

Romsey Golf Club Women's Report

Great excitement! **A Hole in ONE** for Lorraine Robb on the 10th hole at Goonawarra Golf Course. Lorraine and Wendy were playing with a pair of ladies from Goonawarra in their Captains and Presidents Day on April 23rd. They were playing 4BBB so no doubt the 1 for 5 points looked good on the score card. Congratulations to Lorraine, it is a great achievement that we all dream of. (Bruce thinks Lorraine told everyone in Romsey)
Wednesday 17th was Flag Day at Romsey. This is a stroke event played until the player has completed a number of strokes equal to par of the course plus their handicap. The event was won by Beryl on the 18th hole.
Thursday 18th Lorraine, Leila and Beryl played in the Alexandra Bowl. The weather was perfect and there was a lot of run on the course. Lorraine was runner up in C grade. Needless to say we drove the scenic route home to admire the view at Murchison lookout.
Friday 19th (Busy week) off again to compete in the Gisborne Challenge Bowl. Jan, Leila and Lorraine enjoyed playing on the wonderful course with the resident kangaroos showing no interest in the golf. (They failed to tell me how many bunkers they visited.)
Wednesday 24th April on a calm cool autumn day just right for playing golf Leila won the April Monthly Medal. 106-29-77.
Wednesday 1st May with people on holidays and other things numbers were down, plus the weather was cool and the sunny morning gave way to showers, so only 9 holes were played.
Wednesday 8th May Par was on the syllabus. Thankfully it was an absolutely wonderful autumn day as Par is not the favourite game!! With the weather being so good scores were also good. Wendy (44) putted like a champ and had +3 to bring her handicap down further.

Wednesday 15th May was cool and misty but we set off to play Stableford. Weather conditions deteriorated and only 9 holes were finished with Kath (27) winning with 17pts. People who walk their dogs or just exercise on the course will see improvements taking place with the building of new tees. We are looking forward to finishing them and eventually playing off them. Special thanks to Kath who has been a driving force in organising helpers and doing the bulk of the work herself. Late last month Denise had her eye "done" and it is great to have her back playing after the successful surgery.

Recipe for this month

Easy Spinach and Feta Frittata

1 large potato cut into bite size pieces
1 tblsp olive oil
1 Spanish onion diced
5 eggs
2 tblsp self raising flour
2 tblsp milk
100g feta cheese chopped
1/4 cup cheddar cheese grated
1 1/2 cups washed baby spinach leaves

Preheat the oven to 175

Lightly oil an oven proof dish

Boil the potatoes until cooked and then set aside to cool
Heat the olive oil in a frypan and sauté the onion until soft, Set aside to cool,

In a large bowl whisk together the eggs, flour and milk.

Stir in the feta cheese, potato, onion and cheddar cheese.

Gently add the spinach leaves.

Pour the mixture into the prepared dish and bake for 30 - 35 mins until the mixture has set and the top is golden.

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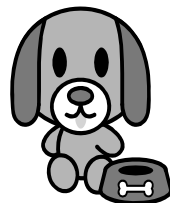
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Dear Friends

My office has been contacted over recent weeks by a number of people who have been victims of scams. This can be particularly distressing for our older residents who MAY be too trusting when someone turns up on the door step or rings with a seemingly plausible reason for asking for bank details.

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Romsey Golf Club – Men's Report

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Saturday May 18th - Stableford.

Overcast skies and cold north-westerly winds were prevalent as players hit off in the club's stableford competition. The rain on Thursday had softened the fairways and balls picked up a deal of mud so relief, on the fairway played, was again given. The cold air and inconsistent wind forced players to think carefully before pulling a club from the bag. The greens played very true so those who putted with confidence achieved good results. A number of players had a serious interest in the Essendon Vs Brisbane match so there was a deal of information, and possibly overly optimistic predictions, floating across the fairways. With only two exceptions all players had difficulty carding a good score. The day's results were; Winner - Tyson Ellis (20) 39 pts from Andrew Laing (17) 237 pts. NTPs went to 16 - Bob McLennan.

The 32nd Romsey Open will be played over the weekend Sat June 1st and Sunday June 2nd. For more information please go to romseygolfclub.net

Saturday May 11th - Stroke

And now for something completely different, strong, gusting winds from the north and north-west made for a challenging day on the course. Again many good shots often fell victim to these inconsistently strong zephyrs. After another week of clear, sunny days the fairways were still quite dry. However, quite incongruously, there was some uneven green cover so relief, on the fairway played, was given. The greens had also dried out a little so many players quickly reverted to "chip and run" approach shots. On a tough day the results were; Winner; Chris vanDerVliet - 95/25/70 from Les Gaunt - 76/4/72. NTPs went to - 15 - John Laing

Saturday May 4th - Stableford.

A few mm of rain during the week had kept the fairways alive and sparked up the many young trees across the park so there was a strong green flush across the course. However the steady to gusting southerly and south-westerly winds made for a very difficult round. Players were faced with strong winds above the trees and violent gusts that blew the best of shots well wide of the fairway or green. After a difficult round the winner was decided by a count-back. The day's results were; Winner - Andrew Laing (18) - 37 pts on a c/b from Les Gaunt (5) 37 pts. NTPs went to - 16 - Rob Rea & 16 - Les Gaunt

Saturday April 27th - Monthly Medal - Stroke & Putts

The April Monthly Medal was played under very tough conditions, gusting northerly and north-westerly winds played havoc with all players' shots and made club selec-

tion on some holes extremely difficult. Under these conditions the par 3's were vastly more challenging than usual. The strong field saw a number of players well in contention until late in the round however the wind intensified making it tough to card good scores over the final few holes. The day's results were;

Winner and April Monthly Medalist - Pat Chisholm - 85/18/67. Other good rounds came from Darren Freestone - 77/5/72 and Ron Walker - 87/15/72 NTPs went to - 15 - John Freestone. Least putts - Darren Freestone - 28

Saturday April 20th - Algie Mitchell Final & Stableford

The afternoon began with overcast skies and cool SE winds but conditions soon changed as the sun came out and the winds dropped giving players great conditions for their rounds. The day also saw final of the club's oldest shield, the "Algie Mitchell Singles Knock-out". The final, Steve Poulton (29) Vs Kev Milner (9) began with players sharing the first few holes however Kev, playing very consistent golf, soon pulled ahead. Steve managed to pick up a hole here and there but Kev lead two up as they headed into the back nine. He pulled away over the next few holes and birdie to Kev on the 438m par 5, 14th saw the match wrapped up. The Stableford competition was one of highs and lows with players scoring pars or better on some holes then scraping in with a one pointer on the next few. A number of players found the trees and had to decide whether to be adventurous and manufacture a great shot or "take their medicine" and just chip back onto the fairway, as per usual the manufactured shot often provided less than spectacular results. The day's results were; **Algie Mitchell Shield:** Kev Milner (9) **D** Steve Poulton (29) 5/4. 2012 winner Les Gaunt presented Kev with the shield. Stableford: Winner - Anthony Lakey (17) 35 pts on a countback from Les Gaunt (5). NTPs went to 15 - Les Gaunt.

The RGC application to Sport & Recreation Victoria for funds to assist the club to access re-cycled water was not successful. Our congratulation to the Woodend Bowls Club and the Kyneton Cricket Club who were successful for lighting and new nets. The club has met with representatives from the Shire and from DPDC and we have decided to prepare and submit a new application. A feasibility study into the siting and construction of an aquatic centre is now underway. One of the proposed sites would be along Park Lane, to the south of the Recreation Centre, and would most likely see the club lose the 15th green and the 16th tee. Focus group meetings will be held in the town over the next few weeks.

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For more information please contact Emily Blades - email or 0405 125 156.

FREE INFORMATION EVENING To help you with your applications:

Wednesday 17th July at 7pm – 8.30pm
Romsey Community Hub
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Please RSVP to Emily emilyblades@bigpond.com
Or at your local branch in Romsey or Lancefield

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Winter Warmth at Cuttings

As the winter chill arrives in the Macedon Ranges, our focus in our home wares shop shifts to providing genuine warmth and cosiness for your home and wardrobe. Both the home wares and fashion areas of the shop now reflect the beautiful colours, layers, and textures of this new winter season, transitioning us right into the coldest months in the Macedon Ranges.

In our home wares range, it's all about layering your living and bedroom areas with the rich shades and subtle textures of the season. We love to create rooms that welcome that cosy, lived-in feel. New furniture, cushions, throws, bed quilts, and napery all reflect a natural sense of warmth that wards off those cold winter nights. Lamps are a particularly effective way of creating a warm, welcoming home. Just imagine new wingback chairs either side of your fireplace, with a beautiful table lamp to soften the glow. Our kitchenware range is geared for winter as well, and reflects a sense of nostalgia with its vintage appeal. Gorgeous tea towels, pot holders/double mitts, cake slicers, cake stands, ceramic servery, teapots, generous drinking mugs, and nan-inspired cookbooks all reflect that yearning for simple times gone by. It all just inspires the urge to bake lots of yummy goodies on a cold, Sunday afternoon. Our ever-popular hot chocolate spoons are back in stock as well, along with lots of other winter larder goodies. Our women's fashion range is just full of warm and woolly items to layer throughout the season. Here too, the colder weather is reflected with colours/styles, and cottons/wools, both knitted and woven. Embellishments such as embroidery, topstitching and felt combine for a unique, easy-fit look. The range has something for everyone, including layering tees, outerwear cardies, jumpers, jackets, warm scarves, hats and gloves. There is even a dressing room to try it all on in. It is good fun to see such a great selection of fashion here in Romsey.

As a new feature for the shop this year, we have introduced a VIP Loyalty Card, which gives our customers an ongoing discount on all their purchases at Cuttings. Stop by the shop today to collect your very own Loyalty Card. We are also on Facebook at facebook.com/cuttingshomewares Please go on and "LIKE" our Page, to receive special offers, discounts, and regular shop news. We regularly have contests and give-aways for gift vouchers and merchandise on our Facebook Page. Be sure to like our page, for your chance to win! Cuttings is now open 7 days during the winter season. Sunday and Monday 11-4pm, Tuesday thru Friday, 10-5pm, and Saturday 10-4:30pm. Cuttings Homewares 120 Main St. Romsey (near the fountain) ph 03 5429 3636. Eftpos, Lay-by, phone orders, free local delivery and online orders all welcome. Check out our webpage at www.cuttingshomewares.com.au Pop in for a browse; the heater and the coffee machine are always on.



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TOGETHER WE LEARN AND GROW

ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

May has been an eventful and engaging month for students at Romsey Primary School. The highlights have been our Education Week celebrations, Mother's Day Pampering, Cobaw district soccer competition and the school walkathon. Throughout the term all students have been using questioning techniques to deepen their understanding in reading. In writing they have practised using persuasive writing. Year preps have had a Moving Toys incursion and the year 3/4s had an incursion on force. The year 1/2s are excited about their excursion to the zoo in early June and are reading and writing about animals in readiness for this visit.

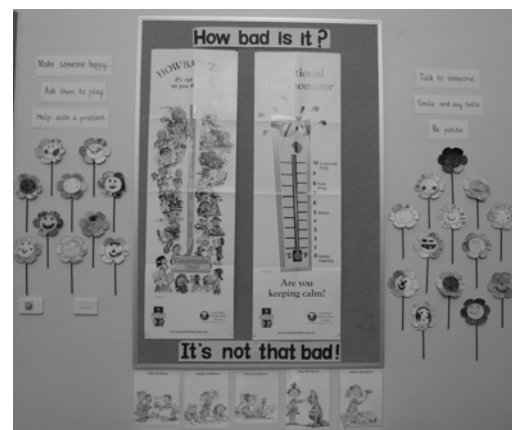
The Festival of Nations

For our Open Day each class selected a country to showcase with activities and a market stall. Items students made were for sale for 5 cents. Students were issued with passports and visited countries in Europe, Africa and Asia. Money raised goes towards sponsoring Fredrick's community in Kenya. Along with the open classrooms, there was a series of musical performances in the Performing Arts Centre. The students loved travelling from country to country, making their purchases and having their passport stamped. It was wonderful to see so many parents joining in the fun with their children.



The Walkathon

Our Parent Club has been amazing in the way they organised our walkathon. Students completed circuits of the oval and could choose to use the activity stations on each lap. These included things like tunnels, jumps, hurdles, a hay bale maze, a tyre crossings and an A frame climbing obstacle for the older students. Along with the fitness challenge of completing as many laps as possible, students and parents had a lot of fun. We were fortunate to have perfect weather and thanks to Kerry Hammond and Cheryl Perkins for the huge number of hours they put in to ensure its success. Thank you also for Soltan Pepper for their generous offer of a free dessert to all the students' sponsors. Overall 360 students completed 6133 laps, equivalent to 1834 km. McIntyre House won the house competition with 1,614 laps, Clarke second with 1,596, Shaw third with 1,559 and Clement with 1,397 laps.



You Can Do It

We are pleased to announce that the Romsey Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank is sponsoring the You Can Do It program which started at the beginning of term 2. Presently students are continuing to learn about the 5 keys to school success through this program. Each week students are engaged in activities to extend their understanding of each key, **confidence, persistence, organisation, getting along** and **resilience**. The bank is contributing \$3,333 dollars to this program. Part of the funding will be used to run a Parent/Community Information evening to be held on **Thursday 25th July** at 7:00pm.

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Mother's Day

Each year we are pleased to offer shopping to our students for Mother's Day. Parent Club organises a stall with inexpensive gifts to purchase for mums/grandmas. A highlight this year was our prep classes who held a "Pampering Mum" experience. Each classroom was beautifully decorated with flowers, fake candles, rose petals and relaxing background music. While the mum's watched a video on why their children loved their mum they were being pampering with a shoulder massage, their hands soaked and washed, or hand cream applied. The preps also waited on their mum by serving scones, jam and cream and invited their mum to make tea or coffee. Congratulations to Mrs Holland, Mrs Killender and Ms Seddon on making this year's Mother's special for our prep parents.



School Tours

Learn more about what [Romsey Primary School](http://www.romseyprimaryschool.com.au) has to offer

2013 School Tours

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Romsey/Lancefield RSL Sub Branch

The president and members of the Romsey/Lancefield RSL Sub Branch would like to express their sincere thanks to the people of Romsey and Lancefield for their magnificent support for the 2013 ANZAC appeal. Support was also received from all 3 primary schools and the Romsey Service Station.

The appeal exceeded the previous years' sales of ANZAC tokens and generous donations. The Sub branch retains 25% of the total to be used for the support and welfare of local veterans, whilst the balance is remitted to ANZAC House, Melbourne, where it is used for the welfare of the wider veteran community in the form of housing and other support. Irrespective of where the money raised is used, all funds are subject to scrutiny by the Patriotic Trust Funds Council.

John Lynch
 President

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The Romsey Mechanics Institute (RMI) Committee of Management (CoM) is again busy with bookings, improvements and application writing.

In recent weeks there has been a number of birthday parties held and scheduled to be held by local people. Some have included a number of families getting together for a very memorable combined birthday celebration.

An application for new kitchen equipment (stove, fridge, pie-warmer and microwave) has been submitted and we are preparing another application for funds to allow us to install equipment that will raise and lower the hall's lights so that bulbs can be replaced and shades can be cleaned without the use of an expensive scissor lift. We are also in the process of tendering for secure roof attachment points and other works to repair the iron roof. Once these works have been completed we will be able to get on with repairs to the supper room and kitchen ceilings.

We would like to congratulate "Cowboys and Angels", one of our regular users, on their recent success in the Australian Country Dance Festival, at Tamworth, the largest Line Dancing event in Australia. This dance group took out the Ashby Cup, making it back to back wins!

We would also like to congratulate the CWA, another regular user, on the success of their recent Creative Arts Fair. This three day event saw competitions in, and displays of sewing, knitting, artwork and cooking from CWA members across the Central Highlands.

We are also working on an RMI website. Once completed this site will provide a wide range of information on the Institute and outlining just what is available for hire and the cost of various functions.

The CoM strongly believes that we are here to serve the needs of the Romsey and district community, so if you have a function coming up please consider the RMI. Bookings and inquiries can be made at **0458 726 106**



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Free heritage advice for residents

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is encouraging residents and businesses to take advantage of its free heritage advisory service, which has a newly appointed Heritage Advisor.

"If you own a building affected by heritage overlays, or are looking to make improvements to a heritage building, you can book an appointment with our heritage advisor for free, expert advice," said Rick Traficante, Council's Manager of Planning and Development.

Mr Traficante said that Council's new heritage advisor, Ivar Nelsen, is a professional architect and comes highly recommended: "Ivar Nelsen has been appointed to provide expert heritage advice to Council and our community. He has been involved in heritage for over 40 years in nearly all states and territories across Australia," he said.

For 11 years Ivar was the Principal Heritage Architect for the Commonwealth's Australian Construction Services, and for another 11 years he was the Manager of the Historic Buildings Section of the Victorian Department of Sustainability and Environment. In 1995 he was awarded an Australia Day Medal for his conservation work at the Old Parliament House in Canberra. Ivar is currently heritage advisor for Mansfield Shire Council, Alpine Shire Council and Surf Coast Shire Council. He also runs his own heritage practice from Surrey Hills in Melbourne.

Council's heritage advisory service is funded by Council and Heritage Victoria. Heritage Precinct Overlays currently apply in Kyneton, Romsey and Lancefield, and there are proposals to introduce overlays in Woodend and Riddells Creek.

Mr Traficante said that anyone can seek heritage advice from Council, regardless of whether they are affected by a heritage overlay. Ivar Nelsen works from Council's Gisborne office every Tuesday. To make a booking or discuss a heritage matter with him, call (03) 5421 9676.

The Watering Can

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- Cars are not to stop or park within 20 metres of the crossing except in the marked parking spaces in Station Street directly in front of the school. Wet weather or running late are not excuses for stopping illegally.
- Please observe these rules and adhere to them for the safety of all road users and pedestrians.

Thank You

The Rag team would like to thank Sam Kaliszewski for her voluntary service managing the accounts for the Romsey Rag. Sam has recently had to withdraw from this role due to work commitments. Thank you Sam your contribution, it has been much appreciated.

Bolinda & Monegeetta News
THE NEXT FULL MOON WILL BE FOR BOLINDA HALL
CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS!
CENTENARY DAY IS JUNE 22ND

AND THE WEATHER: Just 25 pts ((6mm) for April and it showed in the dry conditions and great cracks in the ground. Beautiful warm weather though and the autumn colours are holding well.

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. Our evening dinner is from 7pm, and you will need to book for that. It will be a great occasion – a good meal, great company - indeed, a once-in -a-century experience for just \$25 a head! Book on 54285347 and if we are not there please leave a clear message and 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, June 4th at 8:00pm. Anyone and all are very welcome! (Even just to drop in to say hello!)

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 advert from the Romsey Examiner for the 20th of June,*

“Attention ! !

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BOL-DARRA (Bolinda-Darraweit) GARDEN CLUB: A beautiful day for our visit to Werribee Rose Garden and Mansion. The late roses were simply stunning in their autumn beauty and I have quite a few on my new Wish List. The Garden is very carefully maintained by a wonderful band of volunteers. There is a lovely range of all the best in roses and rose display including different types and colors of roses in beds, avenues, swags. The grounds of the mansion show the best in mature trees, exotic and Australian – oaks, elms, eucalypts (lemon scented), brachychiton (Flame Trees, in flower), acauraria (Bunya Bunya) were my favorites – and the lake is a delight with its lovely bridge and Grotto, which was lovingly decorated by the ladies of the family. The Parterre has been downsized (cost factor) to 'just' 15,000 plants twice yearly! Pansies for winter planting and petunias for the summer. Of course the mansion, one of the finest in Australia, is another superb delight.

Our next meeting is on the 25th of May, to catch some of the last – and best – of the autumn colour at Macedon. A brief visit to a

couple of nurseries then and we finish with a wonderful afternoon tea. Do join us! 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.

PEOPLE OF THE MONTH: We needed to focus on someone who has given great service to our Hall for this Centenary year – and I didn't have to go far afield! The Minute Book shows that Mr Green was added to the Committee in 1955, was still on the Committee for the single meeting in 1956 and at the next meeting, held in 1960, became Secretary, a position he held for the next 51 years! He is still the Treasurer (originally his position was Secretary/Treasurer). There have been many public-spirited members of the Hall Committee over the years, but John's record stands alone. He not only has faithfully kept the books all this time, but has attended all working bees and carried more than his share of the tasks. He was instrumental (along with Jim Heath) in saving the Hall from demolition back in the 70's when it had deteriorated alarmingly; they were told by several locals, including the MP, to bulldoze it! Well, lots of hard work later – new flooring, windows, kitchen, painting, roof work – and the Bolinda Hall is looking remarkably good for its age and proudly starting to again be recognised as a great meeting place for the local community. It has a great representative committee and lots of new ideas to carry it through for the next 100 years! And why did Mr Green resign from the Secretaryship? Ask him at the Centenary celebrations! A great storyteller/raconteur, he'll enjoy telling you.

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Services and activities during June 2013

- 2nd 9am. Worship Service conducted by Lay Worship Team
 9th 9am Holy Communion Service conducted by visiting Preacher
 12th **11.45am Romsey Uniting Church Adult Fellowship Winter Luncheon.**
 16th 9am Worship Service conducted by visiting Preacher
 23rd 9am. Worship Service conducted by Lay Preacher Jay Brooks.
 30th 9am 5th Sunday Combined Worship Service at Romsey conducted by Lay Worship Team

Supply Minister Rev Max Woolcock will be away during the month of June.

The Romsey UCAF
 Invites 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

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Romsey / Lancefield RSL Sub Branch
ANZAC Spirit Award 2013—
Nominations

The Romsey/Lancefield RSL Sub Branch wishes to advise that the annual “ANZAC Spirit Award” 2013 is open to any resident or organisation in Lancefield and Romsey to nominate a local adult, youth, child or community group who has carried out a voluntary deed with exceptional commitment, unselfishly and with great enthusiasm to the benefit of any section of the local community.

The Award is generously donated by former secretary Wayne Smith and consists of an impressive 20cm high bronze statue. The winner will also receive a Commemorative Medal and a cheque for \$150 donated by Mr Smith. All nominees will receive a Certificate of Achievement from the RSL.

Nomination forms will be distributed throughout the community and are also available from secretary Hilary Simpson—phone 0400 833 426.

Nominations close on Monday July 8th. Award night will be on Tuesday July 16th at 7.00pm in the Romsey Hub.

Nominations should be posted to
 Romsey/Lancefield Sub Branch
 P.O. Box 315
 Romsey 3434
 And must be received by close of business on Monday July 8th.

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- If you want us to pick up the kids at school, press 6
- If you want us to prepare a meal for Sunday or to have it delivered to your home, press 7
- If you want to come to eat here, press 8
- If you need money, press 9
- If you are going to invite us to dinner or want to take us to the theatre, start talking - we are listening !!

All grandparents should be able to relate to the above. As I was unavailable to be at our last meeting because of the dreaded lurgy, (cough, cough, sneeze, sneeze) I am unable to let you know what is happening with CWA for the next month or so. All being well, I will have more news next time.

For more information on our meetings which are held at the Mechanics Institute Supper Room on the 1st Thursday of each month, with Craft Days on the 3rd Thursday, please give our Secretary a call.
 Val Jordan, Secretary, Telephone 5429 2311



Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.

E-mail: lancefieldcourthouse@gmail.com
Website: www.lancefieldcourthouse.org

P.O. Box 101
LANCEFIELD 3435

We were disappointed not to receive any help with our request for a photo of the Milk Bar. If anyone has any please get in contact with us.

Over the next few months we will be having a membership drive. There are always tasks to be done here at the courthouse and every hour put in is of a great help. For as little as \$20 membership you can help preserve today's history for tomorrow, when people will be looking for their yesterdays.

The Courthouse is run by volunteers who work on family research, the history of organizations, houses and businesses that have existed in the old Romsey Shire.

In 2014 the Red Cross will celebrate 100 years in Australia. There were many small branches in Romsey Shire. We have a small file on this subject. If anyone has any information they would be willing to share it would be much appreciated.

We had a visit last week from Noelene Allen the author of the book "Ellen" the story of Ellen Kelly, mother of Ned Kelly. Noelene is now researching the history of Constable Alexander Fitzpatrick who was stationed in Lancefield in 1880. Senior Constable Mayes had Fitzpatrick dismissed from the force. Supporters of Fitzpatrick petitioned to have him reinstated to his former position but to no avail.

Seymour Cottage has now had the water tank installed and we are now hoping to fundraise to get the pump needed to connect it to the toilets to reduce our water usage.

We have been told there were several families that lived in Seymour Cottage after the Seymour family until Mrs Allen donated it to us. If you have any information on the names or dates that any of these families lived there please email Sheryl Willett at seymourcottage@gmail.com or ring on 0419 597 947.

On Sunday the 3rd of November we will be having a reunion and get together to install the heritage Victoria plate at Seymour Cottage. We are hoping to have descendants of Sidney and Elizabeth Seymour and also the other families that lived in the cottage there on the day.

At the moment we are updating the History of the cottage and its turning into a really interesting journey.

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If this is for you or for anyone you know, please contact Joanne Reuther at St. Mary's Presbytery on 54292130 or email jreuther@smlancefield.catholic.edu.a

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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. Enrolments close on 25th June

Anzac Day

There was a wonderful turnout for the Anzac Day service in Romsey, our school was well represented by Staff, Students and Families. Pictured is Hayden Balcam-Kratz with a retired digger.



Grandparents Day

As part of Family Week we celebrated our grandparents and the wonderful work they do.

On Wednesday we welcomed many of the student's grandparents.

We began with a Prayer Service in the church and then the grandparents joined in some fun activities in the classrooms.

Mother's Day High Tea

To celebrate all the hard work our Mothers do every day of the year, the school held a afternoon high tea on Friday May 10th.



Catholic Care

Catholic Care is a Catholic aid agency that cares for families and individuals who experience disadvantage, poverty, domestic violence, problematic relationships or addiction issues. During Family Week we ran a number of raffles to raise money for Catholiccare. Our grandparents were very generous in supporting these raffles, with Isabelle and Jack Perry's Nana winning the Quilt. Pictured below are the students who won the seven lolly jars.



Cobaw Sports Report

Congratulations to all the students who represented St Mary's on Friday 10th May at the Cobaw Interschool Cross Country competition. The students are to be commended on their wonderful sportsmanship. Brody Thrum, Josh Alford and Riley O'Meara have successfully progressed to the next level of the interschool competition. Thanks to Mrs Giles for all her hard work in organising this.



Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA) UPDATE

The Great Business Breakfast Update- LOCK IT IN!!

Both Rob Mitchell, Federal Member for McEwen, and the seat's Liberal Party candidate, Donna Petrovich, have agreed to participate in The Great Business Breakfast Debate to be held at Cope Williams Winery on **Friday 9th August 2013**. This event will be marketed across the region as an opportunity for the McEwen electorate to engage in a Q and A style forum with major candidates here in Romsey just five weeks out from the Federal election. Not only is it a wonderful opportunity for our local community, but it aims to encourage visitors from further afield to our town for the day.

For further information, please contact Jenny Stillman (jennystillman@optusnet.com.au, ph. 0412 349849).

Light Up The Sky 2014

RRBATA is already planning for the Light Up The Sky 2014 event, scheduled for end of April. A grant application has been lodged under MRSC's Community Funding Scheme to facilitate an even bigger and better community event than last time. Promoting local business to local community will again be a theme as part of RRBATA's ongoing commitment to reducing the economic leakage from our town.

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.

Membership Enquiries: Jenny Stillman (President) Phone: 0412 349849 Email: jennystillman@optusnet.com.au



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President: Mr. John Seamons 5429 3804
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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. Members will be visiting the TAA Museum on Wednesday 19th June, 2013.

Our June meeting will be on Thursday 27th June, 2013.

Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club now has a website as follows:
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As all the great festivals of the Christian year culminate on Trinity Sunday, (26 May) we now enter into the months of personal growth, becoming more and more like unto our Lord and Saviour and being His witnesses to His saving grace and POWER.

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.*

MAY IN RETROSPECT

Our Romsey Guild Afternoon with speaker, well known pharmacist, Mr Greg Gibson, was a very pleasant and informative occasion. Insights into the effects of anti-obesity drugs and the future prospects of our pharmaceutical needs were highlighted.

The Garage Sale (part of the Lancefield Community Sale) was very worthwhile. It resulted in many items sold and the unsaleable being taken to the tip. Rev Bill can now get his car in the garage!

The men of AMS enjoyed their snooker night at Mrs F Carter's home even though the competition was fierce.

The ALPHA Course finished this month after 10 weeks of meeting in fellowship together over a meal. 19 million people in 169 countries have completed the Alpha Course.

We were privileged to welcome **members of Romsey C.W.A.** sharing worship with us on Sunday 5 May.

DIARY - JUNE 2013

SERVICE TIMES

ST PAUL'S ROMSEY (Main Street)

8.45am Prayers; 9.00am Holy Communion

CHRIST CHURCH LANCEFIELD (Chauncey Street)

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Thursday 20 June, 1.30pm - the Guild meets at Mrs F Carter's home, Monegeetta. Enquiries: Doreen 5429-6060.

Our OP SHOP continues to flourish, a "Collins Street Boutique" at Bargain Prices, plus many other quality items!

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DEEP CREEK
LANDCARE GROUP
Covering Lancefield -
Romsey Districts

News from Deep Creek Landcare Group
We wish to thank Melbourne Water for \$974.60 grant toward administration costs. Bendigo Bank for \$2000 grant to host community presentations which commenced with the Importance of the Honey Bee presentation on 23/4/13- a very interesting talk was given by local apiarist Jim Sansom with attendees taking home a sample of honey.

On Friday 19th July there will be a presentation on monotreme's - platypus and echidnas at the Romsey Primary School in the library. 6.30pm - 9.30pm followed by a light supper.

Friday 30th August there will be a presentation on Indigenous food and fibre at the Romsey Primary School in the library 6pm - 9.00pm followed by a light supper. More details to follow at a later date.

World Environment Day is Wednesday 5th June 2013.

Melbourne Water in conjunction with Cesar has set up a website platypuspot.org where you can report sighting and see where others have sighted platypus.

National Tree Day is Sunday 28th July 2013. there will be a planting at Sheehan's Crossing 10.00am to 2.00pm.

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A chance for students to address Parliament

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of Parliament House in Canberra, the Speaker of the House of Representatives Anna Burke has announced the national My First Speech competition for year 10 to 12 students across Australia.

Member for McEwen, Rob Mitchell MP, is urging interested local senior secondary school students to participate in the competition.

"This competition will provide the opportunity for two lucky students to come to Canberra in its centenary year and deliver a speech at Parliament House during our 25th anniversary Open Day being held on 24 August. This competition is a wonderful way for our next generation of community leaders to have a say in our national parliament. It is a chance for our 30 plus local secondary schools in McEwen to connect with our federal parliament and our national capital during an important year for both.

The competition asks year 10 to 12 students to consider what they would say if they were a newly elected Member of the House of Representatives and record themselves presenting the speech on video. "Students will be able to research the speeches their federal MPs delivered when they first entered parliament and also think about the issues that matter to them," Mr Mitchell said.

Alongside the trip to Canberra, the winning students and their schools will also receive a cash prize. When the competition was first held in 2011 it attracted 176 entries from 68 schools across Australia, and the winners were applauded by MPs during Question Time in the House.

A website has been established for the competition at: www.aph.gov.au/myfirstspeech
Entries for the competition close on 26 July 2013.
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The balance is to be expended in materials for garments for the soldier's.

Two or three cases of goods have been sent away monthly since October 1914'.

Coming events:

Blumes Fashions – Luncheon – September 6th
Centenary of Australian Red Cross - 2014

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

Chairperson: Karen Hermann 5429 6658
Secretary: Robyn Stephens 5789 1457

2014 is the Centenary of the Australian Red Cross and the Romsey Red Cross Unit and we would like to honor the past Committees and members. If you are a past member or relative of a past member we are looking for photo, records, minutes, anything that can help us recreate the past 100 years.

Article from The Argus Newspaper Thursday 4th March 1915

'A concert promoted by the Romsey Red Cross branch of the Red Cross Society resulted in a profit of 22 pounds, 10 pounds of which is to be sent to the Federal Government House Fund.

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Let's help clean up Pollution.

What a frustrating problem pollution is! Everybody suffers with it, yet everybody contributes to it. Pollution takes many forms, but one type is often overlooked. Charles Swindoll calls it "verbal pollution" passed around by grumblers, complainers and criticisers. The poison of pessimism creates an atmosphere of negativism where nothing but the bad side of everything is emphasized.

A group of people became concerned about this form of pollution and their personal part in it. So they made a pact to avoid critical words for a whole week. They were surprised to find how little they spoke! As they continued the experiment, they actually had to re-learn conversation skills.

Many people go to University, take Tafe courses etc. to improve their knowledge and hence their lifestyle. These courses are often extremely costly, and require huge investments of time, and are not always convenient for family life. We at Encourage Church have discovered that we can ALL be re-educated and improve our lifestyles without the huge costs and investments of time.

God's word is full of encouragement for a new and better way of living. In order to implement this new life, we need to learn the Encouraging language of the Kingdom of God. The bible says . . . "Ephesians 4:29 (NLT)
Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

This is not always instantaneous, but takes practice through the renewing of our minds. It can be done with God's help. And the benefits are awesome!

Why don't you join us and help stamp out pollution in this wonderful community that we live in?
Together with us, take the challenge . . . clean up your speech.

Encourage Church ~ "Encouraging one another to be ALL that we can be in life and in God".

If you would like to know more about faith in God please contact the Encourage Church Office on 5429 6327. We would be happy to assist you in your search for the true meaning of Life.

You are also invited to join us at one of our Sunday Services or one of our fortnightly Life Groups. We also offer Before & After School care; Fortnightly Youth events and weekly Children's programs.

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Servicing Romsey & Surrounds

Thank You

On March 19th I did the World's Greatest Shave. I got a number 4 [clip]. I would like to thank everyone for sponsoring me. I received a letter from the wig maker saying they received my hair and a young person or child will be very happy. I raised \$3128. Thank you everyone. I would also like to thank Erin and Sharni from Sapphire [Hairdressing] for donating their time to cut my hair.

Isabella Miceli.

From the editors:

Isabella is a Year 4 student at Romsey Primary School. We congratulate her on this wonderful achievement, motivated by the fact that she felt compassion for people with hair loss due to cancer treatment. We know it took a lot of courage and we commend you Isabella!

Free Toddler Workshop!

Facilitated by CentaCare Family Services, this workshop will give parents of toddlers the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with others.



We will discuss the developmental stage of toddlerhood and the joys and challenges this stage brings to your family.

Discussion will also focus on parenting strategies you may use for this age group

When: Thursday 20th June, 2013

Time: 10am – 12 noon (welcome and registration from 9.45am)

Where: Woodend Community Hub
47 Forest Street, Woodend

Bookings: Janet Nicola ph: 5422 0281
Maternal and Child Health Program Support Officer
Macedon Ranges Shire Council

Cost: Free, but please arrange your own childcare

Minimum group numbers are required and may impact the running of this workshop.

Women from all Walks - Gathering in Friendship

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 and most importantly 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. It is a genuine celebration of the spirit of friendship and the natural networks women form. This month our gathering will be on **Thursday 20th June at Sicilian Vespers @ 7pm**. So take some time out for yourself and please come join us!

We meet at 7pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month at varying venues in the area. You are under no obligation to pay the membership fee the first night unless you decide you will benefit from joining our gatherings. Please come along for a glass of wine, a chat and have some laughs!

In addition to our monthly meetings we hold some special events throughout the year. We are looking forward to holding an amazing event this October - Spring High Tea @ Campaspe House – which will be focusing on women's health and wellbeing.

Lastly, follow us on Facebook - 'Romsey Region Women's Network Inc. (RRWN)' – to keep yourself updated on our upcoming events and any other useful local information that we hear on the grapevine.

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

Email: info@rrwn.com.au

Facebook.com/Romsey Region Women's Network Inc. (RRWN)

Annual membership: - \$20

Tracey (President) - 0416 497 623

Natasha (Secretary) - 0421 289 137

Fran (Treasurer) - 0427 825 989

Macedon Ranges Farmers' Markets in June

Sat 1st June - Woodend Community Farmers' Market

Sat 8th June - Kyneton Farmers' Market

Sat 13th June - Riddell's Creek Farmers' Market

Sat 22nd June - Lancefield & District Farmers' Market

All local farmers' markets continue through the winter in the Macedon Ranges - much tasty produce

is exceptionally good from the region at this time including... Root vegetables from; Somerset Heritage Produce (Seymour), Sandor's Harvest (Kooweinguboorra), Spring Creek Organics (Navigator), Peelman Produce (Bacchus Marsh), Lorenzo Perito (Lancefield) & Shellsley Farm (Kerrie). Brassicas like brussels sprouts, cabbages & kale are all supposedly sweeter in flavour after a good frost - these are all grow well in our climate so get on down to one or all of the markets for the tastiest seasonal local produce around.

Individual market news ...

Woodend Community Farmers' Market

Cooking demonstration with a local producer

TBA. Starting at 10:30am

Home produce exchange - bring your excess produce & trade with others on the day. At the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group marquee.

Kyneton Farmers' Market

The Kyneton Farmers' Market continues to expand with market organisers happy to see the upper level (where the

Makers Market was) almost full of authentic farmers' market producers & community stands. The Makers Market is now located in the church adjacent to the market & includes many quality craft items that are produced locally.

Home produce exchange by the Kyneton Transition Hub up near the church. Bring your excess produce to exchange on the day.

Riddell's Creek Farmers' Market

Anita from Thermomix will be demonstrating in the kitchen showing you simple ways to use your farmers' market produce with the 'Thermomix' machine that is all the rage at the moment - it chops, stirs, beats, cooks, steams & more! Come and see what the fuss is all about with the world's smallest kitchen in one appliance.

Lancefield & District Farmers' Market

Laima Paine from Olive Branch Preserves will be in the kitchen using seasonal local produce in one, maybe two dishes that she would like to share with you. Starting at 10:30am.

All markets have free facepainting for the kids, dogs welcome on a leash & live music. Please bring your bags, baskets & trolleys.

Check out the new *Macedon Ranges Community Exchange* information stand at any of these markets. A local trading place with our own local currency has been established & is waiting for you to join! Check it out at

www.mrce.net.au

An Aquatic Centre for Romsey?

Romsey residents are invited to express their thoughts on an aquatic centre for Romsey and other matters related to recreation and leisure facilities in Romsey.

Focus group discussions will be held on Tuesday June 11th at 9.30am and Thursday June 13th at 7.00pm at the Romsey Recreation Centre.

Meetings were previously advertised and held on May 28th but many people did not know they were happening, so come along and make yourself heard!

Incorrect use of heat bags prompts warning

CFA is warning the community about the dangers of incorrect use of heat bags which could be fatal.

CFA Loddon Mallee Region Community Education Coordinator Paul Tangey said for your own safety, you should only purchase heat bags with instructions and ensure they are used according to the manufacturer's instructions.

"Contents of a wheat bag can be much the same as grass or crops that are heated daily during summer and in most cases cools down overnight. The constant change in temperature may cause the material to become flammable and ignite and for this reason, heat bags should not be used as a bed warmer or while you are in bed," he said. "You should also never leave the microwave unattended while heating the bags – the same principal as cooking with stove tops, grillers and ovens."

"They are no different to any other electrical appliance in the home – faulty wiring is dangerous."

"The kitchen is the room of the house which is the single largest cause of fires. A fire in your kitchen can cause extensive damage. Kitchen fires are also responsible for a high level of personal injury so pay attention in the kitchen."

Some safety tips to help prevent electrical fires:

- Ensure that all switches and power cords are in good working order and wires are not exposed;
- All repairs need to be carried out by a registered electrician. Do not attempt to do it yourself;
- Using multiple power boards can overload power points, as can the use of double adaptors without overload protection;
- Don't place extension leads under carpet or furniture;
- Install safety switches in your home - these isolate power instantly from your switchboard if a short circuit is detected; similarly a surge protector will isolate your power if a sudden surge of power is detected.

Further information on Residential Fire Safety is available from:

- www.homefiresafety.com.au
- Your local CFA brigade
- CFA website - www.cfa.vic.gov.au
- Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667

ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN GUILD ROMSEY PIE DRIVE



We have organized with TONY'S PIES of ESSENDON to conduct a Pie Drive.

There is a wide range of freshly baked pies, pasties, sausage rolls, quiches, lasagne rolls, spinach and cheese rolls etc. Variety of pies, savoury and fruit.

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CLOSING DATE FOR ALL ORDERS: Sunday, 23rd

June 2013

ORDERS TO BE COLLECTED:

30 June 10am at St.Paul's Church Hall, ROMSEY

30 June 10.30am at Christ Church Hall, LANCEFIELD

*Now with winter almost upon us,
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Open all long weekend for the
WOODEND WINTER ARTS FESTIVAL
Saturday, June 8

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Walnut cake and zabaglione

Sunday, June 9

Beetroot and hazelnut salad
Braised lamb shanks with gratin
d'Auphinoise
Tarte tatin

Saturday, June 15

Salmon with sour cream and potato
flatbread
Slow roasted fillet of beef with jus,
horseradish and whipped potato
Rum and raisin semifreddo

Saturday, June 22

Garlic prawns
Braised ox cheek with a celeriac gratin
Orange trifle

Saturday, June 29

Lomo, ricotta mousse and green olives
Ballotine of chicken with chestnut stuffing
Wine soaked pears and sour cream
icecream

HOURS

Monday to Thursday 8.30 - 4pm

Friday 8.30 - 9pm

Saturday 8.30 - 4 & dinner from 6.30pm

All enquiries 5427 2007



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Be part of your Community House and the activities on offer! Activities are currently held regularly at the House and a broad range of programs are being organised for Term 3, from Monday 15th July. A full listing will be published in the July Romsey Rag or phone or call in for a program brochure.

If you'd like to see the following activities conducted please phone to register your interest:

Health and Well-being

Yoga
 Sun Style Tai Chi
 Gentle Exercise for Over 50's
 Meditation
 Slow Walking Group

Social, Creative & Lifestyle

Art Classes for Children
 Craft group
 German language
 Monet Art Exhibition - bus trip
 Shopping bus tours (low cost)

Training for Jobs

Apply First Aid (Level 2)
 Perform CPR
 Course in First Aid Management of Anaphylaxis
 Asthma Management
 Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA)
 Construction Induction (White card)
 Follow Basic food Safety Practices (Food Safety)

Computer & IT

Computer basics
 Digital Photos
 Ipods and Iphones
 Facebook Marketing

General

Open House — we'd love to see you!

Make use of the 'Drop in Room' open to the public week-days 9.30am - 5.00pm. Enjoy a quiet cuppa and peruse information brochures and the notice board for community events and news! Gold coin donation will cover tea and coffee.

Information sessions

Sessions presented by a variety of speakers on topics of interest to the community. A shared lunch is also provided.

Public Internet Access Available

10am -1pm on Mondays-Wednesdays-Fridays

WHOLE TOWN GARAGE SALE – It's on again:

Saturday 14th September – put it on the calendar!

New activities and Enquiries

Phone us if you would like to see a new activity conducted. Have knowledge or skills you can share with the local community? Let us know so we can help to offer a new activity or information session.

For Bookings & Enquiries P 5429 6724

E mail romseyhouse@bigpond.com

Office Hours 10am-1pm Monday Wednesday Friday

Romsey Community House Committee News

As mentioned in the March Romsey Rag, the Community House now has a new Committee and we hope to reinforce the great work of the previous Committee with new events and opportunities for all in Romsey.

We have had huge support from the wonderful people at the Lancefield Neighbourhood House and hope to bring you the best programs and activities that we can.

The Community House is only 7 years old and needs interested people to come and join us on the Committee, become a volunteer or just call in and say hello one day soon.

Recent arrivals to Romsey are especially welcome.

Romsey Committee members are:

President	Sharyn Ede
Secretary	Allan Irvine
Committee	Eileen French

There are three Community House volunteers who assist in the office.

You can see that more locals are needed – don't be shy. Call the House directly on 5429 6724

Community House Co-ordinator

The Community House is seeking expressions of interest for a Co-ordinator. The position is 10 hours per week. Phone the House for further details and a position description to be forwarded.

Because I Love You

Following a passion is important to many people. Knowing what you want to do for the rest of your life is a privilege and a journey. At Ruptwood Mansion we came to listen to Paul Dillon, a primary school teacher turned alcohol and drug educator who has definitely found his passion. Paul speaks around the country to parents, schools and young people about alcohol and drugs. He is the Director and Founder of DARTA (Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Australia) that provides high quality research assistance as well as training expertise on a wide range of alcohol and other drug issues. Paul spoke recently at Ruptwood.

Within the first few minutes we, the audience, were in for a parenting refresher: parents need to use the word 'no' more often, and we have become a generation of parents who want our kids to like us! Eeek...

Paul gently reminded us all not to believe everything we hear and see in the media, demonstrating that the biggest use of drugs in children is analgesics, often unnecessarily. It's become normal for children to take tablets for headaches, when more likely they're dehydrated and need a glass of water. How often have we really considered the need for our children to take pills or why they need Panadol or Neurofen regularly? We are living in a culture of fast solutions, where popping a pill is the "norm" – or is it?

He demonstrated that illicit drug use by children and teens is down from previous years which had parents breathing a little easier. But that all changed when the topic turned to alcohol use, especially with girls. The word combination of "girls", "attitude" and "terrifying" were used together that had me, a parent to four young daughters, shifting uncomfortably in my chair.

These days it seems "normal" for a 15 year old adolescent to go to a party and get drunk! And what has come out of research is that many

parents, though not all, are condoning it. He stressed the importance of parents checking out what is happening at parties before allowing their teens to attend, by contacting the parents of the person hosting the party. It's not a problem we Aussies face alone – France, Italy and Greece are quickly changing the long-held 'Mediterranean model' that creates a culture of drinking. But things are changing. Amazingly, the United States are leading the way with 10 states wanting to raise the legal age of drinking from 21 to 25 years. The reasons are supported by powerful brain based evidence.

He explained just how the brain is different from adolescent to adult from risk taking and judgement to plasticity and myelination. He asked the question "Where can you go and socialise without drinking?" Just think about that for a moment. It is increasingly common to have alcohol served at most events, parties, gatherings and even picnics.

Paul Dillon's presentation was informative, engaging, thought provoking with a sprinkle of humour at just the right times. The word he would love parents to remember is **DELAY**. Delay young ones from drinking their first alcoholic drink. Think of their brains, now and in the future. Jump onto the DARTA website and read the facts for yourself. We all want our young people to reach their full potential in school, in relationships, in themselves so they can follow their dreams and pursue their passion. And he left us with a simple message: alcohol and the developing brain do not mix. The tough love model of parenting is the way to go with rules and consequences doused in a whole heap of love and connectedness with your child. And when they ask you why they can't do this and why you're not allowing that, all you need to respond with is, 'because I love you'.

If you would like more information on DARTA or Paul Dillon please visit <http://darta.net.au/>

GETTING TO THE ROOT OF IT AT HESKET PRIMARY SCHOOL

The students at Heskett Primary School have been busy bees, planting vegetables in their veggie garden, in preparation for their special lunch to celebrate the end of term. The students constructed the garden as part of Heskett's Buddies Program, which sees the younger students in the school working with their older peers. The program provides many benefits for each individual child and numerous opportunities for the students to build upon a whole range of different skills.



Our garden project this year promoted our strong sense of community in our students, created social and support networks at the school, and gave the older buddies a chance to demonstrate their leadership abilities, all while learning about nature and caring for the environment.

All that is left now is for the students to continue to encourage their plants to grow, so that they may enjoy the fruits of their labour come harvest day, which we are all hoping will be in time to make our delicious hot soup together, come winter at the end of term.

GRAAP News

SOME VERY EXCITING NEWS!

After what seems like a very long time, GRAAP is VERY EXCITED after attending Macedon Ranges Shire Council meeting on Wednesday 22nd May 2013. As a follow up to the feasibility study prepared independently for Council relating to the former Romsey primary school site, Council unanimously supported a motion moved by Cr. Henry McLaughlin for Council to resolve to purchase the site at the restricted crown grant price subject to identifying Council owned open space in Romsey (i.e. so called "pocket parks") that will fund the purchase of the former Romsey Primary School site. This declaration of commitment to acquisition gives the greatest degree of certainty thus far that this historically significant and aesthetically attractive block will become a community open space for all ages and all abilities.

GRAAP will now proceed to ramp up fundraising for the purposes of a master plan and project development. It will also be in a stronger position to apply for grant funding for these purposes. GRAAP wishes to thank Macedon Ranges Shire Council for its ongoing support and looks forward to ongoing collaboration as the project is progressed.

"Pledge Your Support - Phase 2" -This has well and truly commenced. Now there is more certainty regarding the old Romsey Primary School site, GRAAP is confident that more financial support will follow. Pledge flyers are also available at www.graapinc.com or through www.romsey.org.au.

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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