

FROM THE COTTAGE...**October/November 2015**

(Palmer Street – look for the blue Heritage Plaque on the gatepost on the left; open on the last Sunday of the month, from 11-2. Barton (Seymour) Cottage is a heritage listed dwelling built around 1855.)

The Friends of the Cottage put in a great effort for our September open day which highlighted the district of Springfield. Great displays, highlighting events, places and families, were prepared by archivist Robyn Miller. Great research by Brenda Sorregan unearthed some interesting history and her prepared talk highlighted aspects of the history of the wider Springfield area and opened the way for some interesting discussions. Helen Clement and John Green had some fascinating snippets of social history to share. And the books and memorabilia for browsing were fascinating. Well done all concerned.

We also had Greg Boldiston's 'Longinomis' rare plants, including bulbs, hydrangeas, perennials, etc. It is a real bonus to be able to buy these plants (very inexpensively price) which are quite out of the common range. And Greg is available for general garden advice on these Cottage Open days.

It is good to be able to acknowledge the excellent commitment from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council and the continuing commitment to help maintain the garden and grounds of the Cottage. We are very appreciative indeed.

November 29th is our Photography Exhibition Day; there will be a selection of the Historical Society's favourite photos on display, plus some from some local photographers. Come along and admire them, and consider purchasing and for gifts.

There is always a warm welcome for you at the Cottage. Do come along and enjoy this unique cottage and the range of enthusiasts who enjoy the peaceful atmosphere.

Warm regards,

Ruth Green 0415 256 911

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 29TH: Photography – and this is your chance to see some wonderful photos of the district and purchase copies for a unique Christmas gift.

Romsey Golf Club – Women's Report

Sunday 13th Sept. – The 2nd Macedon Ranges Spring Cup – Sponsored by Drummond Golf Niddrie was held at Mt. Macedon. It was an absolutely perfect day for golf but Pam, Kath and Wendy said that the greens were extremely tricky.

Monday 14th Sept. – Pam and Lorraine went to Lancefield to play in the final of the WGDD RWH 4BBB. Pam played extremely well and scored almost the total 38pts by herself. If only I could have played a bit better. Also due to my mistake of not reading the entry form correctly – Wendy and Elaine or Lyn and Kath weren't given a chance to play.

Wednesday 16th Sept. – For a change the weather was much better than the forecast. The course looked like a park with bright daffodils everywhere. The players in the 9 hole comp. enjoyed their game and the winner of the 12 hole stableford event was Lyn Robison (27) 22pts from Pam Drummond (32) 17 pts. Lunch was enjoyed by everyone at a local café.

Thursday 17th Sept – Lyn, Wendy and Kath played in the Euroa Bowl. Wendy could not believe how her game of golf could change so dramatically over a few days. On Sunday at Mt Macedon she struggled to score points but at Euroa she scored 38 pts and came 3rd in Div. 3. Wendy now leads the WGDD Player of the Year by 4 pts.

Monday 21st Sept. – WGDD held their 27+ handicap stableford tournament at Broadford. Romsey was represented by Pam and Wendy. Pam won her division with an incredible 42 pts.

Wednesday 23rd Sept. – It was a very cold blustery day and this affected the scores. Kath won the Monthly Medal 112/26/86. Wendy defeated Lorraine in the Silver Spoon Playoff. We decided that we didn't want to publish the scores. Kath had the least number of putts – 33.

Thursday 24th Sept. – Wendy continued her very busy golf schedule and represented Romsey at the Lancefield tournament. Her comment was "I would have had a great score if I didn't have to putt." However she thoroughly enjoyed the day, especially the lunch.

Wednesday 30th Sept. – The dreaded game of Par was on the Syllabus again. With gritted teeth the players headed out. They admired the work that had been done around the course and thought about all the work that was going to be done on Friday at the working bee. When the game was over their opinion about Par hadn't changed. The 9 hole comp. is going well and Jan and Denise commented on how well Noreen is playing.

Thursday 1st Oct. – Wendy made the long journey to Strathbogie. The weather was beautiful and the company enjoyable. However the 17th fairway threw up an extra challenge when a 60 cm brown snake was spotted. The players cautiously made their way around it and then thankfully it slithered back into the undergrowth. Wendy played well but a few players played better so she is now coming 2nd in the Player of the Year points.

Wednesday 2nd Oct. – A great social day with our Rose Scanlon

count etc followed by lunch to share. The results were:- Rose Scanlon shield - 1st Kath 34pts, 2nd Pam 25 pts, Eclectic – 1st Kath 63 nett, 2nd Leila 64.5 nett, Putting – 1st Beryl 29.8, 2nd Kath 30.5, Gobblers – 1st Kath 8, 2nd Lorraine 7. 9 hole Eclectic – 1st Jan 51 nett, 2nd Neryl – Lea 54.5 nett.

Thursday 8th Oct. – The air was quite thick with smoke as Pam, Wendy and Lorraine drove towards Lancefield on their way to Yea. Their thoughts were with the fire fighters and the families affected by the fires. At Yea the weather was perfect for golf. Like Romsey all the work on the course is done by volunteers and you can see a big improvement. Pam (31) Nett 73 just missed out on a prize but she scored 4 Player of the Year pts.

Monday 12th Oct. – Out golfing again. This time it was WGDD Jean Waller Bowl at Seymour. Pam (29) and Wendy (31) both had nett 76 but unfortunately just missed out on winning a prize again.

Wednesday 14th Oct. – It was a perfect day for golf. The grass is growing so quickly – it is keeping the mowers very busy. Wendy (33) won the stableford event with 33pts. The social golfers enjoyed their game.

Wednesday competition: 18 holes – assemble 9am for 9.30 hit off.

Wednesday: 9 holes social or competition – 10.30am

Friday social golf: 10.30 am

Saturday competition: Men and Women – assemble 11.30 for 12 noon hit off.

Twilight golf: Commences on Friday 6th Nov. – hit off between 4.30 & 5pm. Ring the club house or Elaine if you are going to be late.

Enquiries/ Further information Elaine 0400 768 040 RGC Secretary

Recipe**Chocolate slice**

250g butter

1 cup sugar

1 dessertspoon golden syrup

2 cups SR flour

1.5 cups coconut

Cream butter and sugar, add syrup, sifted SR flour and coconut.

Press into a greased 25cm by 30cm lamington tray and bake in a moderate oven for 20 mins or longer until light brown.

Topping

60g butter

Half cup condensed milk

1 tablespoon cocoa

1 cup icing sugar

1 cup coconut

Stir butter and condensed milk over low heat until combined. Add other ingredients and mix well. Spread over cooled base and cut into bars when firm.

THE ROMSEY RAG

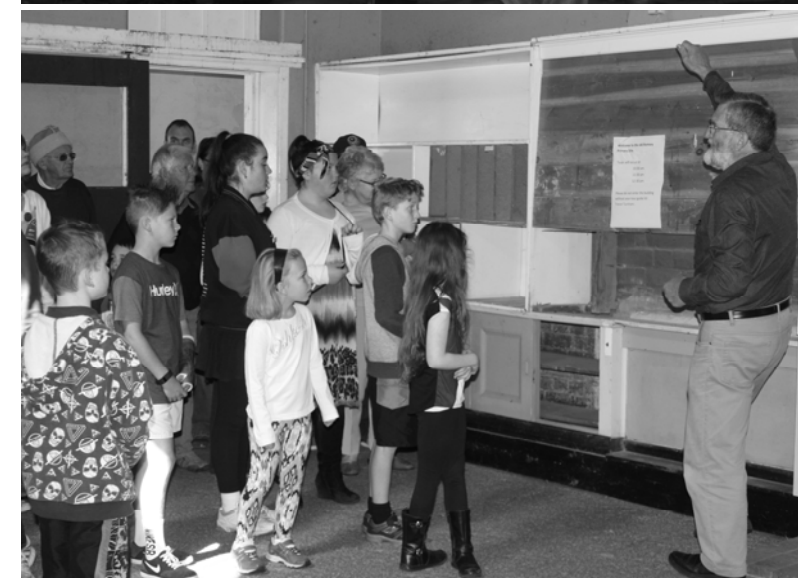
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HAPPY 150th BIRTHDAY ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL!

What a Celebration!

Romsey Primary School celebrated its 150th anniversary over 3 days culminating in an Open Day on October 24th, attended by about 500 people. Dress up day, bush dancing, old time activities, an art show and tours of the old school were just some of the fantastic activities that took place at this milestone event.

Above: Mrs Lorna Turner nee Carroll (one of our most senior former students) and Ayden (our youngest student) planted a tree to commemorate the occasion. Coincidentally Mrs Carroll's mother officiated in a similar capacity at the 1985 Back To Romsey celebrations.

Right: Students in costume pledge allegiance at assembly after singing *God Save the Queen*, followed by bush dancing.

Former Principal and author of the school's history Trevor Turnham conducted tours of the old school building, bringing back memories for some, and a glimpse of an unknown past for others. See more photos on page 3.

The closing date for copy for the December 2015 edition of the Rag is November 15th, 2015.

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Fun weekend for cancer cause

Teams are getting into fundraising mode for the Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life, now in its 14th year and only a few months away.

Local organisers are hoping the number of teams climbs as high as 30 for the 2016 Cancer Council Victoria major fundraiser, which has raised more than 1.23 million since 2003.

The committee is again injecting new activities and entertainment into the event program to make the weekend a fun and rewarding experience for all ages.

An incentive for all teams registering by November 22 is the opportunity to win the use of a marquee at the Relay, donated by Macedon Ranges Party Hire. The winning team members will be able to save their energy for the track and make a smooth exit after the event as the company's crew takes charge of assembly and pack up.

An important date for all teams to note is Tuesday, November 24. Captains or team representatives will be given information about the Relay weekend at a meeting starting 7pm in the Supper Room at the Lancefield Mechanics Institute.

The 2016 Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life is on March 4 & 5 at Lancefield Park. For more details contact Kathy on 0419 644 688 or email: jakalake57@gmail.com.



DEEP CREEK LANDCARE GROUP

Covering Lancefield - Romsey Districts

The working bee at Lancefield Primary School was a very successful with a number of teachers, students, parents and landcare members attending. New trees were planted and accumulated rubbish was burnt and blackberries were dug out. People affected by fires please be aware that help is available concerning replanting and weed control. Landholders don't forget we have access to expert advice that can assist with vegetation and erosion Control.

Landcare have trees that have been grown by tree project and trees are available for sale to the general public anyone interested please contact Secretary Ken: 0404 886 580.

The myna bird numbers trapped for those that are interested were 71 in September.

There are still myna bird traps available if interested

Contact: Pat Danko : p.danko01@bigpond.com

The Christmas end of year break up will be held on Sunday 6th December venue to be advised.

Anyone wishing to contact the group can do so thru Secretary Ken 0404 886 580

ken.allender@bigpond.com

www.deepcreeklandcare.org.au



Attention All Contributors:

The last edition of the Romsey Rag for the year comes out at the beginning of December, then we have a break over the holiday season and come back in February. Copy for the February edition needs to be submitted by January 15th.

Invoices for Trade Directory advertisers will be sent out at the beginning of December, and we would like these finalised before the Christmas break.

Maybe some of you would like to consider becoming a Rag volunteer next year—we are always looking for new faces to help with collating and preparing the Rag. Let us know if you want to be involved! Call 5429 5099 and ask for Robyn

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

Saturday October 17th - Stableford

The field hit off on a cooler day with occasional puffs of southerly breeze. Late rain on Friday saw the effects of Wednesday & Thursday's heat greatly reduced and the greens have recovered very well from the coring, in a week or two they should be back to their best. By mid afternoon the temperature was approaching the the mid 20s so with the course again in great nick all was set for some good scoring however "Royal Romsey" was having nothing of that. She again showed just how tough it has got to match or better par. On a beautiful day the results were:

Men's Winner; Tony Freeman (22) - 34 pts C/B from Peter Scanlon (29), Rob Rea (17) & Mick Nicholls (Jnr) (28) - 33 pts

Women's Winner; Lyn Robison (29) - 30 pts
NTPs; 15th - Ron Walker & 16th - Les Gaunt

Saturday October 10th - Stroke

After a long dry week the sudden storm, with heavy hail, on Friday night was a welcome relief. Despite the re-cycled water already on fairways the course gobbled up the rain giving a new freshness across the whole park. The round began under cloudy skies with a warm, heading to sticky, atmosphere. Whilst most golfers got good distance in the air the slightly softer fairways did restrict run. The newly cored greens were generally receptive to well played pitch shots but all players found them tricky to read often ending well short of the cup. On a warm, if overcast day, everyone was able to enjoy both the course and the developments from last week's working bee. The results were;

Winner; Tony Freeman - 91/22/69 from Scott Williams - 88/17/71 and Michael McCarten - 90/19/71

Women's Winner; Sharon Matters - 96/14/82

NTPs; 15th - Tony Freeman, 16th - Bill McKee

Annual Working Bee

This very successful event was held on Friday October 2nd.

This was accomplished, for more information see the reports in the NEWS section of the club's web site

Saturday September 27th - Monthly Medal - Stroke & Putts

A strong field hit off on a wonderful, still, early spring day. The course looked great, lush cover on the fairways and the trees showing all the colours of their new growth. There was still plenty of lime on the fairways and there was some smoke from burning-off wafting across the course so not everything was perfect. The day saw a large number of birdies and even a few eagles however only three players were able to put together a par or sub-par round. On a beautiful day for a stroll in the park the results were;

Winner and September Medalist; Michael McCarten - 90/20/70 from Rob Rea - 90/18/72 & Pat Chisholm - 84/12/72

NTPs; 15th - Jarrad White, 16th - Michael McCarten

Least Putts; Pat Chisholm - 28

Wednesday September 24th - Monthly Medal & Silver Spoon Play-off

The round began with a cold, gusting north-westerly wind blowing across the course, bins were up ended and may shots ended well wide of their intended destination. The course had been limed so everyone trailed white lines behind their buggies and left clear footprints on the greens and to top it off there had been a deal of vandalism over the weekend with hole signs and greens damaged and numerous flags missing, golfers often shot to vacant greens or aimed at small branches that had been put in place of the flag. So, all in all it was a tough day, the results were;

Winner & September Medalist; Kath Jekabsons - 112/26/86 from Wendy Gosden - 125/33/92

Silver Spoon Playoff; Wendy Gosden from Lorraine Robb

Least Putts; Kath Jekabsons - 33

Euroa Bowl; held Thurs Sept 17th, Wendy kept her Player of the Year (PotY) chances well and truly alive with a 3rd in Div 3. Wendy now has a lead of 4 pts in the WGDD 2015 PotY.

Women's Golf Dalhousie District; 27+ handicap event at Broadford on Mon 21st Sept; Pam Drummond won with 42 pts.

Saturday September 19th - Round 3 - 2015 Club Championships

The sun was out, there as almost no wind and the course was in spectacular condition; excellent cover on the fairways with the greens consistent and true so all was set for a top round of golf. Sadly the field could not live up to these expectations. The warmer air saw all players caught out with many overhitting and going through the corner seeing difficult 2nd shots to the green. The small greens were also a challenge leaving many with tricky "up and down shots". During the round many players seemed to lose concentration and mishits, short chips or overly ambitious putts saw scores mounting. On a

beautiful day the results were;

2015 Club Champion; Les Gaunt - 250, from Bob McLennan - 261.

B Grade Champions; Shannon Wright - 281, from Rob Rea - 288

John Jeffrey Shield (Best nett performance); Kevin Dunn - 225

Laurie Thomson Shield (Best nett by a junior); Michael McCarten - 251

Peter Scanlon Shield (Best nett by player 55 and over); Kevin Dunn - 225

Daily Winner; Kevin Dunn; 101/25/76 C/B from John Freestone; 97/21/76

Saturday September 12th - Round 2 - 2015 Club Championships

The morning was sunny and clear with almost no wind but as the groups teed off, the clouds rolled in and there were spots of rain. The wind, shifting from the west to north to east, occasionally gusted and made for some difficult approach shots. After a few holes the rain petered out but the afternoon remained cold. The course was in top condition with lush fairways and well trimmed rough so good scores and a fast round were expected. As with last week the "old heads" again held sway, playing very measured golf and keeping the ball in play at all times. On a cool, breezy afternoon the results were;

A Grade Scratch; Les Gaunt - 78/161 from Bob McLennan - 86/173

B Grade Scratch; Shannon Wright - 86/179 from Rob Rea - 96/187

Daily Winner; Shannon Wright - 86/13/73 C/B from Les Wright - 78/5/73

NTPs; 15th - Mal Mottram & 16th - Anthony Lakey.

Saturday September 5th - Round 1 - 2015 Club Championships

The course was in great condition, fairways lush, greens fast but consistent and a spot of sun here and there, the only real concern was the inconsistent southerly/SW wind that cropped up now and then, often when a ball was already in the air. The 1st round of the 2015 Club Championships drew a good field however a few late scratchings reduced the size of the A Grade competition. With generally good conditions it was reasonable to expect some top scoring but this was not the case as "Royal Romsey" again bared her teeth. Only excellent golf was rewarded, those who strayed from the fairways or overshot the greens found it extremely difficult to get "up and down in regulation". In the long run the round was dominated by the "old Hands" who have played numerous club championships and who understood that the three-week event is rarely won on the 1st Saturday. The day's results were

A Grade Scratch; Les Gaunt - 83 from Bob McLennan - 87

B Grade Scratch; Rob Rea - 91 from Shannon Wright - 93

Daily Winner; Rob Rea - 91/18/73 from Kevin Dunn - 99/25/74

NTPs; 1st Kevin Dunn, 15th - Mal Mottram, 16th - Michael McCarten.

Saturday August 29th - Monthly Medal & Medal of Medalists - Stroke & Putts

A cold, gusting, southerly wind and steady drizzle met the field as they hit off in the August Medal and 2014/15 Medal of Medalists. All of the 2014/15 monthly medals winners were in the field and hit off from the 1st, the remainder of the strong field hit off from other tees. The drizzle and gusting wind kept up for much of the afternoon however the sun did poke through for about 20 minutes in the middle of the round. The rain of Friday afternoon/evening and the day's drizzle saw the course quite soft so there was little run on the fairways and the cold air again reduced distance off the tee. Putting on wet greens was also a challenge with players often over hitting and running well past the cup. During the round a number of players looked good for either of the day's awards however only one player was able to play out the round and card a score under his handicap. On a cold, wet afternoon it was up to one of the club's juniors to show the way;

Winner, August Medalist & 2014/15 Medal of Medalist; Michael McCarten - 90/19/71 from Andrew Laing - 92/17/75

NTPs; 1st - Les Gaunt & 15th - Dave Muller. **Least Putts;** Andrew Laing - 24

Our working bee of Fri 2nd Oct was very successful. A large area of the park was cleared of various prickly and noxious weeds, a number of safety works were completed and cross-overs were improved.

Our re-cycled water project is almost complete. On Wed 21st Oct we received the final monies that will allow us to complete the fairway sprinkler system. When this is completed we will have over 100 sprinklers in the fairways and all tees and greens covered as well. The club welcomes all members of the community who use Romsey Park, to enjoy the rapidly growing native trees and bushes and the much greener grassed areas. We ask the dog walkers please try to keep their animals off the greens and out of the bunkers; these areas are usually quite soft and dogs running and turning can often leave large scars that take many weeks to repair.

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FROM
BIKE SAFE
Macedon Ranges



Thank you from Bike Safe

The weather is finally starting to turn, and its an open invitation to get out onto on your bike. Over the past few weeks we have had some perfect conditions for cycling.

Despite the sunny skies - cyclists still feel nervous when approaching blind and narrow parts of the road. Sometimes its difficult to be aware of vehicles behind you. Wind can play havoc on a cyclist's hearing and the eyes on the back of helmets are only to deter Magpies (and they don't work for that either).

Last week I encountered just such a situation. The driver of the Mawson's Concrete and Garden Supply Truck however slowed down - and waited the few seconds until there was clear vision around the corner.

Its just one example of recent courtesy's we've seen paid - but do you know how much we appreciate it? It certainly made my day. I was keenly looking for the first opportunity to let this driver safely pass.

So we from Bike Safe Macedon want to say thank you to every driver who pays us this consideration and helps to keep us safe. A thousand times - Thank you.

Australian Red Cross – Romsey Branch

Come along to the Romsey Swap Meet and have a cake or buy a plant for your garden, we will see you there

Romsey Quilt – Jay has finalised stage two of the community quilt. This is a very time consuming task with many hours already put into completing it. Keep up the good work Jay.

Meetings – 2015 **(1.30pm on second Tuesday of month)**
10th November
8th December (Christmas lunch to be organised)

President: Karen Hermann 5429 6658
Vice President: Ann Krstic 5427 0252
Treasurer: Leanne Eames 5429 5658
Secretary: Robyn Stephens 5789 1457
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Local businesses Choosing Tap

Romsey businesses are keeping hydrated while helping the environment with Western Water's Choose Tap program.

Western Water has given away more than 3,500 free reusable water bottles to encourage the community to choose tap water over bottled. So far more than 100 businesses across the region have signed up for the program, including medical centres, mechanics, schools, real estate agents and plumbers.

Any Romsey businesses who would like free water bottles for staff can sign up for the program by visiting the Western Water website at www.westernwater.com.au. Numbers are limited, but those who miss out can sign up for the next round of the program in early 2016.

One of the biggest benefits to choosing tap water over bottled is cost, with the price of a bottle of water at the supermarket costing around the same as filling a reusable water bottle from the tap every day for two years.

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THE ARMED MAN ---A MASS FOR PEACE--- IN WOODEND AND BALLARAT**

The Gisborne Singers and the Ballarat Choral Society combine to make an 80 plus person choir, supported by full orchestra with Helen Duggan as soprano soloist. Choir and orchestra are conducted by Stephen Brockman. These two choirs were last together for Mendelssohn's Eliza and the power and resonance of the two choirs together is quite wonderful, as was indicated in a major combined rehearsal recently in Ballan. The Armed man was commissioned by the Royal Armouries in Britain in 2000 to mark the transition from one millennium to another. It reflects the passing of the most war-torn century in human history.

This is a stunning work by Welsh composer Karl Jenkins who charts the growing menace of a descent into war with a hope for peace. It is an exciting work both to sing and hear in concert with soaring melodies that are quite breath-taking. The work is presented in recognition of the Gallipoli landings in 1915. All of the innocent victims of war are commemorated in its text, regardless of race or creed.

Performances will be at St Patrick's College Chapel, Sturt St, Ballarat -3pm on Sunday 15th November.

Bookings: Her Majesty's Theatre box office 5333 5888 or www.hermaj.com

Also in Woodend at St Ambrose Parish Hall, Cnr Anslow and Templeton Sts, Woodend at 3pm on Sunday 22nd November.

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Given the potential for haystack fires, CFA is calling on farmers and landholders to prevent the kind of conditions which can lead to spontaneous combustion. Spontaneous combustion is caused by bacteria that grows within green or damp hay and produces a chemical reaction that causes hay to heat. This can be caused by incorrect baling practices or storage where water or rain is able to penetrate the stack. District 20 Operations Manager Peter Taylor said that correct baling and storage were just as important as monitoring stacks for heat in terms of preventing hay fires. "If your hay is green or not fully cured at the time of baling, you're setting yourself up for trouble right from the word go," he said. "When it comes to storage there are also a number of things you can do. Protect your hay from leaks and mois-

ture, but also pay attention to the airflow by not stacking bales right up to the top of the shed."

Mr Taylor also advised farmers to store hay in separate stacks and keep them smaller rather than larger in size. "That way you'll avoid large losses if a fire does occur.

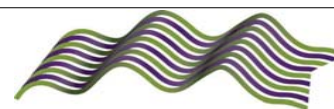
"By the same token you should avoid storing vehicles, machinery and valuable equipment in your shed. And of course continuous monitoring for heat is a good habit to get into especially if this season turns out to be as wet as the last. My advice would be to use a range of ways to detect heat, rather than just a probe. Using a probe can be a bit hit and miss – I'd look out for other signs such as steam rising from stacks, mould or unusual smells or slumping. Remember it only takes one bale in a stack to heat and you

can lose the lot."

Top tips for preventing hay fires or unnecessary losses:

- Allow for airflow by not stacking hay right up against the roof of sheds;
- Store hay in multiple locations or stacks to avoid large losses if a fire occurs;
- Never carry out work such as welding or grinding near haystacks;
 - Maintain fuel breaks around stacks;
 - Don't walk across the top of severely heated stacks as they could collapse inwards and cause serious injury;

For further information visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/hay-and-fire-safety/ and download a copy of the brochure - Preventing Haystack Fires.



Macedon Ranges
Naturally Cool

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This November the Macedon Ranges is set to go off.

Seriously, you don't have to go anywhere else because there is something on every week. Let's start with a small list of big fun. You can go to the Kyneton Cup for first-class racing and a party to match – it is the day after Melbourne Cup. Over the weekend 14 + 15 November plan for the Macedon Ranges Wine and Food Festival and the Malmsbury Village Fayre to get your fill of the delicious offerings from local producers and take a trip to the Hanging Rock Craft Market for more handmade treats on the Sunday. The next weekend, you can head to the Kyneton Show for true country hospitality and entertainment. There's more. Cold Chisel come to the Rock in the same weekend in what will probably be the biggest party in the region of all time. In the last weekend you can head to the Riddells Creek Street Festival or the Carlsruhe Country Fair.

This is just a short list of the region's offerings for November. Head to our Macedon Ranges Naturally Cool Facebook page to tell us what you are up to in the Macedon Ranges over November. Post your pictures that show you celebrating in the Macedon Ranges. And then have a little rest.

Club's Start Running Group Achieves 5km

Macedon Ranges Running Club members achieved their goals at all levels in October. Congratulations to all our Romsey and Lancefield Start Running Group members who, after 8 weeks of training, completed their non-stop 5km run on 25 October at Gisborne. The milestone event saw a fantastic effort by our runners, who were well supported by friends, family and other club members who came along to make the day a success. Besides the milestone 5km event, the AGM was held, with the outgoing committee receiving rapturous applause for their work over the year for keeping the club socially vibrant, organising events and encouraging community participation. The new committee was proposed, seconded and installed for the ensuing year.

On the back of their 5km run success, the Start Running Group members have now begun training for their non-stop 10km run on Sunday 29 November. The event celebrates the completion of the running clubs popular 13 week structured program and is to be held at the Childrens Park, Nicholson st, Woodend. The event has an 8am start, with a BBQ after the run. We encourage family, friends and the community to join us in making this event special for our runners.

October was the month for the Melbourne Marathon Festival, where club members enjoyed participating in either the 21km Half Marathon or the 42.2k full Marathon. Well done to our runners who took part and to the strong support supplied by club members on the day.

Want to get involved and be part of the Macedon Ranges Running Club? We have welcoming groups in Gisborne, Kyneton, Lancefield & Romsey, Macedon, Riddells Creek and Woodend to help you start running. For information on group times and locations, please visit our website www.macedonrangesrunningclub.com.



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What Benefits do Kids get from Youth Groups?

Youth groups have been part of the fabric of many communities for decades. Yet a surprisingly large number of people have never been exposed to them. It's no surprise, therefore, that these people are unaware of the many benefits a youth group could have on their children.

One of the most frequent ways that communities have attempted to combat a rising feeling of listlessness and isolation amongst teens has been through youth groups. This is not surprising, given the excellent track record that such groups have. Youth groups can literally be life-savers for some children who crave a sense of family, friendship or simply an opportunity to use their creativity and energy constructively.

Youth groups can be great places for kids to get back on their feet, with renewed confidence and a real sense of well-being. Not only this, but they may well also find that they are able to make new friends and to become part of a new social group.

Also responsibility can be given to children in youth groups, which teaches them the skill of leadership; again, this can be put to use in any number of contexts later in life. It's certainly true that children can gain many benefits from attending youth groups!

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Enquiries & Job Descriptions - Woodend (MRSG) Robert 0488 061 117, or Lancefield (LNH) Vivien 5429 1214

Applications close Friday 6 November 2015

Hesket goes National!

THE SKIPPING NATIONALS

During the school holidays, four of our lucky Hesket Skippers participated in the Skipping Nationals at Canberra. The three day event, starting on the 19th of September, was the first day of the much anticipated competition for Imogen Hoyle-Service, Maddison Dutton-Johnson, Sam Williams and Zantha Snell. Each child completed an individual speed trial, a group speed relay, a group double-dutch speed relay and a team freestyle. Maddison, Sam and Zantha each performed an individual freestyle and both Maddison and Imogen choreographed a paired freestyle.

The competition was fierce, as our students are up against other skippers who were already experienced with the National event, however all of our skippers did us proud and wowed the judges and officials repeatedly. From keeping their cool when their ropes broke, to the never before seen move of quickly picking up their team mates rope and skipping on, to the special mention about a rather impressive individual freestyle for being a first timer, these Hesket skippers continued to impress all of those around them.

Sam Williams received a silver medal for his individual speed and a bronze medal for his overall points, qualifying him for a spot in representing Australia in the World Championships next year in Sweden.

A lot of preparation and hard work went into the lead up of Nationals, so a huge congratulations to Imogen, Maddison, Sam and Zantha for being the first skippers in Hesket History to compete at the Australian Skipping Nationals for 2015!





Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA)

UPDATE

"Project Romsey" Update

All working groups have met and have formulated project plans which have been submitted to Macedon Ranges Shire Council (MRSC) at a meeting on 19th October between RRBATA and MRSC's Peter Johnston, Sophie Segafredo and Enrique Gutierrez.

The working group approach to evaluating and brainstorming elements of "Project Romsey" appears to be working well, although much work is still being done to ensure a methodical approach to a sustainable outcome. It is anticipated that a pros and cons analysis of identified "solutions" to issues for improvement will be completed by the end of this year. RRBATA will meet with senior Council officers at the end of November in Romsey to discuss, on site, elements identified for inclusion in a Streetscape Master Plan.

Volunteers are still needed for the *Town Pride* working party.

PROJECT ROMSEY NEEDS COMMUNITY INPUT.

So, if you feel connected to your town and its future, please consider joining this group

Phone Jenny Stillman 0412 349849,
jennystillman@optusnet.com.au

Neighbourhood House. The sponsorship funds received will assist running next year's Light Up The Sky event.

Romsey Goes to the Movies

The recent movie night organised by the Romsey Mechanics Institute was a great success. "Dusty the Movie", filmed locally in Romsey and featuring a number of Romsey local residents, played to an audience of over 100 to compliment the Romsey Primary School's 150th Birthday activities. Over 30 local businesses featured in the "pre-show" advertising reel, with the Greater Romsey All Abilities Park (GRAAP) group providing supper and movie snacks. The atmosphere was great, as people chatted whilst enjoying their supper at interval and clapped at the completion of the film.

The Mechanics Institute committee is exploring the notion of regular movie nights in Romsey and would welcome feedback from the community. Contact secretaryrmi@gmail.com to provide your ideas.

Romsey Online

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: Wendie McLaughlin (Acting Secretary)
Phone: 0408 360857
Email: wendie@mclaughlincb.com

A full progress report can be viewed on Romsey Online (www.romsey.org.au).

Bendigo Bank Community Investment Scheme - RRBATA Success

RRBATA was thrilled to receive both grant and sponsorship funding in this year's Bendigo Bank Community Investment Program. The grant will enable an upgrade of Romsey Online which will see some collaboration with Lancefield

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P R A Y E R

"What is the use of prayer"?, the late Archbishop of Canterbury, William Temple was asked. He replied, "All I know is that when I pray, things happen." The poet, Alfred Tennyson wrote in his epic poem, *Morte Arthur*, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world knows of." When I was eight years old, my little dog, Nippy, went missing. So, I wrote a letter to God which I pinned above my bed, asking Him to bring Nippy back home on Saturday. This gave God a few days grace. Saturday, returning home after an 'arvo at the flicks, Mum was at the front gate, telling me, "Nippy's home". A very bedraggled Nippy had returned. What joy! Chance or answered prayer?

We are asked to pray for those who are sick; those whom we know and love who have many worries; family violence; the many other social ills in our society today; the persecuted refugees; our nation; the on-going conflict in the Middle East; the list is endless. But do we? What difference will our prayers make anyway?

God's Word, the Bible, tells us this is what we must do. Faster than NBN, faster than the speed of light is the ability to speak to God, our heavenly Father, whose 'ear is ever open to hear our prayers.' Jesus told His followers repeatedly to, 'Watch and pray.' The Apostle Paul told his converts to, 'Pray without ceasing.' (You can pray as you are washing-up, driving, sitting at the doctor's, sending up arrow prayers to Him all the time.)

Paul also wrote, 'Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and thanksgiving, present your requests to God.' (Philippians 4:6). We ask through our Great Intercessor, Jesus Christ, Himself, who pleads to God the Father on our behalf. As the beautiful Christmas carol, - O, Holy Night - expresses, how fitting it is that He should do so, because, 'He knows our needs, to them He is no stranger', so let us then go forward in penitence and faith, bringing all these concerns with thanksgiving to God in prayer.

Bringing all my burdens, sorrow, sin and care,
At thy feet I lay them, and I leave them there.
William Walsham How.

OCTOBER 2015

This was a quiet month of annual meetings with no changes in office-bearers. The highlight was the visit of our Regional Bishop, Bishop Philip Huggins for the Thanksgiving Service for the beautifully restored interior of Christ Church. Much work still needs to be done on the exterior. More fund-raising on the way!!

NOVEMBER DIARY 2015.

Sun. 8th. 10.30am. FAREWELL to esteemed members of our Parish, Rev. David and Eileen Farlie prior to their move to Bendigo.

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The CoM would like to thank the Bendigo Bank for their sponsorship of our showing of the 1983 film *Dusty* and the 2016 Romsey Antiques Fair. We hope that both these events will be very successful and engage locals and visitors alike.

There are just a few items to tidy up before we proceed with repairs/replacement to the roof, spouting and downpipes. We hope to be in a position to repair and repaint the hall façade and also replace mortar on other sections of the brickwork. Once we have made the whole building weather proof we can set ab out seeing just what damage has been caused by the rising/falling damp and what remediation works need to be carried out.

We are hard at work completing the application for funds to proceed with a Master Plan for the RMI. Once we have a master plan we will be able to approach funding bodies for larger amounts to make the real renovations that the hall requires. These works will include repair/replacement of window frames and lintels, repairs to plaster and other internal surfaces and repainting of large sections of the internal walls.

We also hope to replace the existing curtains and install a series of display panels which will carry images and information on the RMI as well as the township.

Over the past month we have hosted The Blue Light Disco, a variety of birthday parties and a coin evaluation session. These events as well as our usual dance sessions and RSL, CWA, Elderly Citizens meetings.

If you have a function coming up please consider the RMI. Bookings and inquiries can be made at: rmibookings@gmail.com

FILM FAVOURITES BACALL AND BOGART

Some film stars capture the imagination - at the time and down the years. Lauren Bacall and Humphrey Bogart are two such stars. In a tribute to Bacall who died last year, the Macedon Ranges Film Society screened her first film, *To Have and Have Not*, at their October meeting. Adventure and romance blend in this 1944 film set in the French colony of Martinique.

The film society likes to end the year with a laugh. In November, *Best in Show*, directed by Christopher Guest, is just such a film. If you're a dog-lover, this is not to be missed but even if you're not passionate about our canine friends, smiles aplenty are guaranteed. The film society will then take a break but watch this space because we will be back next year with a new playlist with something for everyone.

The Macedon Ranges Film Society meets on the second Wednesday of every month at the Woodend Community Centre. Film notes and an informal supper are part of the evening. MRFS is a membership-based club so initial enquiries must be made by emailing mfilmssociety@gmail.com or by phoning Lorraine on 5427 0921 or Christine on 5429 5452.



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MASS TIMES

Saturday:

6.00 p.m. Lancefield

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month:

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

2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday of the month:

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 9:45am Romsey & 5:45pm Lancefield.

BAPTISMS

December 2015.

February, April, June, August, October, December 2016.

For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

REGULAR EVENTS

St. Mary's Drop-In: First Thursday of each month,

10:00 a.m. Mass – Romsey Church – all welcome.

10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey.

All welcome to come for a game of cards/chat and free lunch.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Monday - 8.00 p.m. – held at private a residence during winter months. Contact Stephen Holgate for further information.

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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Anyone wishing to know about the Catholic faith is invited to contact Fr. Arnold 5429 2130.

SPECIAL EVENTS

All Souls Day – Monday 02/11/15

Special Masses will be held for the departed souls of our parishioner's family members at 9:15 am (Lancefield Church) and 7:30 pm (Romsey Church). Families are encouraged to bring a framed picture of their loved one and a flower to be placed in front of the altar.

ABLETT KICKING GOALS IN ROMSEY FOR THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

'Violence Prevention - It's Everybody's Business' Road show ROMSEY Featuring ex AFL footballer Luke Ablett - Friday November 6, 2015

For further information, contact:

Makenna Bryon – 5443 0233 OR 0439 741511 Marketing and Communications WHLM

Luke Ablett, former Sydney Swans Premiership player and Paul Hamilton Former Essendon Premiership player and ex manager, are coming to Romsey with the 'Violence Prevention – It's Everybody's Business' Road show. Together with a speaker from North West CFA, the players will talk about ways that we as individuals and organisations can contribute to preventing violence against women.

Women's Health Loddon Mallee, AFL Central Victoria, CFA North West and the Lancefield Neighbourhood House / Neighbourhood Houses of the Macedon Ranges are bringing the players to Romsey. The group is offering the communities of the Campaspe Shire the opportunity of accessing expert and up to date information. Luke Ablett is an ambassador for the Our Watch initiative, 'The Line', has a degree in gender studies and has worked overseas for the Red Cross in preventing violence against women through sport. Paul Hamilton is the AFL's Central Victorian Regions General Manager, an Ambassador for "Violence Prevention, It's Everybody's Business" and advocate for respectful relationships, having promoted training into Central Victoria.

Over one woman a week is being killed by an intimate partner in Australia. This violence kills more women under the age of 45 than any other cause. Paul Hamilton says to reduce violence against women there needs to be a culture shift. He states that culture involved the minimum standards society permitted, individuals and organisations needed to send a clear message that violent and controlling behaviour was not acceptable. "I think (violence against women) is a huge issue in our society and culture," he said. He continued saying that domestic violence was an issue everybody needed to address, because one in three Australian women experienced physical violence in their lifetime. "The facts are quite terrifying." Luke Ablett states "...while we



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know that while most violence against men and women is perpetrated by men, the majority of men are not violent. These men can have enormous influence in reducing men's violence against women well into the future." Ablett and Hamilton are calling on all of us to take a stand.

All are welcome to attend 'Violence Prevention – It's Everybody's Business' Road show on Wednesday November 25, 6.00 – 8.30 pm. Romsey Sports Club Rooms – Doug Newnham Room, Park Lane, Romsey. BBQ Meal provided.



Due to popular demand, you can now grab a bus around the Macedon Ranges Wine and Food Festival

The Macedon Ranges Wine and Food Festival has organised buses to take people around to various venues over what promises to be a great festival weekend, 14 and 15 November.

Working in collaboration with Organs Coaches, the festival organisers have set up a range of itineraries over Saturday and Sunday and the buses will leave from Gisborne, Woodend and Kyneton train stations.

The buses are an ideal way to visit the wineries and a seat on a bus costs only \$35 each.

Book your Weekend Wineries Pass online for just \$15, which includes a commemorative tasting glass, and you will go in the draw to win one of two Festival Mixed Dozens. Book a seat on one of the buses for \$35 for a full day of touring. The itineraries are listed at trybooking.com/HQOJ.

This festival organised by the Macedon Ranges Vignerons Association and is supported by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council. For full program, bus FAQs and bookings visit

www.budburst.com

Buses

This year The Macedon Ranges Wine and Food Festival has organised some buses to take you around the venues over the weekend. Yay! These are a great value, safe and fun way to enjoy the festival this year. You have to buy your weekend Winery Pass for \$15 and then you can choose a bus route for only \$35 per day. You can see and choose the various itineraries on trybooking.com/HQOJ. Book now as they will go fast. There are also some Bus FAQs here <hyperlink>

BUS FAQs

Why did you choose Gisborne, Woodend and Kyneton train stations as the collection point for the buses?

As this is the first time we are providing buses, we have chosen these stations based on what people told us they would like and also so that travellers can still come by train and join a bus once they are in the Macedon Ranges. The timing attempts to match with train arrivals and departures.

It has also helped us keep the costs down. Do you realise that you can be driven around by bus all weekend and taste loads of delicious boutique wines for only \$85? (Weekend Winery pass \$15 + bus Saturday \$35 + bus Sunday \$3 = \$85) That has the makings of an unforgettable weekend.

Why are the itineraries for each bus so different?

We are excited to offer buses this year for the festival but we also want to ensure that each venue is not overwhelmed with visitors. This means you will still have the chance to relax and enjoy the festive atmosphere. The buses are timed to comfortably visit the venues that are able to cater for buses.

The different itineraries also mean you can visit by bus on Saturday and Sunday and see different vineyards, wineries and venues each time.

Some itineraries include one of our HUBS where there are multiple vineyards holding tastings. Check the program to see more about the venues.

Why do some buses go to three venues and some buses go to four?

Some people like to settle right in and spend more time 'hanging out' at wineries and enjoying the people, entertainment and atmosphere. Others want to ensure they have the opportunity to visit more vineyards and taste more of the exceptional wines from the Macedon Ranges in the time they have. Both are perfectly good reasons to take a bus. You can choose.

Do I have to buy a Weekend Winery Pass or can I just buy a

seat on the bus?

You don't have to buy a weekend winery pass to come on the bus, but if you plan on tasting some wines over the festival weekend, you will need a Weekend Winery Pass. This pass is only \$15 and can be used over the two days of the festival and comes with a special tasting glass.



Can I book a seat on a bus on Saturday and Sunday?

Yes! You only need to buy your Weekend Winery Pass once, but you can come by bus on both days. That is one reason why we have set up different itineraries on each day from each destination.

Can I buy wine and take it back on the bus?

Hhmm! You will want to buy wine. Many wineries will offer to deliver it to you if you buy it on the day – that is the easiest option. If you take it on the bus, remember that you will have to get it home from the drop off point at the end of the day. There will also only be very limited space.

These choices don't really suit me. Can I get my own bus?

Here are some bus services that you can contact about arranging your own, or joining another, tour:

Wine Tours Victoria - Trevor Armstrong. www.winetours.com.au or 1800 winetours

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Macedon Ranges Reconciliation Group (MRRG), in partnership with Koorie Night Market Inc., are organising a Koorie Night Market on 28th November 2015 at Woodend Community Centre. The Koorie Night Market will involve a number of arts and craft stalls, food stalls, music performances and workshops showcasing traditional skills. The market will be a fun, informative and exciting event that will provide a chance for Macedon Ranges Shire communities to engage with Indigenous reconciliation. The event is also being supported by Macedon Ranges Shire Council. Koorie Night Market Inc Chair John Baxter, a proud Latja Latja / Narungga man said "We are really excited to working within Macedon Ranges on this first of what we hope is many events in the region. The ongoing acknowledgement and inclusion of Aboriginal Communities and Culture through creative arts, performance and experiences are positive steps in reconciling Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

The event brings together leading Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artisans and musicians in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere where you can take your family, meet friends, enjoy great food and entertainment and purchase wonderful gifts.

The Market gives the community a rare opportunity to purchase uniquely made, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander gifts, directly from the person who made them while soaking up the festive atmosphere and enjoying performances by great indigenous performers. Stalls include locally-made crafts, boomerangs, traditional artefacts, t-shirts, bags, CDs, home wares, hand-woven baskets, paintings, and a huge variety of arts.

Koorie Night Market

When: Saturday 28th November 2015

Where: Woodend Community Centre, High St, Woodend

For more information regarding the Koorie Night Market, call 0425 747 727 or go to

www.koorienightmarket.com.au

Call for Volunteers

Koorie Night Market is seeking volunteers. If you would like to be a part of the Koorie Night Market team or for more information, call 0425 747 727.



Macedon Ranges Physiotherapy

Ben will now be at Romsey full time & Lauren will be at Lancefield Wednesday's & Fridays.

Patients can see whichever Physiotherapist they prefer.

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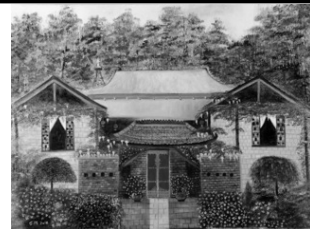
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GRAAP News

GRAAP Romsey Community Picnic Report

GRAAP's Romsey Community Picnic was held on a warm Sunday 25th October 2015 at the old Primary School site. Food stalls, giant games and live music from "Jose and The Coffee mugs" entertained those community members interested in checking out the mowed surrounds of Romsey's future all abilities park. Hot on the heels of Romsey Primary School's 150th birthday celebrations the day before, this event was certainly a case of acknowledging the past and celebrating the future regionally significant cultural and recreational space to be constructed.

Romsey Lancefield Lions Club and Piper Street Foodstore provided extra tasty treats to compliment GRAAP's snacks, icecreams and "GRAAPY Meals".



GRAAP wishes to thank Macedon Ranges Shire Council (MRSC) for mowing the block ahead of the event and providing rubbish bins and a disabled access toilet. A huge thank you also to Benny Dyer for providing hay bales, witches hats and freezers (for the ice creams!).

Of course, GRAAP also wishes to again thank the Romsey Community Bank branch of the Bendigo Bank for its generous sponsorship support.

GRAAP Does Supper and Snacks at "Dusty"

The night before the Community Picnic, GRAAP catered for the Mechanics Institute's movie night featuring the locally filmed movie, "Dusty".

Over 100 people of all ages attended the movie night and were treated to movie snacks (jaffas, fantaes, popcorn and lemonade spiders) as well as supper served interval.

Hopefully such movie nights can continue, both for the community in general to enjoy and as opportunities for not for profit community groups to fundraise.

The Way Forward

A Memorandum of Understanding between GRAAP and MRSC has paved the way for close discussions as part of the concept planning phase for the park.

Meetings are scheduled regularly between MRSC and GRAAP to progress Stage 1 of what will be a regional community and visitor asset.

Further Information:

Raelene Mottram (President)
Phone: 0428 928908

Email graapinc@gmail.com
P.O. Box 53, Romsey, 3434.





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Activities at Romsey Uniting Church

On Sunday October 4th, we had a wonderful Blessing of the Animals Service. People from other churches attended with their animals including dogs, cats, guinea pigs and blue tongue lizards. The weather was lovely and we were able to hold the service outside at the back of the church. A great day enjoyed by all who attended.

We are now in the process of organising a **Service for the Blessing of Emergency Services** in November. A date to be announced soon.

The **Macedon Ranges Partnership** will hold a Worship Service at 10.30am followed by a Picnic/BBQ at Stanley Park, Mt. Macedon on Sunday 29th November. This service is for the 12 churches involved in the Partnership and anyone who wishes to join us. BYO everything.

All Saints' Day

The reality of the communion of saints comes consciously to the fore with the annual celebration of All Saints' Day observed on the Sunday after Pentecost in the East, on November 1 in the West, or, wisely, on the nearest Sunday to this in many Protestant churches. This is the day when the church recalls the great tribe out of every nation and people, proclaims the following of Jesus according to the beatitudes, and allows the subversive memory of the friends of God and prophets of all ages and the hope of our communion with them to take centre stage.

In a particular way this is a day that celebrates the great host of "anonymous" whom the world counts as nobodies and whom the church, too, has lost track of but who are held in the embrace of God who loses not one. Canonized saints have their day on the calendar, but this is the day for everyone.

In a particular way, this day that remembers persons whose lives made a difference but who are otherwise not officially remarked becomes a day of celebration of women. It is not facetious but merely brings the present state of affairs to its logical conclusion to point out that since the official roster of saints names mostly men, simple arithmetic indicates that the majority of those celebrated on All Saints' Day are women.

This day also lifts up victims of injustice crushed by historical evil and in this way this feast is subversive. For while the murderers may have triumphed over their victims on earth, this remembrance of the suffering of those without a name affirms a future of the defeated, thereby writing a different kind of history from that done from the perspective of unjust victors. The suffering is not erased, but noted and commended to God's care. A community that remembers in this way puts itself in alliance with the oppressed even now.

On this day we also remember those whom our hearts have personally known and loved, those who nourished and created us as human beings and those who helped us through rough times. This is our immediate cloud of witnesses, beloved faces held in living memory. The errors and failings may have affected us in deep ways; their goodness, too, is intertwined with the fabric of our loves, leaving a deep imprint on the way we now vie for life in all its wholeness. If their death is recent, grief is fresh; but we dare to trust that Holy wisdom has not allowed them to perish but has received them into unimaginable life forever. Entrusted to God's mercy, these are *our* saints. A community that remembers in this way underscores the dignity and importance of every one of its members.

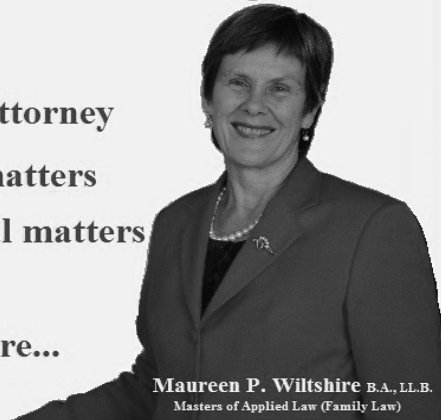
A community that keeps festival in this way unleashes liberating force by the power of the Spirit to critical and practical effect. *Excerpts from Friends of God and prophets by Elizabeth A. Johnson (used by permission)*

Services and activities during November, 2015

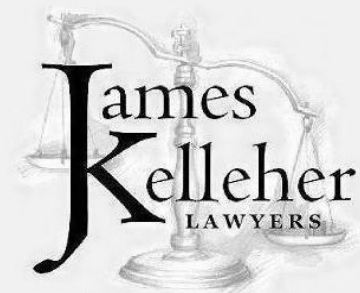
1st	9am. Worship Service conducted by the Worship Team
8th	9am. Worship Service & Holy Communion
15th	9am. Worship Service
22nd	9am. Worship Service
29th	10.30am Partnership Wide Worship Service followed by Picnic/BBQ at Stanley Park, Mt. Macedon.

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Capture life in bloom at Council's free wildflower photography workshops

It's the time of year when wildflowers are in full bloom and to celebrate, Macedon Ranges Shire Council is presenting two photographic workshops on how to capture these stunning, native flowers through a lens.

Held across two Saturdays in November in both Kyneton and Gisborne, professional photographer Howard Maylor will provide participants with an overview of DSLR photography, offering guidance on various techniques including lighting, exposure and composition.

This hands-on course will also see participants out in local bushlands, practising their newly acquired skills.

The series of workshops begin on Saturday 14 November, from 10am-12.30pm at Kyneton's Bald Hill Bushland Reserve. Access is from Pipers Creek Road.

On Saturday 28 November, from 10-12.30pm, the second photography workshop gets underway at UL Daly Reserve, Gisborne Scout Hall off Howey Street. Participants will require their own DSLR camera for the course and places are strictly limited. To book, phone William Terry on 5421 9674 or email wterry@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

What's on at the Romsey Recreation Centre

Romsey Recreation Centre has a variety of activities on offer during Term 4.

Staying Strong Circuit Classes

Due to popular demand, these classes are held daily Monday to Friday.

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 10.30am-11.30am.

Tuesdays and Fridays: 9.30am-10.30am.

No bookings required.

Squash Court Hire—why not try a game of squash

We have two squash courts available for casual and regular hire. Racquets & balls available from reception. Bookings are essential. Casual squash court use available contact the centre 5429 5637. If you are wanting to join a senior mixed competition please call Bruce 0402 595 368.

In2 Strength and Fitness—get in shape for summer

Group circuit classes for all abilities held upstairs. Monday-Wednesdays, 6.30pm. Thursdays, 7.30pm and Saturday, 7am. Contact Debbie for more info 0412051002

Basketball and soccer competitions

Did you know, you can now register and pay online for our junior soccer and basketball programs? Register today and join Stephen Roche & Lee Witmitz who are running the junior basketball and soccer competitions and both programs are hugely successful attracting huge numbers of children.

We would love to hear from you

Contact our team and tell us what programs or activities you would like to see offered at the centre. We value feedback on how we can improve services, programs and facilities here at



Romsey Recreation Centre. Our aim is to provide services and programs to benefit all members of our community. Call us on 5429 5637 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/leisure
Teen hour—free during November
Secondary school aged students can improve their fitness and enjoy Teen Hour at Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre for free during November.

Held every school day between 4 and 5pm in the fitness centre at the Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre, the exercise sessions are a terrific way to help manage the stress of school work and upcoming exams.

Qualified staff will guide students through increasing muscle strength and power, and improving self-confidence and body image.

Students under 16 years of age must have a parent/guardian permission.

Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre is located at 4 Victoria St, Kyneton.

For more information, phone 5421 1477 or just come along and register with reception staff.

New Arthritis Support Group for Macedon Ranges

Are you, or is someone you know, living with arthritis or a muscle, bone or joint condition such as osteoporosis or fibromyalgia? Arthritis affects nearly one in every five Australians. Often seen as a normal part of ageing, two of every three people with arthritis are aged between 15 and 60 years.

While there is no cure for arthritis, there is help locally in the newly formed Macedon Ranges Arthritis Peer Support Group.

The Macedon Ranges group meets from 1.30-3.30pm on the first Monday of the month at Woodend Neighbourhood House, 47 Forest Street in Woodend.

Peer support groups provide social connections with people who understand a little of what you are going through, the opportunity to develop long lasting friendships and importantly, the chance to have a laugh. You can also tap into local knowledge about services and health providers available.

For more information on the Macedon Ranges Arthritis Peer Support Group, phone Susan on 0411 116 711 or email susan23@bigpond.com, or phone Rita on 5427 2483 or email peteriet@outlook.com.

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Some groups play cards, others sit and chat or play indoor bowls.

For those who don't drive, we have a council bus that will pick you up and drop you off in the afternoon.

Once a month we have professional cooks who come in and give us a 2 course lunch. This meal is \$10.

We also have a **Bus Trip** to some very interesting places on the first Wednesday of the month with a 2 course meal and morning tea. Trips are \$40 which includes your lunch.

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Did you know that 90% of women have at least one risk factor for CVD?

So... what are the risk factors for CVD?

It is useful to think of these in three groups – the ones we need to know about but cannot change; the ones we can change; and the ones that we need to identify so that we can reduce the effect they have on our chance of developing CVD.

The things we can't change:

- Age – the older we are the greater the risk of CVD. If you are 45 yo or older you should consider your risk factors for CVD.
- Family history – a family history of heart attack or stroke at an early age (less than 55yo) increases your risk of CVD

The things we CAN change:

- Smoking (including exposure to second hand smoke)
- Sedentary lifestyle (too much sitting!)
- Diet – too much fat, sugar, salt or alcohol
- Overweight

The things we need to IDENTIFY early so we can manage them:

- High blood pressure
- High cholesterol
- Diabetes
- Chronic kidney disease

What can we do to reduce our risk of CVD?

- Quit smoking
- Healthy lifestyle – healthy eating, regular exercise, healthy weight
- Regular health checks to pick up risk factors such as high blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, kidney disease
- BP check if you are on the pill or have other risk factors outlined above
- Ask your GP to calculate your CV risk using a CV risk calculator

Remember that CVD is the biggest cause of death for both women and men and that every hour 5 Australians die from heart disease, stroke or blood vessel disease (CVD) and many others are left disabled after a stroke or heart attack. Consider your risk and take action now, before it is too late!

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Guest Speaker: Lisa Larsen, Director of Nursing, Bupa Aged Care, Woodend


Outing: 18th November Lunch at Castello's Victoria Tavern, Gisborne


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

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Are you interested in Membership??

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

A few of our 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.

If you are retired, or close to retiring, come along and join us and learn more about what Probus can offer you to assist you in staying active.

All we want to achieve is a day of enjoyment and friendship. Please come and have a look at what we do and who we are.

Please check out our website for information about the Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club rprobus.org.au



Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for *Greater Romsey All Abilities Park (GRAAP)*

Incorporated will be held on Monday 23rd November, 2015, commencing at 7.30pm at the Romsey Community Hub.

All Committee of Management positions will be declared vacant.

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Or would you like to be involved and receive a meal from a friendly neighbour?

Casserole Club is a free community-based food sharing initiative that helps people share extra portions of cooked food with others in their area who might not be able to cook for themselves.

The program was developed by UK-based ideas group FutureGov, as an initiative to tackle social isolation and reconnect neighbourhoods. Macedon Ranges Shire Council is the only rural Council out of three in Australia to pilot the program with the support of Municipal Association of Victoria and the Victorian Government.

Come along to the Kyneton Farmers Market on Saturday 14 November to find out more about Casserole Club and sign up to be a Cook or a Diner.

For more information call Council's Healthy Ageing Engagement Officer, Sarah Wittick on 5422 0246.



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Program Outline: Presentation on Food Allergies and Intolerances
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Light luncheon will be provided

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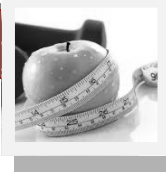
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Reiki: (Mondays 11am-3.00pm) \$10 per 45min session. Bookings essential on 5429 6724.



Yoga: (Mondays 6.30pm-8:00pm) \$15 per class when paid in full at the commencement of the term. \$20 casual rate. Enquires: Leisa Kirk on 0408 934 656.

Tai Chi: (Tuesdays 1pm-2pm) \$10 per class. Come along and enjoy the energising benefits of Tai Chi. Enquires: Jan on 5428 1223 or 0412 219 900.

Konga: (Tuesdays 7pm-8pm) KONGA is a mash-up of boxing, dance, cardio, toning & everything in between. Easy to follow, for any fitness level. Set to real music you know. Get fit the fun way! It's the one class that really does have it all, don't miss out! Great for whole family! \$10 class. Bookings essential: Lauren 0431 314 157.

Dance & Movement for Children: NEW! (Wednesdays 4pm-4.30pm - Under 5's, (Cost: Casual \$10) 4.30pm - 5.15pm - Over 5's (Cost: \$12 Casual) \$8 for Term payment upfront. Join in this fun, creative dance class where kids learn the joy of expressing themselves through dance. Enquiries: Claire 0434 419 560.

Beginners Pilates: (Wednesdays 7pm-8pm, Fridays 10.30am-11.30am) \$15 per class or 10% discount if Term Fees are paid in full at the commencement of the term. Bookings: Trish (day) class on 0411 447 392, April (night) class on 0427 150 976.

Meditation: NEW! (Thursday fortnightly 9.30am-11am) & Meditation for Mums on the Go! (Thursdays 11.15-11.45am) Learn to relax, de-stress and renew yourself with simple techniques that you can implement at home. \$10 per class.

Yoga: (Thursdays 7pm-8:30pm, Saturdays 8am-9.00am) \$15 per class when term is paid before end of week 1. \$18 casual rate. Enquires: Lisa Moore on 0448 345 338.

Zumba GOLD: NEW! (Fridays 9.30am-10.30am) Come join in the fun dance fitness program suitable for all ages. Low impact, move at your own pace, learn a variety of dance steps, easy to pick up. Bookings: at the House on 5429 6724 Enquiries: Karen on 0432 807 682.

Konga BURN: (last Friday of Month 7.00pm-8.30pm) BURN!® is a combination of Konga and a dumbbell workout which uses 1.5-2.5kg dumbbells & fuses dance inspired movements which will shape, sculpt & improve your muscle tone. Bookings: Lauren on 0431 314 157.

Women's Self Defence: NEW! Empowering women to use techniques and whole body movements to develop the physical skills to protect yourselves in a safe environment. Register your interest now for this course to go ahead!

Let's Get Creative!

Art Group: (Mondays 7pm-9pm) \$Gold coin. Do you love Art? Then whatever your medium is bring it along to this social group and create! ... And talk art of course. Enquires: Dot on 0419 547 064.



Art In Company: (Tuesdays 11am-2pm) \$2 Gold coin. Bring your work in progress and join like-minded people for 3 hours of creative stimulation. Enquiries: 5429 6724

Craft Group: (Tuesdays 12pm-3:30pm) \$Gold Coin. Bring along your latest project and craft away in the company of others and maybe pick up a new skill or two! Contact: Leanne Menzies: 0407 053 806

Art Classes for Children: NEW! (Mondays & Tuesdays 3:45pm-4:45pm) \$80 for a 10 week course. Numbers limited. Bring an A3 Visual Arts Diary & basic acrylic paints. Enrolments and payment in advance essential prior to week 1. Contact: House on 5429 6724 to book.

Watercolours for Beginners-Intermediates: (Fridays 1pm-3pm) Learn to develop your skills and techniques in using watercolours with helpful guidance in this tutor-based class. Bookings: 5429 6724 Enquiries: 0455 131 659 Cost: \$10 per session.

Furniture Restoration Classes: Learn how to bring an old piece of furniture back to its former glory. Hands-on tuition covering paint stripping, basic timber repairs, staining, finishing techniques. Day and evening classes individual or small groups. Off-site location. Book now at the House.

Scrapbooking & Card Making: NEW! Capture those treasured memories forever in designing your own unique album or personalised gift cards. Register your interest at the House for this class to go ahead.

Tatting - Learn to Make Lace: NEW! Learn the lost age old art of lacemaking. Register your interest now!

Learn to Mosaic: NEW! Register now! A class for all levels from beginners to those more experienced. Bring along a project you've been wanting to do or learn the art of mosaicking with the help of an experienced tutor. Register your preference for day or evening classes. Nominal fee charge. Bookings required.

Soap Making: NEW! Learn the traditional method of homemade soap making with natural ingredients which is gentle for you and your family to use. Register now and state preference for day or evening course. Enquires Emily on 0408 857 659.

Romsey 2016 Community Calendar : Be in it!
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LIKE TO WRITE?

Do you write, or have you had thoughts of writing about your experiences, family history, stories, penning a poem or embarking on the great Australian novel? Perhaps you have written reams that languish unread, or keep it all in your head, or perhaps are a published author? We'd love to have you join our group.

THE MACEDON RANGES SCRIBES & SCRIBBLERS WRITERS GROUP is an informal group that meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 10.00am to 12.00am at the Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House. We meet to share our work and ideas and to gain and provide feedback and encouragement in a friendly and supportive environment. There are no membership fees but at the meetings we each contribute \$2 towards the room hire.

Our members come from all over the Macedon Ranges and write short stories, family history, poetry, memoir or have a novel or script in the wings. As a launch point for inspiration to write prose or poetry, each month we suggest a topic and/or word for the next meeting and ask members to keep to a max. of 1000 words to allow enough time for everyone to participate. It is a chance to take or twist a topic and let your imagination fly. However, there are no rules and members are free to share whatever they want to write, including an instalment of an ongoing work.

There is a writer inside everyone who has memories or dreams or use their imagination to tell a story.

For further information call Sue 54286951 or email: ijstewie13@gmail.com or Lila 54264586 lilacd1@icloud.com or contact Nicole at the Neighbourhood House 54287836 or just come along. Our next meeting is on the **10th November**. The suggested topics is 'A Memorable Day'.

Door opens on true tales

An unusual door opened in the Macedon Ranges recently, allowing some fortunate people to experience alternative lives.

Story Door – a free, live, true and personal storytelling evening – was held at Holgates Brewhouse in Woodend on 2 October.

'We had an open microphone - anyone was welcome to tell a five-minute tale, involving no notes, no reciting, just raw human adventure,' said Kate Lawrence, Story Door organiser.

'There were ten storytellers, novices and old hands, from the Macedon Ranges and Melbourne. In styles as individual as fingerprints, they shared funny, sad and strange experiences.'

The theme was 'Firsts'. The audience heard a nurse's moving story about organ donation and shared a city dweller's eye-opening adventure in drought-stricken countryside. Other tales were told of moving house, learning to ride, kissing, studying, busking, losing virginity and losing a friend.

'Oral storytelling has a seductive power,' said Ms Lawrence. 'Stories are how we share wisdom, so others might benefit from our experience. They're also intensely good fun.'

Step through more Story Doors from 7.30pm on 6 November and 4 December, in the Leadlight Room at Holgates Brewhouse, Woodend.

More info at www.katelawrence.com.au



Kate Lawrence from Macedon at Story Door

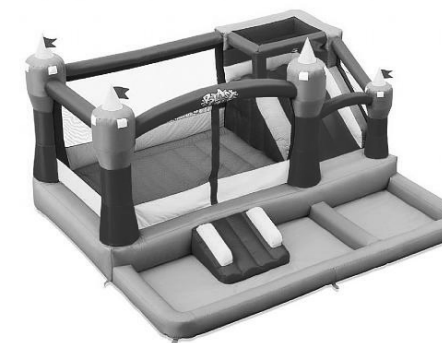
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Thank you to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council for their generous grant from the 2015 Community Funding Scheme which has enabling us to purchase this big ticket item.

General Business

The Romsey Toy Library Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank our members for their continued support and involvement. It is always great to see the kids come in for a play, choose some new toys to take home and for mums and dads to have a chat at the same time as doing duty roster. We are very lucky to be part of the Romsey Hub, always a pleasant environment nestled in the library!

We will be holding our **AGM on 22nd November at 12pm at the Romsey Hotel Bistro**. All members are invited and welcome to attend. If you have anything you wish to be included on the agenda please let us know via the email below.

The Toy Library is run by a volunteer committee made up of several dedicated members. We are always looking for new members to replace the parents that leave the library once their children reach school age. Please consider joining the committee to keep this great community service operational. All help is appreciated and keeps the Toy Library fresh and alive!

WHERE?	WHEN?	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES
Romsey Library 98 Main Street, Romsey (Children's Area)	Wednesday 3.30 to 4.30pm Thursday 11.00 to 12.00pm Saturday 10.00 to 11.00am	Family \$35 Grandparent \$25 Playgroup Discount \$25
ENQUIRES - romseytoy-library@gmail.com / Jodie Dobbs - 0419 588 162		

Why should I join the Toy Library?

There are many benefits of being a member of a toy library. These include: -

- Having access to hundreds of toys.
- Borrowing toys that are matched to your child's individual need, stage of development and interests.
- Borrowing toys that are designed to facilitate particular skill development in children e.g. threading beads to assist fine motor skills.
- Helps families save money (more money to put towards a holiday or day excursion)
- Avoiding storage issues of multiple or bulky toys.
- Helping the environment by borrowing rather than purchasing.
- Provides a great place for parents/grandparents/carers to meet and share ideas.
- Having an opportunity to try toys before you buy, therefore ensuring successful toy purchases.
- Introduces children into the community that they live in.

Interested in joining our Toy Library?

All residents of the Romsey and Lancefield area, whether carers, parents or grandparents, are most welcome to join the library. Membership fees are \$35 for a whole year or if you are a Grandparent or member of Playgroup we are offering a discounted price of just \$25. Please drop in during our open times and view our range of toys or contact us to arrange an appointment if you would like a tour of our facilities.

Opening Hours: - Saturday 10am to 11am

Email - romseytoylibrary@gmail.com **Fiona Quigley** – 0408 110 054 **Hannah Sutton** - 0401 085 125

We look forward to seeing you at the library!

Lancefield & Romsey Community Banks

YOUR BANK – THANKS A MILLION!

The Magical Million Dollar mark has ticked over for clubs, community groups and a range of other organisations around the Romsey and Lancefield district. Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank chair Tim McCarthy announced the milestone, when he announced details of the latest round of grants and sponsorships. He said the local groups have now shared more than a million dollars in grants and sponsorships from the Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank branches over the past 15 years. This year's funding handout is \$113,630, comprising \$75,825 in 26 community grants and \$37,809 in sporting and event sponsorships.

Mr McCarthy said the allocation of funding for local groups and community projects was vindication of the vision shown by a group of local residents when they worked together more than 15 years ago to bring the Community Bank concept to Lancefield and Romsey. "Our Lancefield and Romsey 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," he said. "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."

The two biggest grants this year are each for \$20,000 – one to help realise the long-held vision of establishing a skate park in Lancefield, and the other for urgent and necessary roofing repairs as a key stage in the restoration of the Romsey Mechanics Institute. "These two projects show the width and breadth of worthwhile projects which the Bank is prepared to fund," Mr McCarthy said. "One will help the hard-working Lancefield Skate Park Committee to realise the dream of skating facilities for the youth of their town, and the other will help in the restoration of one of Romsey's iconic buildings and facilities."

The Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank branches of Bendigo Bank are operated on behalf of around 500 local residents and businesses, who put up their own money to become shareholders. "The banking service alone which we provide is a significant contribution to the prosperity of our district, yet it is the extra step we take that sets our Bank apart," Mr McCarthy said. "We are more than a bank. Unlike any other business, our Bank disperses its profits in a truly remarkable way to enhance the lives of people here in Lancefield and Romsey."

COMMUNITY BANK GRANTS 2015

Lancefield Skate Park	implementation of skate park in Lancefield \$20,000
Romsey Mechanics Institute	roof repair and restoration \$20,000
Lancefield Cricket Club	underground power to training nets \$1510
Lancefield CWA	signage to assist raising funds for the community \$450
Romsey Kennel Club	assist in purchasing equipment for the show \$400
Romsey Neighborhood house	Community mural implementation at Romsey House \$4000
Lancefield Girl Guides	purchase tents \$500
Romsey Golf Club	installation of tank for drinking water for Romsey Park \$2000
Lancefield Golf Club	2nd stage of refurbishment \$2000
CFA brigades	Lancefield, Romsey, Nulla Vale, Benloch, Bolinda-Monegeetta, Heskett and Springfield – each \$1000
Romsey CFA	Funding for computer equipment \$1540
Lancefield Harness Club	replacing boundary fence \$400
Romsey Region Business & Tourism Association (RRBATA)	Romsey Online UPGRADE to enable shared backend with Lancefield Online \$4000
Lancefield Kindergarten	crashmat and seating equipment made by the Men's Shed \$1200
Lancefield Men's shed	asphalting next to the shed \$2000
Macedon Ranges Lodge	Kids Fun park as part of the Swap meet \$1000
Romsey Bowling Club	finish BBQ area and finalise their large project \$825
Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens Club & Romsey Mechanics' Institute	repair and replace weatherboards and paint entrance to the club \$4000
Kidzone OSHC & Vacation Care	expand door area to allow disabled access to the centre \$2000
Romsey & Lancefield District Ambulance service	\$1000

TOTAL

SPONSORSHIPS – TOTAL \$37,809

\$75,825

- Lancefield Auskick
- Romsey Bowling Club
- Lancefield & District Pony Club
- Romsey Cricket Club
- Lancefield Equestrian Group
- Romsey Junior Football Netball Club
- Lancefield Bowls Club
- Romsey Football Netball Club
- Lancefield Golf Club
- Lancefield Junior Football Netball Club
- Romsey Sporting Association
- Lancefield Park Committee
- Romsey Golf Club
- Lancefield Tennis Club
- Lancefield Football Netball Club
- Lancefield Light Harness Racing Club
- RRBATA & Lancefield Neighbourhood House – website
- Lancefield Agricultural Society – Lancefield Show
- GRAAP – Signage for new site
- Lancefield Macedon Ranges Relay for Life Event
- Romsey Garden Club - marquee
- Macedon Ranges Vigneron's Ass. – Wine dinner
- St Mary's Primary School – Movie Night
- Romsey Mechanics Institute - Dusty Film
- Lancefield Mega Fauna Festival
- Romsey Neighbourhood House & Romsey Mechanics Institute – Antiques Fair



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