

Romsey Golf Club Women's Report

As the weather is improving it would be great to welcome some new players as this is the time to learn to play. Just come along and have a try, (no need to have clubs—we will share). The clubrooms are accessed off Park Lane, and we get there about 9 am and hit off at 9.30. Just bring some water and a snack to have on the way around. Looking forward to meeting some new women.

Wednesday 18th September: In heavy conditions the women's championships continued. With causal water in many places golf was not very enjoyable but we continued on and this saw me leading the championships.

Thursday 19th: I travelled to Euroa for their bowl and was surprised how wet their course was. The grass cover often hid the casual water til you walked into it. The scores were a reflection of the conditions. But they did put on a warm sunny day.

Wednesday 25th was a lovely spring day and the course was in good condition. The men have been very busy trying to keep ahead of the grass growing which is very difficult at this time of year when we can hear the growth. We are still waiting for some good scores. I am this year's club champion and congratulations to Leila who is our nett champion. It was also monthly medal day.

Saturday 30th September: Denise played in an Ambrose event at Seymour to raise money for Breast Cancer research. The

day started with the most glorious weather. Blue Sky, little breeze, temperature of 21 deg. Not bad, for the last day of winter! She played with 3 locals, and we spent more time chuckling than golfing. It was a lolly day, the local Nestle Factory had donated stacks and stacks of lollies. YUM! The course was awash with PINK. Men included.

October 2nd was a cold windy day and as the greens had just been cored it was unanimously agreed to cancel golf and just do our Rose Scanlon count and finalise competitions for the end of year ready for our presentation day. We all enjoyed the count followed by lunch and lots of discussion on various topics. Not many decisions were made.

Thursday Oct 3rd: Wendy and I played in the Lancefield tournament. The day was cool but the rain held off til after lunch much to the relief of the Lancefield girls and all players. The course was in good condition with only a few wet spots left.

October 9th we played par at home. This is not a favourite game and it was noted the captain was not there to play it (only scheduled it). As the fairways are drying out it was more pleasurable playing. We have good grass cover on the fairways and greens are coming along after the coring. I was the winner on a count back from Elaine.

Presentation Day was held on the Sunday 13th and enjoyed by all who attended. Golf was followed by good food and company. (See Men's report).

Monday 14th October: Wendy and Elaine played in the 27+ handicap event held this year at Broadford. The weather was a little changeable with umbrellas going up and down. At least the wind wasn't a problem. They enjoyed the course and look forward to trying to conquer it next time.

Recipe for this month

Lemony Ginger Cake

125g softened butter,
1 cup sugar,
1 egg,
Grated zest of 2 small lemons
2 cups of plain flour,
Pinch salt,
2 teaspoons of ground ginger
1 cup warm milk,
1 teaspoon of bicarb soda,
2 tablespoons of golden syrup.

Preheat oven to 140C. Grease a 20cm x 11 cm loaf tin.

Beat butter and sugar to a light fluffy cream, add egg and beat well. Add lemon zest. Sift flour with salt and ginger.

Combine warm milk with the bicarb soda and golden syrup and add to the creamed mixture alternating with the flour. Beat vigorously.

Pour into prepared tin and bake for about an hour (test after 45 mins)

Beryl Cole
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Gillian

I have started the Rag but only just. Have changed the header on this page but nothing else.

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There are some articles on file all ready to put in.

See you next week.

Cheers Robyn

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Please note: There is no edition of the Romsey Rag in January



Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.
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Romsey Golf Club – Men’s Report

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Sunday October 13th - Presentation Day, The Old Course - 4BBB Stableford

Despite the dire weather predictions the conditions for the 2013 presentation day 12 hole 4BBB were quite good. There was some steady rain for the first few holes but it moved on and the sun came out to make for a pleasant round. The day was trying for many pairs whilst others seemed to revel in the varying conditions. Once the round was completed everyone enjoyed a relaxing lunch whilst watching the rain, hail and drizzle fall, great for those inside and wonderful for the fairways and newly cored, sown and fertilised greens. The day's results were;

Winners; John & Andrew Laing - 29 pts from Kev Milner & Steve Poulton - 28 pts and Dave Richardson & Adrian Poulton 26 pts.

NTPs; 1 - Kev Milner, 8 - Andrew Laing, 9 - Tony Freeman, 10 - John Laing.

2013 RGC Award went to;

Club Champions; Les Gaunt & Beryl Cole. Men's B Grade Champion; Andrew Laing

Algie Mitchell Shield (Singles Knock-out) - Kev Milner

Rose Scanon Shield; Beryl Cole

W. E. Tom/Ampol Shield (4BBB Knock-out) - John Freestone & Ron Walker.

Women's Nett Champion; Leila Beasley.

Peter Scanlon Shield (Best handicap score by a player 55 yrs & older during the club championships); Les Gaunt

Helene & Ken Newnham Shield (Medal of Medalists); Pat Chisholm & Beryl Cole

John Jeffries Shield (Best handicap score during the club championships); Dave Richardson.

Women's Eclectic; Beryl Cole

President's & Captains' Award (For Conspicuous Service); Bob McLennan.

Fund Raising Raffle - Tocumwal Golf Club Package; Rob Rea

Saturday October 12th - Stroke

The strong winds and sunshine of the previous week had dried the course nicely and the fairways and light rough were in their best condition for many months. The 4mm of rain on Thursday night had kicked the greens on, however they had still not fully recovered from the recent coring. Despite all this and the beautiful, sunny day it was the gusting northerly wind that was on everyone's mind as they teed off. The wind played havoc with shots early in the round before dying down only to return for the final few holes. On a challenging day only one player was able to get close to his handicap. The day's results were;

Winner; Chris vanDerVliet 99/24/75

NTP: 15 - John Laing.

Saturday October 5th - Stableford

The beautiful spring days that followed the coring, seeding and fertilising saw some good growth across all greens however, as we could not cut such young grass, and there were still plenty of core holes putting was quite a challenge. A few players found their approach shots landing on the green only to see them hit a core hole and bounce on a new line, usually away from the hole. Early in the day the strong, gusting wind from the north and north-east also added to the difficulty of the round. On a tough day only one player was able to rise to the challenge of the course and post a good score. The day's results were;

Winner; Les Gaunt (6) 39 points

Runner up; Keith Hocking (26) 33 points

Saturday September 28th - Grand Final day

There was no golf as the greens were cored on Friday 27th, that and the heavy rain during the week and overnight made the

course unplayable. Our thanks to Bob McLennan, Kev Dunn, Les Gaunt, Peter "Smokey" Scanlon, Bob Preece, Neil Jarman, Jan Harver, Tony Freeman and Dean vanDenHeuval who all worked very hard on the Friday to make sure the greens were seeded, fertilised and rubbed in. Also for their work around the course mowing grass, levelling depressions (the recent rain made these depressions very easy to find), finishing off the new 17th tee, building a cross-over behind the 9th green and a carrying out a variety of mechanical repairs and maintenance on the club machinery. Thanks also to Andrew Clement for the use of his front-end loader tractor, sure beat shovelling all that sand and soil, to Neil Jarman for organising the seed and fertiliser and to Jim Patton for his work to locate and deliver washed sand ready for the coring program.

Saturday September 21st - Round 3, 2013 Club Championships/September Monthly Medal

Field; Stroke scores. With over 60 mm of rain falling during the week the course had once again become extremely wet, there was casual water on most fairways and some areas could not be mown. Relief, to a handspan through the green, was given. The conditions ensured there virtually no run of the fairways so players had to select their clubs carefully and hit the greens in regulation to have any chance of picking up one of the trophies on offer. In A Grade veteran Les Gaunt began the round with a good buffer, he had the luxury of playing well within himself knowing that all challengers had to play very attacking golf to make up the difference. Tyson Ellis, an outside chance for A Grade was also in a very good position to hold on and take out B Grade. The round of the afternoon came from Dave Richardson, other good efforts were from Anthony Freeman and Andrew Laing. The day's results were;

September Medalist; Dave Richardson - 93/24/69

NTPs; 15 - Andrew Clement & 16 - Anthony Freeman

Least Putts; Anthony Lakey - 23

A Grade Stroke & 2013 Club Champion; Les Gaunt - 248

A Grade Handicap; Les Gaunt 248/ 230

B Grade Stroke; Andrew Laing - 285

B Grade Handicap; Dave Richardson - 226

Peter Scanlon Shield (Best handicap result by a player 55 and over) Les Gaunt - 230

John Jeffrey Shield (Best overall handicap performance) Dave Richardson - 226

The recent rain and the spring warmth have been ideal for the newly seeded and fertilised greens, the fairways and the recently planted trees (including 100 donated by Deep Creek Land Care). The golf course, and Romsey Park in general, is really looking good, so why not take a relaxing walk to get an idea of what has been accomplished and to see just what the recent works will mean for the future, of both the golf course and Romsey Park. Romsey park is crown land, owned by the people of Victoria, its your park, we hope you enjoy what we have done over the 92 years that the golf club has been resident. Again, RGC would like to thank all the volunteers who continue to donate their time and efforts to both maintain and improve the park.

Junior clinics will be held at the golf course again this year. We will work in with the primary school and golf professional Tony Collier who is running two golf sessions at the school in November. The golf club will be running 60 minute clinics on Wednesdays November 13th, 20th & 27th and December 4th & 11th. All interested students may speak with Tony during the school sessions.

MACEDON RANGES FARMERS' MARKETS NOVEMBER

2nd Nov - Woodend Community Farmers' Market - Cnr High & Forest Sts

9th Nov - Kyneton Farmers' Market - St Pauls Park, Piper St

16th Nov - Riddells Creek Farmers' Market - Riddells Creek Primary School

23rd Nov - Lancefield & District Farmers' Market - High St Plantation

Spring springs into action this month, with a greater variety of produce being seen as we leave the 'lean time' and the weather warms up. Look for great spring tonic herbs at the markets as well as broad beans, cabbages, fennel, peas, asparagus and more. Fresh citrus available at Kyneton and Lancefield. Woodend welcomes new local beef producers "Millhouse Beef" from Kerrie and looks forward to the return of Mclvor Farm Free-Range Pork who will bring fresh cuts as well as their popular new small-goods range. Don't forget, Hollyburton are also now making a great nitrate free bacon - from their pigs at Clarkefield. This is available at Woodend and Lancefield (every second month). Lancefield also has great pasture grazed whole chickens from Yapunya Meadow Grazed for those looking for an alternative to caged broilers. Great regional wines are in abundance, Woodend welcomes new stallholders, Heskett Estate to the fold with their award winning Pinot Noir, Gewurztraminer and Chardonnay at the market. New season olive oils are also prolific - check out the Villa Pilleggi Organic Olive Grove's Open Day on Sunday 27th October at Gisborne. Special treats, fantastic preserves, rare plants and bulbs, seedlings and herbs - Woodend welcomes local, Rod Green, back to the market world with his home propagated heirloom seedlings and herbs at the November market. Woodend and Lancefield also host Liz from A and B Trees who produces a great range of heirloom seedlings for your summer veggie garden too. Sweet Cins, Cindy Crozier - at Woodend, Kyneton and Lancefield markets is now taking orders for special cakes.

All markets have great foods to snack on made from locally produced ingredients. Free face-paint for the kids and dogs are welcome on a leash. Please bring your own bags, baskets and trolleys - help to preserve our environment. Live music and a warm atmosphere make all Macedon Ranges Farmers' Markets an enjoyable place to shop for provisions, whilst supporting our local farmers.



Lancefield & Romsey Community Banks

DATES SET FOR OUR NEW ROMSEY BANK

The new "Bank of the Future" to service Romsey's growing financial needs could be open and operating as soon as the start of next July, Bank chair Tim McCarthy announced today.

"The move will see our Romsey Community Bank branch of Bendigo Bank open and operating from brand new, purpose-built premises right in the heart of the Romsey commercial business district on the western side of Main St," Mr McCarthy said. "This is a very exciting time in the history of community banking in our region, and further demonstrates our commitment to 'bank-proof' Romsey and ensure that the Bendigo Community Bank model has an enduring role in the future of the town."

Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services is a community-based company which operates our two local bank branches on behalf of our 500 local shareholders. Mr McCarthy said construction of the Bank will be Stage 1 of the redevelopment of the former produce store site at 105 Main St into a complex of retail and office space. The project is being managed by building design company Bill Jacobs Pty Ltd, and tenders are expected to be issued shortly. Mr McCarthy said he expected the project to create significant employment opportunities for building trades companies and suppliers

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in the local region, and he encouraged them to participate in the tenders. We have set ourselves an ambitious and challenging target of July next year, but believe it's now time for action," Mr McCarthy said. "Local residents have been heartened to see significant progress over the past couple of months, including removal of the disused underground fuel tanks and demolition of the disused sheds. The whole community has been looking forward to this project with excitement and anticipation, and we intend to deliver on their expectations."

Mr McCarthy said the Bank board had already held detailed discussions with a number of commercial, retail and professional businesses keen on purchasing or leasing space in the new development, and he expected Stage 2 would get the green light once agreement was reached. Mr McCarthy called for further expressions of interest from companies and businesses wishing to lease or buy shops or space in the development.

"This is an excellent opportunity to get in on the ground floor in a modern development on a prime site right in the heart of the Romsey commercial business district," he said. Businesses interested in space in the development should contact Mr McCarthy by email on tmac31@bigpond.net.au or phone on 0403 036 654.



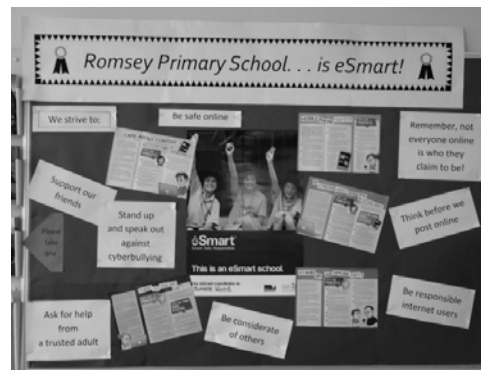
ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Romsey Primary School is eSmart!

We are very proud to announce that we are now qualified as an eSmart School! What exactly does that mean? Designed specifically for Australian schools, eSmart is a system tool to help schools manage cybersafety, and deal with cyberbullying and bullying. eSmart schools empower students to be smart, safe and responsible users of technology. Being eSmart means knowing how to guard against security and privacy risks online, download content in a legal and ethical way, research and reference information, as well as manage reputation and relationships in cyberspace. Romsey Primary school has qualified as an eSmart school due to our use of ground rules, guidelines

and policies that over the past 5 years has helped us develop strong expectations of internet and technology use within the school. We have passed all the rigorous standards developed by The Alannah and Madeline foundation/eSmart and we can now look forward to working together with the wider school community through our YOU CAN DO IT program to ensure cybersafety remains a priority and that we strengthen our school's culture where cyberbullying/bullying is frowned upon and where students actively work to eradicate it.

In 2014 we will again continue to encourage the wider school community to become involved in cybersafety, running information nights for parents as well as programs for students.



Swimming

During the first two weeks of term 3 our Preps, ones and twos participated in an intensive ten day swimming program at Gisborne. Over the two weeks the students greatly developed their independence and confidence in learning new swimming skills. The Gisborne swimming staff even commented on how great our Romsey students were during their sessions and displayed manners and great listening skills.



Prep Transition and Whole school Transition

During the year we offer a range of activities within our Prep team to involve new incoming Preps. Our transition program is excellent and this term things really get busy. Kinder students participate in several visits to school including a three hour

visit near the end of term with their new teachers for 2014. Whilst these transition sessions are taking place for the students, information sessions for parents will be offered as well as a tea or coffee.

Year 3 Sleep Over

The Year 3 sleepover at school held at the end of term 3 was a fantastic success. The students had the opportunity to experience a night away from home, many for the first time in a supportive and familiar environment. Many thanks to the large group of parents who came along to assist with cooking dinner, breakfast and lunch. Lots of parents also helped out with our "Race Around Romsey". Students worked in teams searching for clues to learn more about the history of Romsey.

Aerobics Success

Three of our aerobics teams travelled to Brisbane at the beginning of the September holidays for the AeroSkools National Championships. They had a wonderful day of competition against the best teams from all over Australia. While they did not place in the first 3 in any of their events their performances were very creditable at this level and the experience was fantastic for them. While in Queensland there was even time for some fun at Movie World. Thank you to Miss Hipwell and Mrs Baker for all the effort and time they have devoted to training and mentoring our aerobics teams, to the parents who have supported their children in this program and to the girls in the team who worked so hard throughout the year to attain this level of success. Well done!

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Message from the Mayor

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight a few of the most recent happenings around the shire.

Gisborne Indoor Sports Stadium

Construction of a two court indoor sports stadium at the Gisborne Secondary College is one step closer to commencing, following the completion of a joint use agreement last week. The agreement outlines the proposed partnerships between the school, user groups and the wider community to enable shared use of the new facility once it is completed. Detailed design documentation is being finalised and we hope that tenders for the construction of the facility will be advertised before the end of the year.

Barkly Square Pavilion

It's great to see the construction of a new pavilion at Barkly Square in Kyneton moving forward. The slab was recently laid, the building frame is currently being erected and the roof is expected to be completed later this month.

Woodend Tennis Courts

Six new tennis courts in Woodend, including the lighting and fencing are almost complete. The final surface layer is due to be applied to the courts in the coming weeks and it is anticipated that the project will be completed and ready for use next month.

Romsey Netball/Tennis Courts

The final part of the Romsey Sports Precinct Project is underway, with construction of two fully fenced tennis courts, incorporating a netball court, plus lighting starting this week. Temporary fencing



around the site is now in place and works to remove the existing, courts will begin in the coming weeks.

Live4Life Celebrations

The wonderful work and achievement of local school students through the 2013 Live4Life program was recently celebrated. Students participated in four tailored mental health education sessions which was supported by a research/competition component. For this component, the students explored ways to 'Reach Out' and access help through schools, the local community or by using recommended websites--either for themselves or a friend who may be struggling with a mental health problem. This research was then expressed creatively and entered into our Live4Life competition in which prizes were awarded at the celebration event. Congratulations to all involved.

Call Outs – Trees/Drains

The recent very windy weather provided some challenges with Council crews responding to over 130 calls for fallen trees on roads and in parks, plus more than 30 calls to unblock drains on roadsides. Our crews do a great job responding day and night, often in difficult conditions, which is greatly appreciated by the community.

Annual Report

Council's Annual Report for 2012/13 is now available on Council's website, www.mrsc.vic.gov.au. It provides a snapshot of the extensive range of works and services we provide and highlights a very successful past year for our community and Council.

**Mayor, Councillor Roger Jukes
Macedon Ranges Shire Council**

CEO Resigns

The Chief Executive Officer of Kyneton Health Service Jennifer Gale has resigned, ending an association of more than eight years with the organisation. Ms Gale said her decision to resign was taken with regret, but had been prompted by a range of personal reasons.



"The time has come for me to spend time with my family, after devoting considerable time and energy to my role at Kyneton District Health. There have been many highlights for Kyneton District Health and I'd like to pay tribute to the efforts of the staff, board, the executive team and the community for their support. The Chair of the Kyneton District Health Board Graham Jasper said the hospital now had better structures in place allowing the organisation to operate in a much more efficient way.

"Through Jennifer strong partnerships were developed with other health related organisations such as Cobaw Community Health and the local council, resulting in the provision of a better coordinated range of services for our residents," Mr Jasper said.

"The primary care centre has been a huge benefit to our community and we've seen much better integration of mental health services. The development of student accommodation for both medical students and trainee nurses has provided many prospective rural health professionals with a valuable introduction to working in the country and the benefits of a rural lifestyle.

Ms Gale said Kyneton District Health played an important part in the life of the community.

"The staff of the hospital do a magnificent job and have shown themselves to be willing and able to move with the times and the changing demands the delivery of health in a community such as ours requires. The community should feel very proud of them and their previous and continuing efforts. My final day with Kyneton District Health will be on December 13. I wish the staff every success for the future. It has been an honour and a privilege to have had the opportunity to serve the Kyneton community," Ms Gale said.

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I have been warmly welcomed by those I have met in the wonderful Romsey community since I began in the role little over a week ago. It is an exciting time here at the House and I would encourage anyone with ideas, talents, time, needs or even curiosity to phone, email or come in for a chat and find out how we can build this wonderful resource together.

The Coordinator's role is currently 10 hours a week and the house has some fabulous and dedicated volunteers without which it could not be here for the community.

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2. Change to Statement of Purpose
3. Adoption of new Model Rules

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

The 2013 Annual General Meeting for the **Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association Incorporated** will be held on Monday 2nd December 2013, commencing at 7.30pm at the Romsey Community Hub.

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MASS TIMES

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

Saturdays 9.45am Romsey & 5.45pm Lancefield.

BAPTISMS

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

REGULAR EVENTS

SVDP Drop-In: First Thursday of each month,
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 All welcome to come for a game of cards/chat and free lunch.

Advent Reconciliation

Tuesday 10th December Lancefield 7.00pm

Anointing Mass

Wed 11th December - Karinya Nursing Home 2.00pm

Combined Community Christmas Carols

Sunday 15th December - Romsey Mechanics Hall
 6pm BBQ & entertainment
 7pm Carols

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2013

Christmas Vigil Family Mass

Tuesday 24th December - Romsey Church 6.00pm - Nativity

Midnight Mass: 11.30pm Carols - Lancefield
 Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Wed 25th December - Lancefield 9.00am

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Giving Back to Our Community

Last month's event at Campaspe Country House was a huge success. We were truly spoilt with the weather and got to enjoy the delicious High Tea buffet out in the stunning front gardens of the Manor House. The women that gathered together on the day came from many pockets across the Macedon Ranges and it was fantastic to see everyone coming together to form new connections. It was a true celebration of the natural networks women form. We are very pleased to announce that from this event we were able to raise \$1000 which we will be donating to the wonderful people at St Vincent de Paul Society Romsey Branch. These funds will go towards providing Xmas Hampers to individuals & families in our community that are in need & help fund a Xmas dinner the society puts on for these less fortunate people. We would also like to take the opportunity again to thank the **Lancefield & Romsey Community Bendigo Bank** for supporting this event and making it all the more special. It has been an invaluable opportunity for our network to spread our message beyond the borders of our little towns. A big thank you also goes to our eclectic mix of guest speakers, Taryn McKerrow, Kathryn Russack, Melanie Traynor & Scott Pape, who gave us some insight into their life experiences which were thought provoking, humorous and thoroughly enjoyable. If you are curious but unsure about what our network is about, please come along to one of our monthly gatherings. 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. This month our gathering will be on **Thursday 21st November at Zarby's Bar & Bistro in Woodend @ 7pm**. So please come join us for a glass of wine and a chat. Our intent is to provide a safe environment for women to gather together, exchange ideas, share about their lives and have some laughs. 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
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 Annual Membership: - \$20
 Tracey (President) - 0416 497 623
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Are you fire ready?

With the fire season just around the corner, it's important to make sure that you, your family and your property are fire ready. Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Fire Management Officer will begin inspecting private properties for fire risk throughout November and December. Fire Prevention Notices will be issued to those properties that pose a serious fire risk to their neighbourhood. The penalty for failing to comply with these notices has increased significantly this year to \$1,440. If you receive a notice, don't ignore it. If it is not complied with, Council will be forced to complete the work required and you will be charged the associated costs, in addition to the \$1,440 fine.

Community Emergency Preparation Planner

To help you to prepare your property and household in the event of an emergency, call into any of Council's offices and pick up a free Community Emergency Preparation Planner. This useful planner provides useful information about preparing for the fire season. It also identifies the actions that everyone should take on high fire risk days and encourages community members to share information about emergencies.

Fire Ready in the Macedon Ranges Film Council has also produced a short film, *Fire Ready in the Macedon Ranges*, which highlights the importance of having a bushfire survival plan and provides tips on how to support your family and neighbours to be fire ready. The film was produced in partnership with the Mount Players Theatre Group and the CFA. It can be viewed on our website, mrcs.vic.gov.au/fireready. Don't forget, you can find us on Facebook. Search for *Macedon Ranges Emergency Alerts* and 'like' our page. This page focuses on helping you to prepare for and respond to an emergency in your town or region, such as a fire, flood or heatwave. This page does not replace official emergency alerts from the CFA, Victoria Police or SES. Remember, being fire ready is everyone's responsibility, so make sure you take the time to prepare yourself, your family, your animals and your property so that you can stay safe this summer

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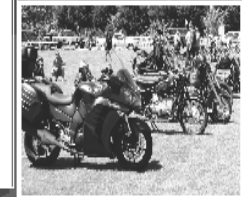
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Secretary: Jeni Clampit 5429 5480

Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 10am in St.Mary's church hall Main Street, Romsey.

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

November Outing – Tuesday, 19th November. "Foodies Dream Tour" at the Victoria Market.

We will be travelling by train and tram.

Our November meeting will be on
Thursday 28th November, 2013

The Guest Speaker will be John Lynch, President of the Romsey RSL. He will speak on Remembrance Day, the role of the RSL.

Retired or close to retiring.

The Romsey/Lancefield Probus Club was formed on 24th May, 2000. Seventeen people were present at the Formation Meeting. We celebrated our 10th Birthday in May 2010.

The Romsey/Lancefield Probus club invites you to come and see what our club is about. We are not a big club, we are a friendly club. We are non-denominational, non-political. We are just friends.

We meet once a month and we deal with the normal matters of a club, like correspondence, treasury, and discuss the last outing we had enjoyed, and most important, where we are going to next month, a short tour, a long tour, a lunch somewhere.

Lions Grocery Grab

At the drawing of the Lions Grocery Grab on Oct. 5th was Lancefield/Romsey president Lion Pam Amezdroz, Lion Ged McLaughlin and I G A Romsey manager Craig Henderson.

The winner was Cameron Plöse.

On the same day the Lancefield / Romsey Lions manned the promotional BBQ outside the chemist for the new owners grand opening .



Our monthly meeting always finishes with morning coffee, which is usually followed by a guest speaker with an interesting topic.

Some members enjoy 'Ten Pin Bowling' each fortnight at Watergardens (*definitely non-serious*) followed by lunch at a nearby hotel or club. We also enjoy a monthly musical/film afternoon at a members home and Friday coffee mornings at a local café.

Are you interested in Membership??

If you are retired, or close to retiring, come along and join us at our November meeting and learn more about what Probus can offer you to assist you in staying active. Our meeting will start at 10am on Thursday November 28th.

Please come along and join us and see if our Club might offer you something extra.

Our Christmas Breakup will be on Wednesday 18th December at the 'Australiana' at Wandong. We really enjoy Christmas at the "Australiana", they have a beautiful meal in lovely surroundings.

Some places we have visited are:-

Telstra Dome and the Police Museum
Trip on the Murray River at Echuca
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Some speakers we have had –

Ambulance Service
Puffing Billy Train
Peter Mitchell – local history
Lort Smith Animal Hospital
Local Councillor
Anne Phelan – local identity
Laurie Thomson – local identity
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Armistice Day

In 1948, at an Armistice Celebration, (Armistice was the declaration of peace at the end of World War I) it was declared on November 11 at 11.00 am. So 11, 11 at 11. They did that symbolically because they felt that they were at the eleventh hour. They actually felt if the war continued, the whole world would be destroyed by it. Over 20 million people were killed in World War I. It was the bloodiest, most destructive war in history up until that time. So they declared an Armistice. Even till today some celebrate that.

Omar Bradley, one of the Generals in World War II makes this commentary and I think that history has borne his testimony to be true.

"With the monstrous weapons man already has, humanity is in danger of being trapped in this world by its moral adolescents. Our knowledge of science has clearly outstripped our capacity to control it. We have many men of science; too few men of God. We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the Sermon on the Mount. Man is stumbling blindly through a spiritual darkness while toying with the precarious secrets of life and death. The world has achieved brilliance without wisdom, power without conscience. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants. We know more about war than we know about peace, more about killing than we know about living. We do not know how to make peace.

Jesus' Gift of Peace

Jesus said, "I am leaving you with a gift - peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid. John 14:27

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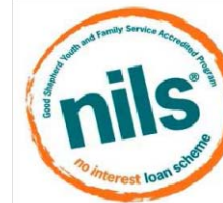


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Christmas Market & Car Boot Sale

Saturday
NOVEMBER 30TH, 2013

Church grounds,
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 from 9.00am onwards

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BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIPS -

Such was the close relationship between God and Abraham that Abraham was called the friend of God because of his faith and trust in God. Such was the friendship between David and Jonathan, they loved each other as brothers and swore never-ending friendship. How David mourned when Jonathan was killed in battle, "O Jonathan, laid low in death! I grieve for you, my brother; dear and delightful you were to me, your love for me was wonderful." 2 Samuel 1:25/26 NEB.

And such was the love the women of this parish, as expressed by their words "Our Beloved Friend" on their marble tablet in Christ Church Lancefield, for Elizabeth MacCullagh, who died in tragic circumstances in 1870, aged 27. She was the young wife of the first vicar of this parish, the revered Rev John MacCullagh.

UNWORTHY FRIENDS -

How hurt and disappointed we feel when a friend lets us down. David knew this experience when he declared "even the friend in whom I trusted has betrayed me."

The ultimate betrayal was that of Judas at Gethsemane when Jesus said, "Would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?" Luke 22:48.

THE TRUE FRIEND - JESUS CHRIST - the friend of sinners Jesus told his twelve disciples, "No longer do I call you servants but friends if you do what I command you. This is my commandment to you, That you love one another." John 15:17.

He also said, "Greater love has no man than this that he lays down his life for his friends."

Jesus laid down His life for you and for me that we might become His friends.

"God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son that everyone who has faith in Him may not die but have eternal life." John 3:16 NEB

OCTOBER IN RETROSPECT

October has been a very quiet month with annual meetings being the order of the day. Alpha classes have been in abeyance because of school holidays.

DIARY - NOVEMBER 2013

Thur 14 Nov, 8pm: AMS meets in Christ Church, Lancefield. Enq to Tom, 5429-6060

Thur 21 Nov, 1.30pm: GUILD Meeting - Mrs F Carter's home, Monegeetta. Refer Doreen, 5429-6060.

Sun 17 Nov 10am COMBINED SERVICE AT LANCEFIELD - followed by Church AGM.

On November 20 we remember the tragic death in 1870 of Elizabeth MacCullagh, the wife of our first vicar, Rev John MacCullagh

Sat 30 Nov: ST ANDREW'S DAY, then ADVENT SUNDAY (1 Dec) - marks the beginning of the Church New Year. The 10am service trial will end then (feedback is needed re the trial).

Sat 7 Dec: 9am-12.30pm. Parish Christmas STREET STALL outside IGA, Romsey.

SERVICE TIMES

ST PAUL'S ROMSEY (Main Street)

9.45am Prayers; 10.00am - Holy Communion (1st and 3rd Sundays), Morning Prayer (2nd and 4th)

CHRIST CHURCH LANCEFIELD (Chauncey Street)

9.45am Prayers; 10.00am - Holy Communion (2nd and 4th Sundays), Morning Prayer (1st and 3rd)

(5th Sunday service times to be announced)

Sun 17 Nov, 7pm: HEALING SERVICE at Christ Church, Lancefield

Minister: Rev W Carroll - 0427918607

Office 5429-1380

D Morgan (correspondent)

Lancefield & Romsey Community Banks

OUR BANK'S HELPING OUR CLUBS HELP OUR COMMUNITY

Clubs, community groups and a range of other organisations around the district are sharing in more than \$94,000 in grants and sponsorships from the Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank branches, the Bank Chair, Tim McCarthy announced today. Hosting a Community Investment Program where the funding details were announced, Mr McCarthy said the community-owned Bank has now put more than \$600,000 directly into the community over the past 12 years.

"This distribution of money demonstrates exactly what our Community Bank is all about," he said. "Our Romsey and Lancefield community-owned branches of Bendigo Bank were established to serve our communities, both by ensuring we always had local banking services and by our pledge to share the profits and proceeds generated with our communities. This latest allocation demonstrates that we have upheld our pledge, and that local residents and businesses who bank with us are also making a direct contribution to funding worthwhile projects and groups in the community. By supporting their Bank, they are also proudly supporting the groups receiving these grants and sponsorships."

Cheques for the grants and sponsorships were handed over to the local clubs and organisations at the Community Investment Program event at the Newnham Room at the Romsey Sporting Association today. Mr McCarthy said the grants ranged from supporting some of the oldest groups in our Community - \$5000 each to the Lancefield Mechanics Institute and the Romsey Mechanics Institute - to groups supporting the youngest members of our community - \$3000 each to the Lancefield Kindergarten Parents Committee and the Romsey Kindergarten. Six local CFA brigades - Lancefield, Romsey, Benloch, Springfield, Nulla Vale and Bolinda/Monegeetta each received \$2000, as did the Romsey Lancefield Ambulance Auxiliary.

Mr McCarthy said the Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank branches of Bendigo Bank were operated on behalf of around 500 local residents and businesses, who put up their own money to become shareholders.

"Our two branches today provide full banking services in Romsey and Lancefield - open from 9am to 5pm week days, open during lunch hour and open on Saturday mornings," he said. The banking service alone is a landmark contribution to the prosperity of our district, yet it is the extra step we take that sets our Bank apart. Unlike any other business, our Bank disperses its profits in a truly remarkable way to enhance our lives here in Lancefield and Romsey."



Community Investment grants - \$39,850

Lancefield Mechanics Institute - refurbishment of 4 x historic tables \$5,000.00

Romsey Mechanics' Institute - restoration/replacement of doors \$5,000.00

Lancefield Kindergarten Parents Committee - continuous looping bike path around the kinder playground \$3,000.00

Romsey Kindergarten Inc. - modernisation, pigeon holes and furniture upgrade \$3,000.00

Lancefield Romsey Little Athletics Centre - New High Jump Safety Mat \$2,500.00

Lancefield Tennis Club - development of the club house kitchen \$2,000.00

Encourage Church - emergency lighting \$1,000.00

Romsey Region Business & Tourism Association - funding support to implement and upgrade website \$2,000.00

1st Romsey Scouts - upgrade toilet facilities \$2,000.00

Bolinda Hall and Reserve Committee of Management- install heating and cooling \$2,000.00

Lancefield/Romsey Anglican Church - electrics upgrade \$1,500.00

Lancefield Neighbourhood House - front verandah timbers have deteriorated and a window frame replaced \$1,500.00

Lancefield & District Pony Club - upgrade of the Cross Country Course \$1,000.00

Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club - maintenance and equipment \$1,000.00

St. Mary's Catholic Church Lancefield/Romsey - maintenance and upgrade \$1,000.00

Romsey Congregation of the Uniting Church in Australia - compatible video camera \$1,000.00

Lancefield Light Harness Club Inc. - toilet roofing \$1,000.00

Romsey & Lancefield Senior Citizens Club Inc - Replacement of the existing old and inadequate fridge \$1,000.00

Romsey and Lancefield Girl Guides -backpacks with a drink bottle, mat, hat, lanyard and wallet \$1,000.00

Romsey Toy Library - 10 memberships to disadvantaged and vulnerable families in the community \$1,000.00

Macedon Ranges Lodge 97 - Christmas fun day for kids \$750.00

Lancefield C.W.A - hiring hall and catering costs spring show \$600.00

Emergency Services grants - \$14,000

Romsey CFA \$2000

Lancefield CFA \$2000

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Springfield CFA \$2000

Bolinda/Monegeetta CFA \$2000

Benloch CFA \$2000

Romsey Lancefield Ambulance Auxiliary \$2000

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St Mary's Primary School - You Can Do It Program

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Wednesday	9.30am – 11.30am
Thursday	9.30am – 11.30am
Saturday	9.30am – 11.30am

The sessions are open aged sessions from 0-4 years old.

All members can access these sessions!

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME! Come and check Playgroup out. First Session Free!! From Term 4 insurance is only \$7.50 until March 1st 2014.

WHATS NEW AT PLAYGROUP!!!

We have just planted a vegetable garden so our little ones can enjoy watching vegies grow. Once ripe the vegies can be picked and taken home to be cooked.



We had a great time at our Cake Stall!! We were sold out by lunchtime. The kiddies enjoyed selling the cakes.. A big thank you to the Romsey Community House for assisting on the day and to the Playgroup families who baked a yummy treat!!

BBQ at IGA

Sat 9th November 2013

from 8.30am.

Come and buy a snag or two and support Romsey Playgroup.

November is 'Whovember' at Romsey Library

In honour of 50 years of Dr Who, Macedon Ranges Libraries will be celebrating all things Dr Who this November. Activities and events will be held in each branch. Come along and get involved!

Make Your Own Tardis Competition

Make your own Tardis out of any materials you like, and enter it into our competition to win great prizes! Bring your home-made Tardis to your local library for public display and judging by your fellow library patrons.

Make Your Own Dalek or Dr Who

Each week, Macedon Ranges Libraries will be giving away 'cubee' paper craft activities for you to do at home.



Day of the Doctor at Romsey Library, 21 November 4-5pm

Join us for a fun-filled after school 'Whovent' of dressing up, activities and Whovian food (fish fingers and custard, anyone?)!

Dr Who Trivia Night at Gisborne Library, 22 November 7pm

For all 'Who' fans and aficionados, Gisborne Library is hosting a fun-filled family trivia night centred on all things Whovian. Contact Gisborne Library for bookings: 5428 3962.

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The CoM received some excellent news this week; we have received a \$5,000.00 grant from the Bendigo Bank. This money will allow us to replace the very worn and/or damaged external doors making the RMI both more weather proof and more secure. This grant was just one of many given out on Wednesday evening; our thanks to the bank for their amazing interest in our community. We hope to get the new doors in place by the beginning of 2014. It was also good to see the Romsey/Lancefield Elderly Citizens (one of our regular users) receive a Bendigo Bank grant to help them replace their fridge.

Works continue of the roof, flashings have been checked, loose nails/screws replaced or tightened and pointing on the chimneys checked. Over the next month or so, depending on the weather, the spouting on the southern side will be either re-hung or replaced, all depends on the results of a visual inspection. The safety equipment on the roof will get another chance to show its value.

Once the roof is made weather proof we hope to begin working on the supper room. Our web site is also on the way. We hope to have it finished and on the web very soon. Amongst other things the website will carry a page on the history of the RMI as well as information of bookings and charges. We would like to hear from anyone who has photos of the RMI or of any events held there. Is possible, we would like to include some of these on the web site. If you would like to help us in this matter please contact the RMI at: rmibookings@gmail.com

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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Saturday: 8.30am to 1.00pm

Sunday: CLOSED

Lancefield Medical Opening Hours

Monday to Friday: 8.30am – 5.30pm

Saturday: Services through Romsey Medical

Sunday: CLOSED

After Hours Services

When the clinic is closed, we have an on-call doctor available for urgent matters.

Please call 1800 022 222 to speak to a nurse who will contact our doctor on duty if required.

Remember:

Romsey and Lancefield can usually offer you on the day appointments – ring early for flexible appointment options.

Telehealth Consultations from the Medical Centres with your Melbourne based specialist is now available.

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

Lancefield Men's Shed

Are you retired or have time on your hands? Do you want to share good company while making or doing things?

Well: the Lancefield Men's Shed might just be the place for you. The Men's Shed is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10.00am to 4.00pm.

On Tuesdays we share time making group and individual projects using excellent new equipment. (No experience required—you will be assisted by others to use the tools, but safety standards must be adhered to at all times).

On Wednesdays we share social time together and enjoy a BBQ at 12.00 sharp. Those wishing to partake of the delicious sausages need to be there on time. Good conversation and camaraderie are just part of the enjoyment of the day.

Lancefield is very fortunate to have the shed as part of the Lancefield Neighbourhood House and for two years now has been developing as an important aspect of the life of Lancefield.

We would love to make contact with those of you who are looking for something extra to participate in. Come along—you will be made most welcome! Contact: Max on 5429 1729 or mob. 0438 291 729



I've sure reached old age!!!! I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought incontinence and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. Have bouts with dementia. Have poor circulation; hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. Have lost all my friends. But, thank God, I still have my driver's license.

I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

The Romsey CWA ladies have had a busy and productive month. At our meeting in October, a new lady was elected as Treasurer; current Secretary remains in

place and President not present to let us know if she is brave enough to take on a second year – we do hope so. Our Annual General Meeting is on October 31st at 1 pm. All present and past members are invited to attend.

We were very fortunate to have two new ladies attend our October meeting and we do hope they enjoy being part of the Romsey Branch of CWA.

The Sunbury Show is looming, where some members enter their Craft items, and our Branch caters for the judges and stewards luncheon. Sandwiches and slices are made in copious quantities and enjoyed by these hard working volunteers.

Our Craft day in September was enjoyed by all, making beaded covers for Christmas baubles. These were a bit of a challenge, but we all finished up with something we will be proud to put on our Christmas tree. This putting up of the Christmas tree seems to come around very quickly. I vowed last year to just throw a blanket over it and leave it in the corner, as I no sooner put it up and I have to take it down again. A sign of time flying by, ever so quickly. Our next craft project is decorating a shopping bag with serviettes to make it look as it has a painted picture on it. Can't wait to see how it is done.

Our Craft Leader knows so many ladies who are willing to teach us new crafts, and these days are so much fun. We start to do what is required, have a most enjoyable shared lunch (far too much) and then try to finish off our project before leaving for home to prepare a meal for the "Man of the House". In October we hope to be making cookery aprons for the Bolinda Primary School with new machines purchased with Macedon Ranges Shire Council grant. Their request was for an apron for each of the children, plus the teachers. Our funds are limited, so we have offered to do half of their request and we trust that this will suffice until more funds are available.

Teddies we knitted or crocheted from pure wool with grant money from the Bendigo Bank were delivered to our local Ambulance Station, with quite a number given to the County Practice in Lancefield, where they were very much appreciated.

Plans are in place for our Christmas Break Up and venues will be discussed at November meeting.

Please contact our Secretary, Val, if you would like to be a member of CWA in Romsey. Fun, friendship and frivolity are the orders of the day.

Val Jordan, Branch Secretary, Telephone 5429 2311.



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

Sunday 17th November:

At 2.30pm there will be a Blessing Service for the Emergency Services. This service is held before the fire season. The service will be followed by Afternoon Tea.

Psalm 23:

1. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
2. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;
3. he restores my soul.
- He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
4. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me.
5. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Holy Bible : New Revised Standard Version.

Psalm 23 is reassuring.

The image of the shepherd guiding, guarding and feeding his flock is comforting. Reading it for the umpteenth time the other day, though, something struck me that I'd never noticed before. The psalmist writes confidently that God guides him in the paths of righteousness, but follows this immediately with "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death..."

Leading me in paths of righteousness sounds great, particularly after the green pastures and still waters bit. But then comes the valley of the shadow....The writer, I assume, saw no contradiction between the two. He's saying that paths of righteousness don't always lead to still waters, and having the right religious passport doesn't guarantee trouble-free travel.

It's echoed in verse five. "You prepare a table for me..." but I'm warned that it may be in the presence of my enemies. That "table" isn't a quiet picnic by the lake, when the only discordant note is the ants on the cake. God provides my needs, but it may well be in preparation for the next part of the struggle. My enemies, says the psalmist, are nearby.

But so is the shepherd; not to make life easy, but to surround me with love, and to give me the strength for the next step forward.

Lord, there's always a catch. I get hooked on the green pastures and still waters. I could spend my time very nicely lying in summer grass. Content. And If I felt really energetic I'd open my

eyes and watch the clouds sail by, safely far overhead. That's where clouds should be.

But when those clouds draw thick chill curtains over the sun, their shadow racing over the ground, I shiver. And when they come down to ground level, my level, shrouding me in mist, I walk a panic path of fear. The still surface of my peace shattered. Rough rippled by the first breath of wind over the water.

Are these the paths of righteousness? I pick my way through, hesitating at every step. Worried that when I move my foot may slip, my ankle twist. And, sometimes, putting out my hand, there's nothing there. Or so it seems. And yet, somehow a strength is there. Supporting me.

The shepherd takes me high to pasture, over rocky paths. Calling me to effort. I climb, struggling through thorn thickets, the way marked by scraps of wool torn from the fleece of my self-satisfaction. It makes me breathless.

But you are there. Counting the sheep. Knowing when I stray. Giving your life to rescue me. Taking me, each day, nearer the fold.

Used with permission – Eddie Askew 'Facing the Storm'.
The Leprosy Mission International

Services during November 2013

- 3rd 9am. Worship Service conducted by Lay Worship Team
- 10th 9.am Holy Communion Service conducted by Rev. Max Woolcock
- 17th 9.am Worship Service conducted by Janet Wood
2.30pm Service of Blessing for Emergency Services followed by afternoon tea.
- 24th 9 am. Worship Service conducted by Rev. Max Woolcock.

Church meetings and activities during November.

- 6th 7.30pm. Pastoral Care-Elders meeting
- 13th 1.30pm UCAF AGM in meeting room.
7.30pm. Worship Team at Romsey
- 30th 9am. Car Boot Sale in church grounds.

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The Ballarat Symphony Orchestra with the Ballarat Choral Society and the Gisborne Singers will perform Mendelssohn's magnificent romantic oratorio 'Elijah' conducted by Stephen Brockman. Performances will be on Sunday 17th November at 2.30 m at Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts, 1220 Howitt St, Wendouree and Sunday 24th November also at the earlier time of 2.30pm and at St Ambrose Parish Hall, Cnr Templeton and Anslow Sts, Woodend. Please note there will be only one performance in the Macedon Ranges.

The group of 80 singers and 4 professional soloists will perform this work with organ and full symphony orchestra. The soloists are all well-known to audiences in the Macedon Ranges. They comprise Eleanor Kerr (Soprano), Charlotte Betts-Dean (Mezzo Soprano), Robert Barbaro (Tenor) and Manfred Pohlenz as Bass who sings the part of 'Elijah.'

Mendelssohn's inspiration for 'Elijah' followed the success of his first oratorio—St Paul. The idea of one based on the life of the Old Testament prophet 'Elijah' particularly appealed to him. However, it was ten years later that the final work was completed after a number of false starts. The piece was composed in the spirit of Mendelssohn's Baroque predecessors Bach and Handel, whose music he loved. In 1829, Mendelssohn had organized the first performance of Bach's St Matthew Passion, since the composer's death, and was instrumental in bringing this and other Bach works to widespread popularity.

The first 'Elijah' performance, conducted by Mendelssohn himself, took place on 26th August 1846 at the Birmingham Town Hall in England. Two thousand people packed into the hall for the eagerly-awaited event. It was an unprecedented success

with no less than four arias and four choruses being encored. In a letter to his brother, he said, 'No work of mine went so admirably the first time, or was received with such enthusiasm by both musicians and audience.'

Elijah has been frequently performed, particularly in English-speaking countries. Its easy appeal and stirring choruses have provided the basis for many successful performances.

It was without doubt the crowning glory of Mendelssohn's successful career, but tragically it was to prove his last major triumph. He died on 4th November 1847 at the tender age of 38. It certainly was a tragedy that someone of that calibre could die with so much music still in him.

Tickets---Ballarat---available at the Wendouree Centre on 5338 0980 or at the door.

Tickets for Woodend---go to www.gisbornesingers.org.au or Corinne on 5426 4649.

Macedon Ranges patrons are strongly advised to book early, to avoid disappointment, as seating is strictly limited.

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Roll Up to the Kyneton Show

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The theme for the Saturday Show Day is Bikes Bikes Bikes, with the O'Sullivan & Benn Bike Emporium in the Community Area. Here kids big and small can have some fun with some standard and unusual bikes in this interactive display which celebrates all things about bikes. Our thanks to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council for the grant to assist in providing these new, fun activities for everyone to enjoy free of charge. Or if chilling out is more your style, make your own smoothie with a bike, you will have to come to see how.

Of course the Free Zone for Kids will be part of the Community Area again during the Saturday show carnival. With Farmer Darryl and his animal friends, pony rides, Birds of Prey, a flying fox, Dazzling Dan the Magic Man, puppet making, train rides, woodwork & painting in the kids tent, Kyneton Transition Hub and Landcare there's just so much to do for everyone. And the whole Community Area is free.

The Master Cook Off Tent will be buzzing again with Kyneton Secondary College and Sacred Heart College cooking for hundreds of dollars of prize money using items from their "mystery box". And while you're there taste test the entries from this year's Kyneton Jambouree. The famous Treasure Hunt Showbag will again be on sale at the front gate, but get in quick as there are limited numbers available.

And if you aren't already excited about all the things you can do and see at the Show try visiting the horses, cattle, dogs, poultry, rabbits, sheep, Watts Pavilion full of arts & craft and so much more.

There are loads of fun and fancy things that every member of the family can enter or participate in at this years show.

The web site kynetonshow.org.au is a good starting point for more information. For specific enquires call Josie Rutledge on 5423 5248.

Community Christmas Fun Day

Saturday 7th December, 2013

12.00 – 4.30 pm

at the

Macedon Ranges Masonic Lodge

73 Main Road, Romsey

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Council's New Local Law No.10

Macedon Ranges Shire Council recently adopted a new local law that covers a range of activities that impact on the amenity of our community, such as animal keeping, activities on roads and streets, consumption of alcohol in public places, street furniture, burning off and lighting fires.

Some of the key changes as part of the new Local Law No.10 include:

- restrictions around using motorised recreation vehicles on land less than 4 hectares and the times of day at which you can ride and proximity to neighbouring houses
- changes to restrictions on open air burning. Burning off is now prohibited on land less than 4,000 square metres (one acre). However the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer can lift restrictions for a period of time for fire prevention purposes and this will be advertised in local newspapers and on Council's website. On land greater than 4,000 square metres, changes have been made to the times when people can burn off and the amount that can be burnt at any one time.
- changes to fencing requirements on building sites that have existing fences
- restrictions on caravans / motorhomes being used as dwellings on vacant land
- restrictions on bins on roadsides in residential areas.
- requirements for the placing of shipping containers on private land in residential areas
- changes to the numbers of animals that can be kept on certain land sizes

The Local Law No.10 is available on Council's website, mrsc.vic.gov.au or can be viewed in person at any of Council's offices in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend.

For more information, contact our Local Laws unit on (03) 5422 0333.



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Macedon Ranges Christmas Toy Shop

In past years the Combined Churches of the Macedon Ranges have organised a Christmas "Toy Shop" for families living in the shire who might struggle to afford a Christmas gift for their child. Each year we assist over 100 local families, or over 250

children. As with each year, we anticipate the need to be even greater.

The Toy Shop relies completely on the generosity of our community, to donate gifts to stock the shop. Families are referred to us by local support and welfare agencies and are given a personal invite to attend the shop and pick out toys for their children. As we rely on donated goods, there is no cost to the families for these gifts. We also offer gift wrapping and a cafe style space to enjoy free tea and coffee and home baked goodies.

For families who are facing challenging times, Christmas can become an incredibly stressful, lonely and sad season. Unable to participate in many of the traditions that our culture has come to know as "normal" these families can feel even more isolated and marginalised.

The Toy Shop gives struggling families the opportunity to enjoy what most people take for granted – to choose something special for their child and be able to give it to them on Christmas morning. Many of these families would otherwise be unable to give their child a gift on Christmas morning, and many of these children would miss out on the joy of opening a gift that is just for them. For our community, the Toy Shop is a fantastic opportunity for local people to embrace the true Christmas spirit, and reach out in generosity and love to those in their own community who are facing a tough time. Whether you are an individual or a business,

you can get into the Christmas spirit and give some joy to local people who really need it. The toy shop relies 100% on the goodwill and generosity of our community. We need your donations to make this important initiative possible. We require donations of toys for boys and girls aged 0-18. Gifts need to be new and valued around \$20. We also welcome donations of books, plush toys and smaller items that would be suitable as stocking fillers. We particularly fall short in gifts, books and stocking fillers for older children each year. How to Donate:

- The Uniting Church and Target Woodend are again running "Operation Santa" and have kindly agreed to donate all gifts to the Toy Shop. Members of the public can donate by leaving a gift at the tree located in Target Country Woodend.
- Donations will also be received at the offices of Cobaw Community Health in Kyneton and Woodend
- Contact Georgina Harvey (0404442891) directly to arrange pick up of donations

Donations of both gifts and money will be gratefully received. All financial donations will only be used to purchase toys to stock the shop. Gifts need to be received by Monday 16th December to allow time for sorting and setting up of the toy shop. All Enquiries: Georgina Harvey (0404442891).



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Western Water is warning Romsey residents to have an independent water supply ready if they plan to stay and defend their home this fire season.

"If electricity is cut or our infrastructure is affected by fire, our pumps may fail, cutting the mains water supply," Western Water's Managing Director, Neil Brennan, says. "If we have extremely high demand for water from customers and the CFA during a fire, water pressure may also drop."

Mr Brennan says residents should consult their local CFA about their options for an independent water supply and plan ahead.

"We are also doing all we can to prepare for summer, with backup generators ready and water storage tanks at high capacity to cope if we have a fire," he says.

Mr Brennan says Romsey residents can also help the community to be prepared for fire season by 'adopting' a fire hydrant.

"The CFA needs to be able to access fire hydrants quickly and easily," he says. "You can help by keeping fire hydrants near your home free of debris and vegetation, and calling us if you think a hydrant needs maintenance."

To find out more, visit Western Water's stall at the Bush-fire and Emergency Services Expo in Riddells Creek on November 17.

Paws in the Park— 10 November 2013

The annual Paws in the Park event will be held on Sunday 10 November.

The event aims to promote the importance of managing your pet's health and wellbeing and includes a community dog walk, plus market stalls and activities for the whole family.

Registrations will be accepted from 9am at the Gisborne Veterinary Clinic, 12 Robertson Street Gisborne. The walk will begin at 10am. \$10 per person or \$25 per family (3+ people)

Activities on the day:

- Market stalls: featuring the Dingo Discovery & Research Centre, Macedon Ranges Wildlife Network and various animal care organisations.
- Discounted microchipping: \$25 per dog. Bookings are essential. Contact the Gisborne Veterinary Clinic on 5428 2805.
- Dental checks and nail trimming: performed by local vets for a gold coin donation.
- Raffles and prizes donated by local businesses
- Commemorative t-shirts
- Hydro bathing displays
- Animal photography
- Children's entertainment and more

Paws in the Park is proudly run and supported by the Gisborne Veterinary Clinic, Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Office Choice – Gisborne.

All funds raised on the day will be donated to the Macedon Ranges Animal Shelter, Macedon Ranges Wildlife Network and the Dingo Discovery and Research Centre.

For more information, contact the Gisborne Veterinary Clinic on 5428 2805.

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Sunday 13th of October heralded the first of the MRCE's trading days - at Lancefield's High St plantation - with around 25 members coming together to trade with each other, meet new members & have a cuppa for a short snappy session from 10 - 11am. Organisers were happy with the turnout, seeing that the membership is open to having a regular place to trade & the variety of offerings was welcomed by attendees. Watch the group's Facebook page for regular updates on new offerings & upcoming market days.

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Lamp
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Work in Lancefield, Benloch and Kyneton
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Meggs Hannes

Coordinator of

Lancefield District & Woodend

Community Farmers' Markets

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1300 783 765

Identifying economic opportunities for the



Kyneton Airfield

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is about to commence work on the development of an economic opportunities analysis for the Kyneton Airfield to assess its current land uses and economic benefit to the community.

Extensive community consultation to identify the long term benefit and future economic opportunities of retaining the airfield will commence in November and there will be further opportunities to contribute throughout the project.

The project is funded by Macedon Ranges Shire Council (\$10,000) and the Victorian Government's Putting Locals First Program (\$30,000).

For more information, contact Gaynor on 5421 9615 or email gatkin@mrsc.vic.gov.au

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For all repairs, maintenance and modifications

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Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA) UPDATE

Funding Application Success

RRBATA is thrilled to announce that, in addition to a grant through MRSC's Community Funding Scheme, a major sponsorship has been awarded under the Lancefield and Romsey Bendigo Bank's Community Investment Program to facilitate the Light Up The Sky 2014 event. This will be held on Saturday 26th April 2014 and promises to be bigger and better than Light Up The Sky 2012. THIS WILL BE A HUGE late Autumn evening event for Romsey. Community groups and local businesses will be invited to provide food stalls at this family friendly event. Musical entertainment, a skate competition and, for younger children, games activities will set the scene for a spectacular fireworks display to close the evening. This event aims to promote the SHOP LOCAL mantra and facilitate community engagement between residents and local business.

RRBATA was also successful under the Lancefield and Romsey Bendigo Bank's Community Investment Program by way of receiving a significant grant to facilitate upgrade of the Romsey Online website www.romsey.org.au (a community, business and visitor resource). RRBATA is currently in preliminary discussions with Lancefield Neighbourhood House (which is keen to develop a similar web resource for their town) to explore how we could share resources to facilitate our respective web developments.

RRBATA is most grateful to our Community Bank for its support. It is, indeed, an exciting time.

Community House Forum

RRBATA was represented at the recent Community House Stakeholder Forum. This was a great opportunity for community groups to meet the interim Community House committee as well

as the new coordinator, and provide suggested ideas for Romsey and, particularly Community House, moving forward. There appeared to be much support for the redevelopment of Romsey Online, with it being viewed by many as an important community resource as well as a marketing tool for visitors to our town and region.

RRBATA commends the Community House on this initiative, and encourages Romsey community members to become involved with this organization.

Annual General Meeting

The 2013 Annual General Meeting for the **Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association Incorporated** will be held on Monday 2nd December 2013, commencing at 7.30pm at the Romsey Community Hub. The election of office bearers and committee for 2014 and presentation of the 2012-2013 Financial Statement will be conducted. *Members and Guests WELCOME.*
Enquiries: Joanne Hagan (Secretary) ph. 0432 320553, Email: hages10@optusnet.com.au

Romsey Online

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: Joanne Hagan (Secretary)
Phone: 0432 320 553 Email: hages10@optusnet.com.au

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Pet Minding Business
Excellent part time business for
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Join our Advisory Network

Western Water is seeking new members for our Community Reference Groups.

Group members attend five meetings a year and provide community input, expertise, advice and feedback about our planning, activities and decision-making processes.

If you are interested in joining the group for your local area, either Sunbury, Macedon Ranges or Melton/Bacchus Marsh, please visit westernwater.com.au or phone 1300 650 422.





**Program
Term 4
2013**

Romsey Community House Inc.
Here for our Community
Office: Mon Wed Fri 10.00 – 1.00
96-100 Main Road, Romsey, Vic 3434
Email: romseyhouse@bigpond.com
Ph/Fax: 03 5429 6724

Health and Well-being

Yoga
Mondays 7pm-8.30pm
\$15 per class when fees are paid in full at the commencement of the term. \$20 Casual rate: Enquiries to Leisa Kirk on 0408 934 656.
Thursdays 7pm-8.30pm
\$15 per class when term is paid before end of Week 1
\$18 Casual rate Enquiries Lisa Moor on 0448 345 338

Sun Style Tai Chi
Tuesdays 1pm-2pm
Great for balance! To join contact Jan on 54281223 or 0412 219 900. \$8 per class. Wear comfortable clothing.

Gentle Exercise for Over 50's
It's fun and specifically tailored to meet the capacity of each participant! May assist with balance, mobility, bladder control and joint pain. Chair based exercises also available. Cost \$5 per class Enquiries to Jan on 5428 1223 or 0412 219 900
*Join us after class for morning tea (\$2/Gold Coin Donation)
Mondays 10am - 11am.

Social, Creative & Personal Interest

Social Luncheon and Information
Bring along a small plate to share if you can. Listen to an informative talk on a variety of topics. 3rd Wednesday of each month. 11.30—1.30pm. \$3 donation for tea/coffee and to assist the House (if able)

Bus Trip — Bendigo Shopping Centres
Enjoy a day out at Lansell Plaza and Market Place
Bus leaves 9.15 outside Romsey Hub. Phone to book a seat.
Friday November 8 Cost \$10

Art Classes for Children
Weekly classes for children. Bring your own materials.
Tuesdays and Wednesdays 3.45pm - 4.45pm
\$80 for a ten week term.
For all bookings call Tanya 0400 053 829

German Conversation Group
Come together once a month to enjoy and practice basic conversation with others. Have fun and share a coffee together 3rd Monday of the month 11.30 am - 1.30pm \$3.

Garden Club
This new club visits gardens and nurseries as well as locally to assist members with a range of garden issues, swap cuttings and share garden knowledge. Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month. \$2 per meeting.
Contact Romsey House or Christine on 5429 6724

ROMSEY COMMUNITY HOUSE INVITES YOU TO ATTEND ITS 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday the 12th of November at 7pm.
In the Mt William Room at the Romsey Hub.

All Welcome RSVP 54296724
A light supper will be provided

Computer & IT

Computer basic
Expression of Interest
Learn about computer hardware, using a mouse, desktop, Microsoft word. Mondays 10am - 12.30 pm
\$185 or \$60 ACFE eligible for 8 sessions
MYOB for Small Business
Expression of Interest
Learn to use the features of MYOB to meet your business account keeping requirements. Includes payroll.
5 sessions \$185 or ACFE subsidised \$65
Broadband for Seniors (funded by Australian Government)
A self-paced training program about computers and the internet. One-to-one support will be provided. Phone the House or call in during office hours to find out more.
If you have computer skills—how about sharing them?
Phone for further details about being trained as a mentor for the Broadband for Seniors Program.
Public Internet Access - enquire for times

Skills or Training for Employment

Resume Writing - Top 5 tips for Writing Yours!
This three hour workshop is packed with information and tools for putting together an effective resume. Day or evening session depending on interest. \$30 discounted fee.

Apply First Aid (Level 2) flexible delivery
Provides the skills and knowledge for first aid response, life support, management of the patient, the incident and other first aiders until the arrival of medical or other assistance.
Workbook to be provided on day and completed within one week. Saturday November 23 9.00am - 4.30pm \$155

Perform CPR
Provides basic life support skills and knowledge on how to manage a life threatening emergency for a patient who has no signs of life.
Saturday November 23 9am - 11.30 am \$55

Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA)
Expression of Interest (On a Wednesday 5-9 pm) \$85

Follow Basic food Safety Practices HLTF207C
Expression of Interest Required for working in the hospitality industry. (9.30-3.30pm \$125 or 120 concession)

General - It's your Neighbourhood House

Why not use the community 'Drop in Room'? Open weekdays 9.30am - 5.00pm. Look over the notice board for community events and news! Gold coin for tea & coffee.
Enrolments - bookings and payment in advance is required for some activities.

Volunteers and Committee Members

Always Welcome at Romsey Community House

"BE PART OF IT"

Bolinda & Monegeetta News WE'RE CELEBRATING A YEAR OF OUR HALL BEING 100!

AND THE WEATHER:

A nice 245pts (61mm) of rain for September is giving us a lush, green spring and we're very grateful for it. There's always big smiles from the people on the land when the spring has been a wet one. Gardens are looking luxuriant and the Spring Fever has got plenty of adherents out there planting, weeding, re-arranging, planning and generally enjoying the adult version of playing in the dirt. It's a bonus season for the vegetable gardeners because this is the season you can plant almost every vegie known to the human race. Good luck with them all. But with the renewed season comes lots of baby birds just fledging from their nests. They are at their most vulnerable as they run around on the ground, flutter and flop from tree to tree on those new wings – and usually there is a bevy of anxious adults around. All of this means that they are very, very accident prone for a few weeks. Please watch out for them, restrain aggressive pets and drive with some awareness of them. Enjoy the wonderful sight of them running around and lined up to be fed if you are lucky enough to have nests in your garden.

HALL COMMITTEE: It's the quiet time of the year for us and we're enjoying the break. Work has begun on our kitchen upgrade and we're looking forward to the new, revamped result.

HISTORY: From the Minute Book. Here's a great idea for awakening interest in the Hall and for fund-raising.

"Moved that a series of euchre parties and dances (numbering five) be held until the end of the year....aggregate prize for the winning lady be purchased at a cost of 10/6d .."

- AGM 17th June, 1935.

And no, the Gents did not miss out – their prize was donated by a member. I wish they had specified what the prizes were!

HISTORY SUB-GROUP: We are planning to support the Romsey-Lancefield special Centenary Day celebrated at unique ...Seymour Cottage in Palmer Street, Romsey. Between 11:00 and 3:00 is your opportunity to come along and view this house and all the fascinating implements of a bygone era. You can lunch there or enjoy afternoon tea.

BOLINDA HALL (Melways 610 J9; cnr Mullaly's and Melbourne-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. Excellent for corporate functions, with data projection available.

BOL-DARRA (Bolinda-Darraweit) GARDEN CLUB: I've enjoyed the Spring Planting Challenge. I'm sure for a family of 2, I have planted enough vegies to support a mob of 50...plus! But who can

resist such temptations as trying several tomato plants when there is such a variety available in the nurseries/seed catalogues. We're visiting one of our lovely local gardens this month (October 26th); there are some wonderful hidden treasures around our district. Next month (November 30th) we're visiting a special garden in Malmsbury.

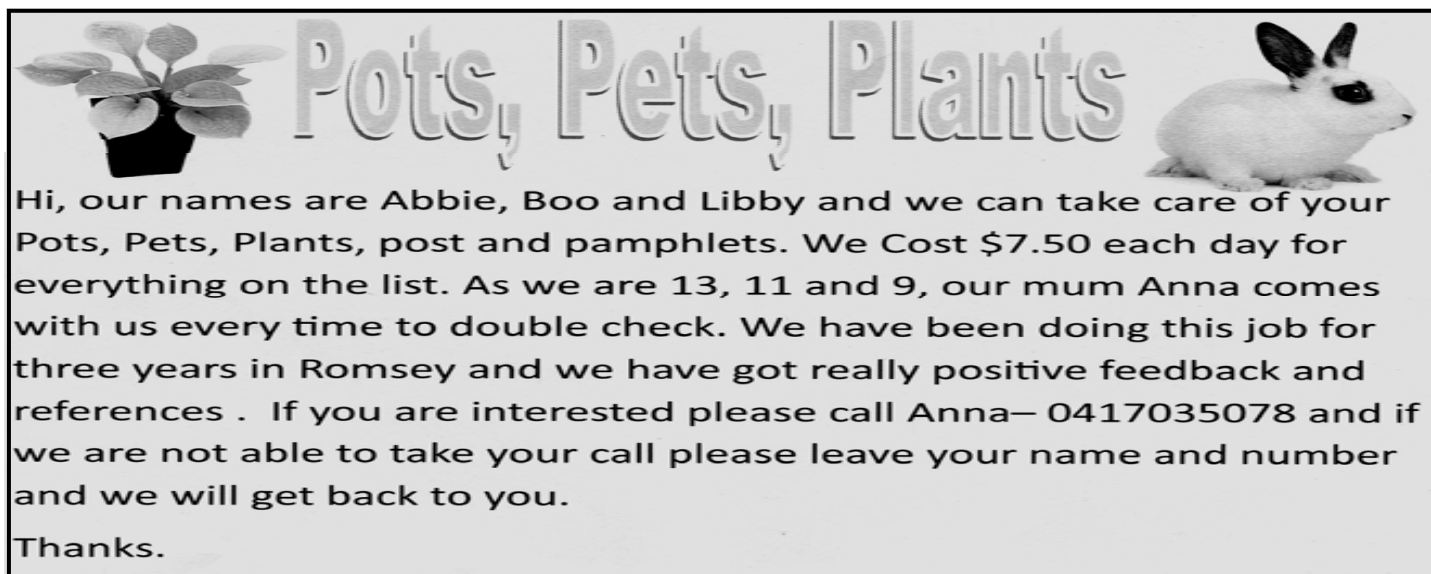
Remember, you are always welcome to join us. We meet at Bolinda Hall at 1:30 for a chat and brief discussion session...and then we move off to our garden visit about 2:00. (Phone us first, if you haven't been before; we occasionally have earlier starts). Dates for this year are October 26th and November 30th.

PEOPLE OF THE MONTH: Here's a local identity that many people will remember from times past – and present— Keith Kent, who with his late wife Helen, made sure that the Macedon Ranges had plenty of gas. They were based in Gisborne and lived in the Mt Charlie area. Keith was born a few years ago (!) in Reservoir and was one of those kids that always passed into the next grade at school, no matter what his results were!! He became a butcher's apprentice, but when a customer said to him, 'Why don't you buy a lawnmower?' he saw an opportunity. He graduated – as men do – into the bigger boyz toyz of tractors and slashers for private and council fire hazard work. He took to selling fuel and delivering heating oil and saw another opportunity when a customer asked, 'Do you sell gas?' 'Would you buy it if I did?' and away it all went; gas to the Ranges and as far afield as Bacchus Marsh, Geelong – Darwin... The motto? GIVE GOOD SERVICE. Helen was fully involved in the business as well as being a great gardener. Though Keith reckons he had to do all the work... He says, 'Helen called the tune and Keith bounced!' Hmm... When the tough jobs around the house needed doing, Keith would protest, "Rome wasn't built in a day.." and Helen's response was, "But it was built quicker than our home!" Warm memories for Keith, as he continues to maintain the farm and especially Helen's beloved garden. He keeps an amazing diary, list of his tasks and timetable – though like most of us, many jobs and duties are behind schedule... well, there's always to-morrow. He has been a great support for our Bolinda-Monegeetta activities such as the Centenary, Garden Club, Spring Fair. And what did he enjoy most about those years when he was one of the most looked-for people in the district? "I enjoyed meeting lots of nice people, and giving good service. We would deliver the gas and then send a bill – if necessary. Melbourne people were amazed at this way of doing business – but if you give good service, you get good results."

COMING EVENTS:

Garden Club: October 26th and November 30th.

Cheerio from Bolinda & Monegeetta John and Ruth Green 54 285 347; 0415 256 911; jandrgreen@hotmail.com



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Thanks.