to obtain more information please contact the President or Secretary at the above phone numbers.

Our May meeting will be on
Thursday 23rd May, 2013.

Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club
now has a website as follows:
rprobust.org.au



The-UCAF Invites



Romsey you to



join them for its annual Winter Luncheon

What Time: 11.45am
When: Wednesday 12th June, 2013
Where: Romsey Uniting Church
Pohlman Street, Romsey 3434
Cost: \$10.00

"Come and enjoy food and fellowship"

Our speaker this year will be

Jenny Hayes – Prison Chaplain

Trading Table and Door Prize.

RSVP. By 30th May, 2013

Hazel Allen 5429 5395 Jeni Clampit 5429 5480

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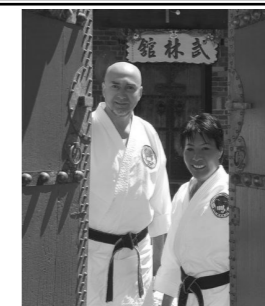
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Need An Excuse to Get Out of the House?



Last month we held a special open event at the Romsey Hub and had the pleasure of having award-winning journalist Sara James come speak about her life experiences as mother and a writer. The event was a huge success with approximately 40 people attending to meet Sara and gain some background knowledge about her book "An Extraordinary School" which is about a new model of educating children with special needs.

We would like to thank the Romsey Hub & Neighbourhood House for their support and kind donation in holding this event and of course Sara James for taking the time to share with us. Also a big thank you goes to our secretary Natasha Boucher and Emma Stevens of Red Door Books, Lancefield, for all their hard work in making the night possible, and all the ladies who brought along a plate of food. It rounds up a huge month in Romsey surrounding Autism Awareness and donations from the night contributed to this worthy cause.

This month our gathering will be on **Thursday 16th May at the Lancefield Hotel @ 7pm**. So take some time out for yourself and please come join us! Our groups' mission is to bring women together to share ideas, connect people with common interests and support women in our rural community to pursue their dreams. It is a genuine celebration of the spirit of friendship and the natural networks women form.

Whether you need to connect with local women to network in a business/professional sense or just need a social outlet, please come and join one of our monthly meetings. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month to give women an opportunity to take some time out from their busy lives of an evening and stay connected. Please come along for a glass of wine, a chat and have some laughs!

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

Annual membership: \$20

Enquiries: -

Romsey Region Women's Network Inc.

Tracey (President) - 0416 497 623

111 Main Street, Romsey VIC 3434

Natasha (Secretary) - 0421 289 137

Fran (Treasurer) - 0427 825 989

Email: info@rrwn.com.au

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COMING EVENTS

Sat 18th & Sun 19th May 2013

Barefoot Doctor Workshop

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New draft Local Law—Have your say
 You are invited to have your say on the new Local Law (no.10) for the Macedon Ranges. The current law (no.8) expires on 30 September 2013.

Council makes and enforces local laws to ensure that we are considerate of others' right to live peacefully and privately. Local laws cover activities that impact on the amenity of our community, such as animal keeping, activities of roads and streets and on Council land, street furniture, burning off, lighting fires and the consumption of alcohol in public places. Our new Local Law should meet the needs of the community, correspond with existing state legislation, consider impacts on our rights and economic competition and anticipate changes that may occur over the next 10 years. To help shape the new Local Law:

- Download the Draft Local Law No. 10 from mrsc.vic.gov.au under the 'Have Your Say' tab, or view a copy of the draft any of Council's customer service centres.
- Send in a written submission to Local Law Review PO Box 151, Kyneton VIC 3444 by the 30 June 2013
- Attend a community consultation to provide feedback on the draft.

Monday 20 May 2013

- Romsey Hub: 10–11:30am
- Kyneton Town Hall, Richardson Room: 6–7:30pm

Monday 3 June 2013

- Gisborne Administration Centre, Council Chamber: 10–11:30am
- Jubilee Hall, Macedon: 6–7:30pm

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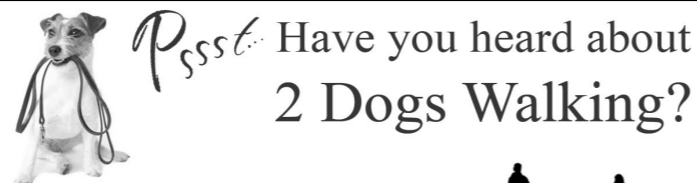
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We are often surprised at the enquiries we receive each month, the main ones are about the railways, particularly the Lancefield to Kilmore line and Burke & Wills. It will be 57 years in August since the trains to Lancefield stopped running.

At the moment we are on the lookout for a photo of the Lancefield Milk Bar/News agency from sometime in the last 50 years. This photo could be added to our current project that is the history of the businesses in Lancefield, there are similar projects for Romsey, Riddells Creek and Rochford.

Last week we had a visit from Kevin Smith from Western Australia and he had brought with him 12 members of his family to see where their ancestors had lived and worked in Romsey. Their grandfather David Smith had a fruit and vegetable & tobacconist on the East side of Main Street and then he moved across the street and the business expanded to a news agency as well. David Smith and family came to Romsey in 1894 and left in 1910 to go to the West. Bert Smith, son of David joined the army and went to the first war and was killed in action. Kevin and 2 members of his family visited us late last year and we were able to find quite a few pieces of information about his family during their time in Romsey.

Here are some dates for you diary don't forget the last time Seymour Cottage is open before the winter is the 19th May from then it will be closed until we reopen on the 18th September. The cottage can be opened for group bookings during winter by calling Sheryl Willett on 0419 597 947 or email seymourcottage@gmail.com Don't forget to follow the cottage on facebook under Seymour Cottage. It is good to see we are getting a following.

The Winter luncheon will be held on the 23rd July so keep this date free we are having an Author come to speak to us about their latest novel. It should be an interesting talk as the book has local content. More details of this will be published in later publications.

As always we are still looking for anyone who would like to help the Society you don't need any special skills. Any time you can spend helping either at the Courthouse or the Cottage would be greatly appreciated. It doesn't need to be on a regular basis just a pop in when you have some spare time would be great.

We are still looking for a President so if there is anyone interested in this position please contact us. The committee meetings are held during the day so you won't have to go out at night during the winter.

Shirley 0402 248 540 or Sheryl 0419 597 947 or Robyn 0418 172 659

That is all that there is to say for this month. Keep these dates free and we look forward to seeing you there.

ROMSEY / LANCEFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS Meet each Monday.

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Forty days after **EASTER DAY** comes **THE ASCENSION DAY**
Ten days after **ASCENSION DAY** comes the **DAY OF PENTECOST** or **WHITSUNDAY**

"He appeared to them over a period of forty days...He gave them this command: *do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised which you have heard me speak about....But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

After He said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as He was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven." Acts 1.vv3.4.8-11.

APRIL IN RETROSPECT. April has been a quieter month. The Guild Street Stall on the 13th was a worthwhile event both socially and financially and we were blessed with a very pleasant morning. A big thank you to all who supported the stall by their handiwork and purchases. Raffle Prize Winners were: 1st: L Thomson, Romsey; 2nd: M Mortimer, Spotswood; 3rd: J Lynch, Romsey.

ALPHA classes finish this month and those attending have been spiritually enriched by a deepening appreciation of the Christian Faith. A second series is contemplated.

DIARY - MAY 2013

SERVICE TIMES: 9.00am, HOLY COMMUNION - ST. PAUL'S ROMSEY
10.30am, HOLY COMMUNION - CHRIST CHURCH LANCEFIELD

Thursday 2 MAY 1.30pm - GUILD AFTERNOON in Christ Church Hall, Chauncey St. Lancefield **SPEAKER: MR GREG GIBSON, Pharmacist - "PHARMACY TODAY"**
Donation: \$5 – Raffle, Afternoon Tea. Contact Doreen.5429-6060 or Glenice.5429-6428. **ALL WELCOME!**

Saturday, 4 MAY. GARAGE SALE at the LANCEFIELD VICARAGE. Saleable goods may be left at the vicarage at the end of April. This is in conjunction with the Lancefield Town Garage sale arranged by the Neighbourhood Centre.
Thursday, 9 MAY ASCENSION DAY 8.00pm: A.M.S. (Anglican Men's Society) meets for Snooker Night (contact Tom Morgan - 5429-6060)

Thursday, 16 MAY, 1.30pm The Guild meets at Mrs F Carter's home, Monegeetta. Enq Doreen 5429 6060

Sunday, 19 MAY, WHITSUNDAY or PENTECOST – the coming of the Holy Spirit

Sunday, 26 MAY, TRINITY SUNDAY – the Christian triune nature of God: FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT

Thrice Holy! Father, Spirit. Son; Mysterious Godhead, Three in One,

Before Thy Throne we sinners bend, Grace, pardon, life to us extend.

Minister: Rev. W. Carroll Office (5429 1380, 0427 918607) Di Morgan.(5429-6060)



St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey
27-29 Chauncey St, Lancefield & 85 Main Rd, Romsey

Parish Priest: Fr. Arnold Heredia
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School Principal: Mr. Anthony Falls

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St Mary's Primary School News

2014 enrolments are being taken now please contact the school on 54291359 to arrange a tour. Enrolment forms are available from the school office or can be picked at either of the local kindergartens.

Cultural Diversity Week: A Taste of Africa
On Thursday 21st March Year 3-6 students from St Mary's and Lancefield Primary experienced the musical culture of Ghana, Africa. A group of African artists performed a variety of musical and cultural activities. This included the students having an opportunity to participate in tribal drumming activities, which sounded amazing.



Year Prep 3 Bees book launch
On Thursday March 27th the Year Prep students held their 3 Bee's book launch. The students had photos taken with their Year Six buddies and wrote about how to be respectful, positive and cooperative at school.



Project Compassion
On Monday March 25th the 5/6's organised a sports activity session for each Class as a fundraiser for Project Compassion.

Well done to the Year 5/6 students for organising this event which raised over \$100. We have now reached our \$500 target.

Cobaw Sports report
Congratulations to all the students who represented St Mary's on Friday 22nd March at the Cobaw Interschool Summer Sports. The students are to be commended on their wonderful sportsmanship. Both volleyball teams have successfully progressed to the next level of the interschool competition. The cricket team came 4th and the softballers finished 2nd. Thanks to Mrs Giles for all her hard work in organising this.

New Paving and Front Entrance
Work on the new paving and general landscaping at the front of the school is progressing well.

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

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REGULAR EVENTS

SVDP Drop-In: First Thursday of each month, 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey. All welcome to come for a game of cards/chat and free lunch.

Reconciliation

Tuesday 19th March 7pm at Lancefield Stations of the Cross and Benediction

BINGO

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St. Mary's Church Hall at Romsey

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\$3.00 per 15 game book

No entry fee

Canteen facilities Free tea and coffee



Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA) UPDATE

Light Up Blue Romsey Success

RRBATA Committee of Management congratulates both Shantelle Grant as organiser and Romsey businesses and the community for supporting the Light Up Blue Romsey initiative for Autism Awareness. The RRBATA-sponsored (with support from electrician Milos Staric) blue illumination of the Lions Reserve eucalypt has received many compliments and it has been great to see shopfront businesses decked out in blue lights and balloons.

In addition to encouraging businesses to raise awareness of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) by decorating their shopfronts blue, RRBATA has organised the big gum tree near the Lions' Reserve (skate park) to be illuminated blue during April with the much appreciated assistance of Milos Staric.

RRBATA supports whole town initiatives such as this which promote worthy causes. No doubt, Shantelle is already planning next year's activities!

The Great Business Breakfast Update- DATE CHANGE

The "unofficial election campaign" is well and truly underway, with what seems like almost daily policy initiatives being announced by the major political parties. The Great Breakfast Debate has been **rescheduled to Friday 9th August 2013** with Federal Member for McEwen, Mr. Rob Mitchell, indicating his attendance. With the change in Liberal Party candidature for McEwen recently announced, RRBATA has now extended an invitation to Ms. Donna Petrovich and is hopeful for her attendance. Other senior members of the major parties are also considering their diary availability for the event. This will offer members of our region a great forum to dialogue with our politicians on issues important to both our region and the broader Australian community. This event will be held at Cope Williams Winery to allow a large audience to be comfortably catered for. RRBATA is planning for this to be a compelling event. We hope to have further details locked in for your information in the June edition of the Rag.

Romsey Online Upgrade

RRBATA would like to upgrade Romsey Online to make it even more user-friendly for our community and more aesthetically pleasing for potential visitors to our town. Whilst we are researching options with the appropriate ICT professionals, RRBATA would also like input from the Romsey region community about your likes and dislikes of the current website as well as ideas (including other website designs seen elsewhere) which could assist.

The Rotunda

Most readers would be aware of the "rotunda" situated adjacent to the service lane on the western side of the Main Road near Romsey Mowers. Historically, this was a RRBATA initiative some years ago. However, its current location is not in a typical "pull over" area. Hence, it is probably not fulfilling its original purpose as well as it could.



RRBATA is currently discussing with Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Economic Development and Tourism whether a re-location of this information structure would enhance its utilization.

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.

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ALL BRETHREN WELCOME



Romsey Uniting Church
Pohlman Street, Romsey. 3434 Supply Minister Rev. Max Woolcock

Church Council Chairperson: Noel Shaw - 5429 5509 Secretary: Jeni Clampit - 5429 5480



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

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

the Romsey Uniting Church Adult Fellowship had new carpet and vinyl laid in the meeting room and kitchen. Painting has been completed on window ledges and cupboard doors etc. We are very happy with the way the work has been completed and our appreciation is expressed to all those who helped with moving furniture and equipment out of the areas involved and then moving everything back again.

Advance Notice

The Romsey Uniting Church Adult Fellowship is holding its Annual Winter Luncheon on June 12th, 2013. Our Guest Speaker will be Jenny Hayes, a Prison Chaplain. We will have a Cake Stall / Trading Table, Door Prizes etc. Lunch consisting of Soup, Sandwiches and Cakes. Please see the notice in this edition of the Romsey Rag.

Call No One Stranger

You first saw them by the roadside standing at the cross-roads, waiting... listening.... watching...

They walked in silence, small bundles on their backs clutching other bits in their hands.

Fear on the faces of those women, men & children.

Frightened by the past, fearful of the future.

Will no one understand their pain?

Will anyone open a door to receive them?

Look again and you will see – familiar people....mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, grandparents.

Listen and you will hear familiar sounds... talking, crying, laughing.

Understand and you will know the stuff of which your

dreams are made...love and laughter, security and safety,

peace and prosperity...are their dreams, too.

That which is joy to every human heart is not alien to theirs.

The peace you long for is that same peace they strive for.

We stand together as one... drawing warmth from the same sun and life from the same earth.

And though we travel on different roads,

We are part of one God, one Earth, one Universe...

There are no strangers.

Tears shed in compassion.... songs of love and dreams of peace make us all one.

Recognize your family in the stranger.

Open your door, invite them in to sit at your table and share your bread.

Call no one stranger whose roots are kin to your own...

whose lives all spring from the

One Great Fountain of Life!

Call No One Stranger" by Sr. Patricia Mulhall
From Worship resources on Uprooted People.
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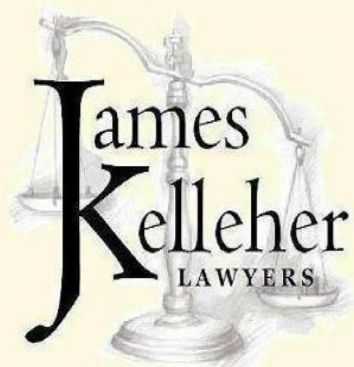
Services conducted during May 2013

5th 9am. Worship Service conducted by the
Worship Team

12th 9.am Communion Service conducted by
Rev. Max Woolcock

19th 9.am Worship Service conducted by visiting
minister

26th 9.am Worship Service conducted by
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Draft Macedon Ranges Agribusiness Plan

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is inviting the community to have a say on a draft plan for the future of agriculture in the Macedon Ranges until Friday 10 May 2013.

The draft plan incorporates feedback received from the local agribusiness community via a survey and consultation workshop. It proposes fourteen recommendations under four strategic themes: Facilitating Communication; Managing Transition; Providing Information and Facilitating Outcomes; and Supporting Growth Opportunities.

Recommendations include forming a Macedon Ranges Agribusiness Forum, facilitating regular industry workshops and networking opportunities, and building links between the established and new residents in agricultural areas. Macedon Ranges Shire Council Mayor, Cr Roger Jukes, stressed the importance of the draft plan and encouraged the community to provide comments:

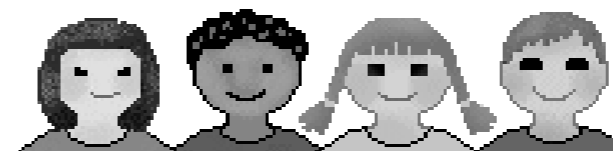
"The draft plan reflects Council's commitment to supporting a sustainable agricultural future for the Macedon Ranges and acknowledges the contribution of agribusiness to our local economy and community.

"We are very grateful for the response we received through the recent survey and community workshop, and believe the recommendations of the draft plan will serve the community well.

"We now need to ensure that the whole Macedon Ranges community have had the opportunity to comment on the draft plan. I encourage everyone to have a read through it sometime over the next four weeks," he said.

Written submissions will be accepted until close of business on Friday 10 May 2013.

Copies of the draft plan are available on Council's website, www.mrsc.vic.gov.au, and at the Kyneton, Woodend, Gisborne and Romsey Council offices.



Romsey Playgroup Inc.
Romsey Community Hub,
Main Street, Romsey

- NEW SNEW SESSION TIME!!!!
SATURDAY 9.45 – 11.45AM @ Romsey Hub
(From April 20th - June 15th 2013)

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*A clothesline was a news forecast, to neighbours passing by,
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It also was a friendly link, for neighbours always knew
If company had stopped on by, to spend a night or two.*

*For then you'd see the "fancy sheets", and towels up-on the line;
You'd see the "company table cloths", with intricate designs.
The line announced a baby's birth, from folks who lived inside,
As brand new infant clothes were hung, so carefully with pride!*

*The ages of the children could, so readily be known
By watching how the sizes changed, you'd know how much they'd grown!
It also told when illness struck, as extra sheets were hung;
Then nightclothes, and a bathrobe too, haphazardly were strung.*

*It also said, "On vacation now", when lines hung limp and bare.
It told, "We're back!" when full lines sagged, with not an inch to spare!
New folks in town were scorned upon, if wash was dingy and gray,
As neighbours carefully raised their brows, and looked the other way.*

*But clotheslines now are of the past, for dryers make work much less.
Now what goes on inside a home, is anybody's guess!
I really miss that way of life, it was a friendly sign
When neighbours knew each other best... by what hung on that line.*

Due to cancelled meetings because of holidays, illnesses and other commitments, our Branch finally met in April to discuss the Creative Arts Exhibition which was held at the Mechanics Hall in Romsey April 19th and 20th. I am writing this article after the event, so hopefully, this was a huge success and those of you that attended saw the exceptional workmanship of our members from the Central Highlands Group. Our next venture is the State Conference, this year to be held in Frankston. Romsey Branch has 4 members attending and we trust they will enjoy it all and bring back to the members the outcomes of the many resolutions put forward.

I do trust that I will have more to report in the June issue. For information about our Branch, please contact our Secretary, Val on 5429 2311 or come along to one of our meetings held on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Mechanics Hall Super Room at 10.00 am.

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The Romsey Mechanics Institute (RMI) held its Triennial General Meeting in late February. The meeting was attended by a number of community members, officials from the many Regular User Groups and representatives from the Department of Sustainability & Environment.

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A report on the previous three-year's activities and operation at the institute was presented and DSE representatives and committee members answered a number of questions arising from that report. Nominations for the committee were called for and a new Committee of Management was elected. The committee includes representatives from Regular User groups, other community groups and interested members of the community.

Our hall is well over 100 years old and is in need of serious maintenance and some modernisation to bring it up to the standard expected by current society. During the life of the last CoM a structural engineer's report on the RMI was obtained. This report is the first step in the process of formulating a master plan for the RMI. The report listed a number of works to repair and maintain the main hall and many other elements that make up the RMI.

The committee is actively seeking funds via a variety of local/state/federal government and other grants. These many grants will range from ~\$2,000 to ~\$100,000+. These monies will be used to modernise the kitchen, install safety equipment on the roof to allow maintenance works, modernise the main hall lighting, purchase items such as new tables and chairs and undertake more serious works as identified in both the structural engineer's report and the master plan.

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The CoM was informed in early April that DSE will provide an initial grant of \$40,000 to begin these works. This money will begin the works program listed in the structural engineer's report.



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A New Macedon Ranges Stroke Support Group has formed

A new stroke support group has started in the Macedon Ranges encompassing Kyneton, Woodend, Gisborne, Riddells Creek, Romsey and Lancefield. Kyneton stroke survivor, Kim Courtney hosts monthly meetings at a central location at the Whistlestop Tavern in New Gisborne. Kim has seen the group grow exponentially as there appears to be a real need for a stroke support group in the Region. "It is a non-threatening environment for members to share information and experiences with each other" says Kim. "We are offering a support network to stroke survivors in the Macedon Ranges."

Stroke is a leading cause of disability and Australia's second biggest killer. A Deloitte report commissioned last year by the National Stroke Foundation claims there are 420,000 people living with stroke in Australia. Of which 65% have some form of disability meaning that they depend on others, usually a family member, for daily living. Kim can be contacted on 0429 919 207 for further details.

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Bolinda Primary School Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

Bolinda Primary School has been accepted into the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. The program will involve students, teachers and parent volunteers growing, cultivating, preparing, cooking and of course eating food from our vegetable garden. We will be only the second school in the Macedon Ranges to be accepted into the program. The aim of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation is to introduce pleasurable food education into as many Australian primary schools as possible.

The program emphasises the flavours as well as the health benefits of fresh, seasonal food.

Dishes cooked reflect the vegetables, herbs and fruits grown, season-by-season, by the children in their organic gardens.

Presently we are converting our storage shed into a kitchen. We are looking for donations of kitchen cupboards, ovens, hotplates, fridges, freezers tables/chairs and all other types of kitchen appliances and utensils. We would also be interested in any building, plumbing or electrical expertise.

If you think you can help or donate contact the Principal John Mackintosh 54 285 317

Biggest Morning Tea

Last year we hosted a 'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea' to raise money for the Cancer Council. It was a great event attended by many members of the Bolinda community including the wider and school communities. We will be hosting the event again this year on Thursday 23rd May from 10.00 am to 11.30 am in the Bolinda Hall, adjacent to the school. We would welcome as many people as possible parents, grandparents, friends and neighbours.

Should you wish to attend, contact the event organiser Meagan O'Sullivan 54 285 317 for catering purposes.

Walkathon and Dress up Day

On the last day last term we conducted a walkathon and dress up day. Many parents and some grandparents accompanied students around our walking track. There were many interesting costumes even a gorilla. Money raised will be put towards the building of our kitchen.



Open Days

Bolinda Primary School has a friendly, welcoming environment. We like to see happy, interested learners who enjoy coming to school and who want to take advantage of the wide range of opportunities available to them. Parents are welcomed, and are welcoming, at our school. In partnership with the staff, they make an enormous, appreciated contribution to the learning journey

We aim to include our students in the learning process by making sure the purpose of learning is clear, giving them opportunities for input, encouraging their opinions, fostering the notion of responsibility for the choices they make and encouraging them to keep improving what they do. We have a strong emphasis on student welfare including school values and encouraging students to take responsibility for their own learning and behaviour. Our classes are under 15 students which allow for individual instruction addressing student needs and explicit teaching.

We welcome visitors to our school and invite you to a tour on our open days on Wednesday 15th or Thursday 23rd May 10.00 am—12.00 or by appointment at a mutually convenient time.

Contact the Principal John Mackintosh should you like a tour or further information. You may also like to visit our website www.bolindaps.vic.edu.au



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2013/14 Community Funding Scheme

The 2013/14 Community Funding Scheme is now open and will close 5pm on 10 May 2013.

In 2012, more than \$160,000 was made available for a wide range of projects and activities. The annual funding scheme provides grants in the areas of recreation, arts, facilities, youth, festivals and events. Copies of the guidelines and application form are available to download from www.mrsc.vic.gov.au. To be eligible for a Community Funding Scheme grant you must discuss your project with a Council officer before submitting your application.

Grant writing information session As part of the Community Funding Scheme, Council is holding a free grant writing information session at 7.30-9pm, 15 April 2013 at the Woodend Community Centre. The session will be informal and friendly, and designed to help community organisations feel equipped to seek and write grants.

To register your attendance at the information session, contact Trudy Campbell via kstrahan@mrsc.vic.gov.au or on 5422 0320.

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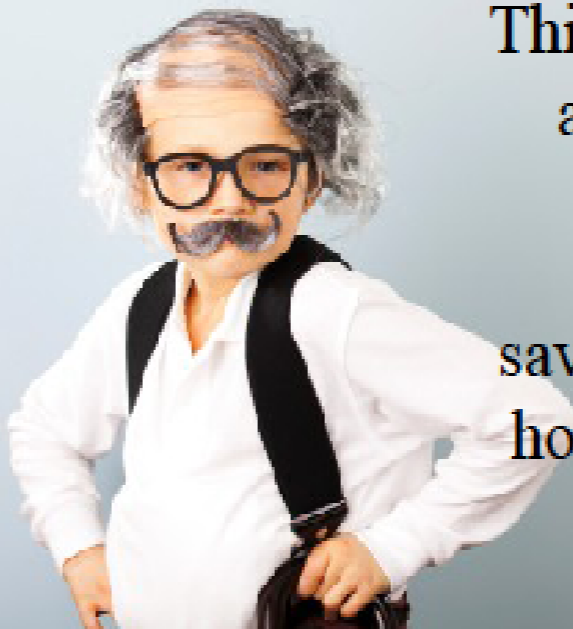
Macedon Ranges Shire Council is committed to encouraging residents to buy local to ensure a sustainable economic future.

Mayor and local business owner, Cr Roger Jukes, said, "Macedon Ranges Shire Council's new online business directory is a fantastic tool not only for the promotion of businesses but for residents looking for a local service or product."

"Dollars spent locally builds community economic strength, creates local jobs and maintains the regions unique character," he said.

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GRAAP News

Pledge Your Support Campaign – THANK YOU ROMSEY!

GRAAP has been overwhelmed by the demonstration of support, both monetary and in kind, since the pledge your support campaign was launched last month. It is obvious that many community members have a strong connection to the old Romsey primary school site.

If we, as a community, would like MRSC to purchase the block from the State Government (Department of Education and Early Childhood Development) as well as contribute to the project itself, then it is essential and urgent that we, as a community, demonstrate our pledge to financially support the process. Otherwise, the potential for the block to be subdivided into residential development will be realised as a financial imperative. **THE CLOCK IS TICKING.....**

“Pledge Your Support - Phase 2” will commence soon with a new post-card appearing in letter boxes. GRAAP is asking community members to consider a pledge towards either the purchase price or infrastructure development of the old pri-

mary school site. This will enable GRAAP to demonstrate to Council a willingness of the Romsey community to support the retention of this significant site. Flyers are also available at www.graapinc.com or through www.romsey.org.au.

GRAAP Presentation to Councillors

On Wednesday 27th March 2013, GRAAP committee members gave a briefing presentation to all Macedon Ranges Shire councillors. Canvassing the old Romsey Primary School as an innovative community space for the Macedon Ranges, it was a great opportunity to inform newer councillors of the project's background and bring all members up to date with more recent developments. The notion of an attractive community space including a sensory garden and all abilities facility for all ages seemed to be well received. GRAAP emphasised the need for the entire block to be a significant asset to the entire Macedon Ranges region, not only the Romsey community.

Feasibility Study Complete

Macedon Ranges Shire Council's feasibility study to explore the old Romsey Primary School site for community use and the acquisition options has been completed by the independent consultant.

GRAAP will have received a briefing on the interim report by the time you are reading this article. There will then be an opportunity for a further submission before the final report is presented to Macedon Ranges Shire Council in May.

GRAAP has been most appreciative with the degree of inclusive consultation in this study and looks forward to working with Council further once it has considered the report's findings.

Please Contact Us

As previously mentioned, GRAAP not only has a website, www.graapinc.com, it can also be followed on Twitter and Facebook. These are great initiatives to further the group's communications with the community with the capacity for dialogue available in a number of forms.

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A teacher one day gave her pupils a lesson all about magnets. The next day she set a written test which included the question, "my name has six letters, beginning with the letter m and I pick up things what am I?" When the test papers were handed back she was astonished to find that almost 50 percent of the children answered the question with the word mother. Yes I suppose mothers do pick up things, but they do much more than just picking up clothes and toys from around the house. This is demonstrated with a true story which comes out of World War 2 and the holocaust that took the lives of millions of people – it's about Solomon Rosenberg and his family.

Solomon Rosenberg and his wife and their two sons and his mother and father were arrested and placed in a Nazi concentration camp. It was a labour camp and the rules were simple. "As long as you can do your work, you are permitted to live. When you become too weak to do your work, then you are exterminated."

Rosenberg watched his mother and father marched off to their deaths and he knew that next would be his youngest son, David, because David had always been a frail child.

Every evening Rosenberg came back into the barracks after his hours of labour and searched for the faces of his family. When he found them they would huddle together, embrace one another, and thank God for another day of life.



One day Rosenberg came back and didn't see those familiar faces. He finally discovered his oldest son, Joshua, in a corner, huddled, weeping, and praying. He said, "Josh, tell me it's not true." Joshua turned and said, "It is true, poppa. Today David was not strong enough to do his work. So they came for him."

"But where is your mother?" asked Mr. Rosenberg. "Oh poppa," he said, "When they came for David, he was afraid and he cried. Momma said, 'There is nothing to be afraid of David' and she took his hand and went with him."

Godly mothers are prepared to sacrifice themselves for their children.

Thankyou Mums for all the Sacrifices that you make for us, that we don't always acknowledge or say Thankyou for.

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Romsey Blue Not Red



Blue for a good cause!

A big thank you to Romsey resident Shantelle Grant for her tireless energy in uniting the Romsey and Lancefield communities around an issue facing so many in our community. Up to 1 in 100 people are now diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Shantelle lives and works in Romsey. She facilitates the Play Connect Playgroup for little children recently diagnosed with an ASD. This is a vitally important support service for families, who are feeling raw and vulnerable at this time.

Many businesses supported the causes by purchasing autism awareness kits which included posters and blue lights. The town glowed blue for a week. Thanks also to RRBATA. The big old eucalypt at the skate park was lit up blue with stunning results. Sicilian Vespers restaurant hosted a very successful

fundraising dinner. On April 6th A family BBQ was held at the Lions Reserve with Lions members manning the BBQ. Local businesses supported the event with goodies and fun activities such as a lucky dip, face painting and a jumping castle. Cobaw Community Health Service sponsored the event, with around 150 people attending.

Later that same day the Romsey Red Backs played a practice match and the club generously shook tins, sold blue stubby holders and allowed promotion of autism awareness, with each player wearing a blue arm band and a banner saying 1 in 100.

The Romsey Primary school has arranged for Cobaw staff to come and talk about Autism, learning profiles and best practice. The primary school is also running autism awareness activities with children focusing on the fact that "we are all perfectly different and differently perfect".

All money raised will be going to the Play Connect Group for a laptop, printer and laminator. For more information on Play connect call Shantelle on 0411 444 447.

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