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Thursday 15th October – We leant Wendy an electric buggy so that she could compete in the Woodend Tournament. She said that it made it a little bit easier to get around the course but it didn't make the golf any easier. However Woodend always puts on a great lunch so Wendy enjoyed the day.

Tuesday 20th October – This time armed with her own electric buggy (Wendy went shopping) Wendy and Pam competed in the Trentham Tournament. Wendy was happy with her game and Pam was very happy. She won the C grade Scratch 100/31/69 and she also won 5 Dalhousie Player of the Year points.

Wednesday 21st October – Players went out on the course hoping to complete the game of Texas Ambrose before it rained. Unfortunately this didn't happen and a sorry, wet group of players returned to the club house.

Friday 23rd October – Leila, Beryl and Wendy were up before sunrise to travel to Sanctuary Lakes to play in the State final of the Doris Chambers Foursomes. After the briefing they walked with the Portarlington and Cowra players about a mile (or it felt like that) to their first tee. The day warmed up and it became windy just as they were finishing. They enjoyed the challenging course, the bird life, the good company and they both appreciated Wendy being their caddy and helping out.

Wednesday 28th October – It was a still morning – perfect for golf. The players were looking forward to their game. However, even though the course looked great, it was trickier to play than expected. Laughter and cheers drifted across the course from the 9 hole social group as they celebrated some good shots. Back in the club house together the winner of the October Monthly Medal was announced – Pam Drummond 108/31/77 from Lyn Robison 108/29/79. Least putts – Pam Drummond 28.

Thursday 29th October – Wendy travelled to Marysville to play on their very tricky course. There are 3 river crossings – the result, 2 lost balls. Another ball was lost in the thick bush so unfortunately the golf wasn't the best but as usual the lunch was delicious and the company entertaining.

Friday 30th October – As you can it has been a very busy month for golf. Luckily Sharon was able to play in the Gisborne tournament and she said that she enjoyed the day.

Wednesday 4th November – Burke and Wills. The players criss-crossed the course like the intrepid explorers. Players teed off next to a marker that stated which green they were hitting to next. Challenges included hitting through narrow gaps between trees or over clumps of bushes or small trees. If they didn't make it, they had the problem of hitting out of the short but thick rough. The social golfers played the usual layout so sometimes players had to give way when hitting to a green as two groups could be approaching from 2 completely different directions. As players waited they reported that Jenny hit some very good shots. The day's results were – Kath 102/28/74 from Lorraine 105/30/75. Men's winner – Michael 73/18/55 (a very good explorer.)

Monday 9th November – Wendy, with Beryl as caddy, left early in the morning to travel to Kew to play in the State final of the Golf Vic Silver Spoon. The beautiful course is set beside the Yarra so there is quite a bit of water incorporated into the layout. Quite a trap for a stray ball!! It was an enjoyable day and it was great to meet ladies from all over the

state. However country cooking is far superior to lunch in the city.

Wednesday 11th November – It was cool when the players headed out on the course and rain looked imminent but for once it didn't happen. The day's winner was Kath (28) 30 pts from Beryl (21) 26 pts.

9 hole Social Comp. – Noreen and Jenny both hit some amazing shots but they were disappointed when they couldn't do it all the time.

Thursday 12th November – Denise, Pam and Lorraine played in the Kyneton Bowl and Beryl and Wendy played at Euroa. The day was hot and muggy with thunderstorms predicted but luckily all players got through without getting wet. Wendy's score was good and everyone else played some great shots. At Kyneton, Denise had rather a major problem, she became legless, not the falling down drunk and rolling onto the green type legless – she was literally legless. Much to the amazement and then amusement of her playing partners her prosthetic leg fell off. Denise quickly fixed the problem and continued her good round of golf.

Friday 13th November – Unlucky for some but Lyn had an enjoyable day at Goonawarra. She was very glad that the weather wasn't as hot as Thursday but it could have been a bit warmer.

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

Wednesday: 9 holes – social or competition – 10.30am.

Friday: Social golf – 10am.

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

Twilight golf – hit off between 4.30 and 5pm approx. Ring the clubhouse 54295385 or Elaine if you are going to be late.

Enquiries/ Further information. Elaine 0400 768 040 RGC Secretary

Recipe

Cottage pie (Serves 4)

1 kg Sebago potatoes, peeled, chopped

40g butter

Quarter cup milk

One and half tablespoons olive oil

1 brown onion finely chopped

2 cloves garlic crushed

600g beef mince

425g can diced tomatoes

Half cup tomato sauce

1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

1 teaspoon dried mixed herbs

One and half cups frozen peas

2 thirds cup grated tasty cheese

Seasoning – salt and pepper optional

Heat oil in large pan, cook garlic and onion, stirring until onion softens. Increase heat, add mince, cook, stirring often,

for 5 to 6 minutes or until mince is browned.

Add undrained tomatoes, tomato sauce, Worcestershire sauce and herbs, bring to boil.

Reduce heat, simmer uncovered for approx. 20 minutes. Stir in peas.

Meanwhile, boil or steam potatoes until soft, strain then mash with milk and butter.

Preheat oven to 200 degrees Celsius. Grease a 5 cup capacity ovenproof dish.

Spoon mince mixture into dish. Top with mash. Sprinkle with cheese. Place on a baking tray and bake uncovered for 15 to 20 mins until pie is piping hot and top is browned lightly.

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Steve Hendy Treasurer / Web Editor.
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Robin Ford Tree Project Co-ordinator.
Pat Danko Social Media/ Myna bird Co-ordinator.

Congratulations to all elected.

Thank you to Robin for his years as president we are very grateful for his contribution.

Welcome new members.

The Lancefield Show was a successful day with many plants given away and we thank Grant Godden the Landcare area co-ordinator for his time.

The Christmas breakup will be on Sunday 6th December at Lancefield Park or if

weather is unsuitable will be at Margaret's house. All welcome. RSVP to Ken. Trees are still available people wanting trees contact Ken Allender.

Myna bird count for October 16.
Anyone wanting a myna trap in Lancefield area please contact: Pat Danko : p.danko01@bigpond.com

For Romsey the new co-ordinator is Cathy Phelps : cathy.phelps@bigpond.com.

The next meeting will be the Monday 8th February 2016.

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

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

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<http://romseygolfclub.net>

Saturday November 21st - John Laing Shield Final & Par



A gusting southerly wind was blowing, the sun was obscured by clouds and it almost looked like rain was on the way as the field hit off on the club's Par competition, the day also saw the final of the John Laing Shield. Players soon found themselves taking jumpers off and then pulling them back on 15 minutes later.

This, and the wind, made it difficult to play consistent golf. A number of players put together a great run of holes only to find their score destroyed by the wind pushing balls into the deep rough. The final of the John Laing Shield seemed to be going one way with Les Gaunt getting to 3 up by the 8th however Anthony Freeman won the next three to be all square by the 12th. The next few holes were squared but Freeman was able to pick up the 14th and 17th to seal a win 2/1. On a changeable, windy day the results were;

Winner; Dean Jones (4) +1 from John Freestone (20) -1 & Ron Walker -1

NTPs - 1st Mick Nicholls Jnr and 16th - Les Gaunt

The Final of the John Laing Shield;

Les Gaunt (0) **L** Anthony Freeman (17) - 2/1

Saturday November 14th - John Laing Shield Semi-finals & Stroke

A gusting southerly wind was blowing as the stroke field and the John Laing Shield semi-finalists hit off. The course had excellent cover but the well trimmed rough was very thick and players who found themselves off the fairways faced a real battle to get the ball up and back into play. The strong wind moved balls in the air and caused many shots to fall well short of the expected landing zone. Most members expected the semi-finals of the Shield to be closely fought affairs and they were not disappointed. Both matches were even or one-up for most of the round until Les Gaunt was able to move ahead of Ron Walker on the 14th, 15th and 16th to take the match 3/2. In the other semi Jim Patton and Anthony Freeman fought a very tight match with Freeman finally triumphing on the 19th hole. The Stroke field also found it difficult to score with many players putting four or five good holes together before carding an eight or a nine on the next hole. Only one player was able to put together a consistent round and come in below his handicap. On a cool, windy afternoon the results were;

Winner; Rob Rea - 85/17/68 from John Freestone - 95/21/74

NTPs; 15th - Pat Chisholm, 16th - Rob Rea

The Semi-final results were;

Anthony Freeman (3) **D** Jim Patton (0) - 19th

Les Gaunt (0) **D** Ron Walker (18) - 3/2.

The final will be;

Les Gaunt (0) **Vs** Anthony Freeman (17)

Saturday November 7th - Quarter Finals John Laing Shield & Stableford

Following the extremely heavy rain of Wednesday and Thursday the course was very wet with most fairways having casual water and the greens a little hairy after being too wet and slippery to be cut. Again, quite a challenge for the field who hit off in muggy, overcast conditions with a gusting NW wind. A number of players had taken advantage of the Cup Day holiday so only one of the John Laing Shield quarter finals remained to be played. As the afternoon progressed the sun did come out causing the conditions to become more humid; players as well as the course became steamy with approach shots stopping dead and putts pulling up well short of the cup. On a difficult day the results were;

Winner; Hugh Drummond (21) - 35 pts from Pat Chisholm (11) - 34 pts and Ron Walker (23) - 33 pts

NTPs; 1st - Sharif Abdel-Sayed, 15th - John Freestone

Womens' Winner; Lyn Robison (29) - 34 pts

The quarter-final results of the John Laing Shield were;

Chris vanDerVliet **L** Anthony Freeman **5/3**

Jim Patton **D** Michael McCarten **3/2** (Played earlier in the week)

Kev Dunn **L** Ron Walker - **4/3** (Played earlier in the week)

Les Gaunt **D** Pat Chisholm - **4/3** (Played earlier in the week)

The Semi-finals will be;

Anthony Freeman **Vs** Jim Patton

Les Gaunt **Vs** Ron Walker

Saturday October 31st - Monthly Medal - Stroke & Putts

A spot of thunder and lightning only slightly reduced the field for the October Medal. With wet fairways and greens and a gusting NW wind players were in for a challenging round, however the weather stabilised after a few holes and the sun came out making for a pleasant afternoon. Golfers had to respond to the lack of run on the fairways, slow greens and an aggressive rough that gleefully hid balls and then often only allowed players to progress the ball by 20 to 30 metres. As the round closed just two players were in with a chance. Some excellent putting by one golfer was just eclipsed by wonderful approach shots and pinpoint chipping from another. On a day when the weather swung wildly the results were;

Winner and October Medalist; Ron Walker - 95/23/72 from Michael McCarten - 91/18/73

NTPs; 15th - Jim Patton

Least Putts; Michael McCarten - 27

Saturday October 24th - Qualifying Round - John Laing Shield - Stableford

Well, a cool start but the day soon warmed up. The wind was barely there and with the course again in top nick the low markers were looking to cement themselves well inside the top eight and move into the next round of the John Laing Shield. Everyone else thought they had a good chance too. There were many players in an excellent position as they turned for home but a wayward drive here or a fluffed chip there soon put paid to most of their challenges. Again, it's tough out there with well trimmed rough, lush fairways and rapidly improving greens. On another wonderful mid-spring day the results were;

Winner; Chris vanDerVliet (30) - 36 pts C/B from Kev Dunn (23) with Les Gaunt (5), Jim Patton (19) & Michael McCarten (19) all on 34 pts

Women's Winner; Sharon Mathers (14) - 32 pts

NTPs; 1st & 15th - Les Gaunt, 16th - Dave Muller.

The quarter-finals of the John Laing Shield will be between;

Chris vanDerVliet **Vs** Anthony Freeman

Jim Patton **Vs** Michael McCarten

Kev Dunn **Vs** Ron Walker

Les Gaunt **Vs** Pat Chisholm

After just over a year's work we have completed the installation of our tee, green and fairway irrigation system. Just over 40 members put their time into this work and many also donated money. The materials cost just under \$60,000 and we estimate the labour from the membership at about \$100,000.00. If you would like to read the report on this wonderful effort please check this page on the RGC web site; <http://romseygolfclub.net/index.php?news&nid=14>

Romsey Golf Club will be again team with the Lancefield/Macedon Rages relay for Life to raise funds for cancer research. The Charity Golf Day will be held on Sunday Feb 21st. A flyer for this event is on the RGC website and also in this edition of the Romsey Rag.

Treat yourself

This Christmas, how about purchasing a local treat for yourself? The family and friends could be included in an enjoyable experience in the Macedon Ranges. Why not visit a winery for a relaxing lunch in beautiful surroundings as dining out doesn't have to be on Christmas Day? Take a picnic to a nearby park, dine in one of our exceptional restaurants, or relax at home with local produce. Now for those gifts...I would suggest visiting the Gisborne GREAT market on 6 December for wonderful hand crafted items, wholesome produce, handmade clothing and quirky little some-things. For the Christmas table you will find wonderful fresh produce at the farmers' markets held in your local town, and don't forget the local providores with great tasting delights. Quality rillettes, pate, terrines and cheeses make entertaining at this social time of year very easy. Locally grown wines are great to drink with friends and make exceptional gifts too! Post pictures of you celebrating Christmas locally and finding that special gift on Macedon Ranges Naturally Cool Facebook page on Macedon Ranges Naturally Cool Facebook page. Support local businesses, have fun, love and laugh a lot with family and friends as this is the "time to be merry"! Wishing you a safe and happy Christmas and New Year
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ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



Year 4 Camp.

Our Year 4 children headed off to camp on the 11th of November. They spent 3 days at Lady Northcote Camp in Bacchus Marsh. The children had a wonderful time and were involved in many adventure activities.



Minister for Education Visit.

On Wednesday the 18th of November the school was visited by the Minister for Education, James Merlino. He was visiting to look at the areas of the school which received \$112,000 in the last budget for maintenance. The maintenance works will take place in 2016. In the next few weeks the Gym, Art room and Canteen area of the school will be undergoing a facelift courtesy of the \$134,000 received in 2014 for maintenance. These are welcome funds which will assist the 25 year old buildings to remain sturdy and inviting for the next 25 years.



Final weeks of the year.

Romsey PS is in the final 4 weeks of the year. Teachers are busy writing reports and preparations are well underway for the 2016 school year. We have 56 Year 6 children who are heading off to 7 different secondary schools, the bulk to Gisborne and Kyneton Secondary Colleges. And we have 34 new Preps who will be starting school. Both sets of children have been involved in transition days where they have had the opportunity to experience their new school settings. The new Prep parents were entertained by the school choir as their children spent time in their new classrooms.



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ADFAS

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ADFAS members were taken behind the scenes at Melbourne's State Theatre and Concert Hall during a recent excursion. After lunch and a lecture on NGV's Masterpieces from the Hermitage Collection in St Petersburg, members viewed the collection at their leisure. Committee member Ruth De Jong arranged this excellent excursion.

A visit to Ballarat Art Gallery in October to see the Archibald Prize finalists was followed by a tour of the Gallery's permanent collection. Members thoroughly enjoyed this excursion arranged by Committee member Nancy Toohey.

Membership of ADFAS is open to everyone with an interest in the arts. By joining now, you can enjoy the end of year Sunset Party at historic St Agnes homestead, Kyneton on Thursday 3 December, and be eligible to win one of two boxes of local wine.

The 2016 season will commence in January with a Garden Party and the first lecture will be in the Kyneton Town Hall on Thursday 3 March at 7 for 7.30pm.

2016 programs and membership applications are available now. Ring Norma on 0419 234 012 for more information. We look forward to welcoming new members.

Right: ADFAS members were taken on a tour of Ballarat Gallery's permanent collection after viewing The Archies.



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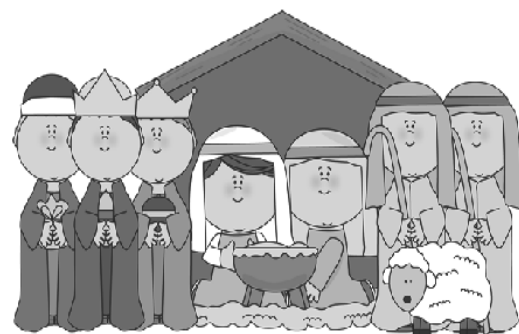
Follow the Christmas Star

You are invited to meet outside St Paul's Anglican Church in Main Road, Romsey, to walk with Mary, Joseph and their donkey as they search for a place to stop for the night.

Where will they go? Who will they meet on the way?
What will we discover at the end of the road?

We will be looking for a stable with live animals where we can sing Christmas Carols, see a real new baby, and share some refreshments together.

Parents and children please join us.



Time: Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd December at 7:30pm (come to either night)

Dress Up: Dress up as wise men, or angels, or shepherds or a person from Bethlehem if you wish. There will be costumes available to borrow (adult as well as child sizes).

A free event in association with the churches of Romsey and Lancefield
Music by the Kyneton Municipal Band
All Welcome

Questions? Contact: Wendy Elson 0400 042 076 or Jay Brooks 5429 6163

Romsey Golf Club Inc.

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Youth Shout-Out!

The Romsey Library is asking for input from the youth of Romsey and adjacent towns, to help establish what young people would like to see offered at the Library that would be appealing and interesting to them.

The Library staff would like to see more youth-based programs that provide our young people with opportunities to engage and connect, have fun, and be creative. To this end, they are working towards their goal of creating a dedicated youth space that is comfortable, friendly, stimulating and fun where young people can relax, play games, go online, listen to music, read or do homework and spend time with friends.

The library already boasts a wide range of young adult materials including books, audio books, comics, graphic novels, magazines, CDs, DVDs and provides free access to downloadable ebooks, audio books and magazines as well as free WiFi.

Some of the ideas for youth events include a movie night, creative workshops, homework club, book club, Manga club or we are open to suggestions! Our success in this venture relies on your input, so please take a moment to drop us a line at: romsey@ncgrl.vic.gov.au

Christmas Card-Making

Join in the creative fun after school at our free Christmas Card-Making Workshop on Wednesday 9th December, from 3:45 – 5:00pm. Age: 8 – 12 years (approx). Each participant will make 6-8 cards. Please book your place by phoning the Library on 5429 3086. Places limited.

Christmas Movie Afternoons

The Library will be showing a Christmas movie over 3 Thursday afternoons, on the 3rd, 10th and 17th December in the lead up to Christmas from 4-6pm. Movies are all rated G or PG and will include such titles as 'How the Grinch stole Christmas', 'The Polar Express' and one more movie still to be decided.

Attendance is free but please register your interest at the Library desk or by phoning the Library on 5429 3086. Children welcome to bring a water bottle. Popcorn will be provided.

Santa Visiting Toddler-Time The man himself, Santa, will pop in to wish all story-timers a happy Christmas during the last children's session for the year on Thursday 17th December at 10.00am.

Christmas Library Hours

The Library will close at 12:30 lunchtime on Thursday 24th December 2015 and re-open on Monday 4th January 2016. The external book return chute will be closed during that period.

Safeguarding Your family Online

A New world order?

I grew up in the days when telephones, black and white TV, AM and Short Wave radio were the ways we gathered our instant information from the world around us. To a lesser extent we also had the Print Media for those times when we did not need to know news "As it happened".

How things have changed! Smartphones, Smart TV's, the Internet, Chat Rooms, Facebook, Twitter, Tablets, GPS and a host of other online media in which we and our children are deeply engaged in, have dramatically altered our view of the world and the way in which we interact with it. More and more I see the outcomes of inexperience in defending our privacy and our values, eroded and resulting in outcomes that we cannot erase, often resulting in financial and emotional loss or anguish.

So what can we do to safeguard our children in our increasingly online world?

I have two young boys in the latter stages of primary school. They both have Windows 10 Tablets (Yes Windows), an Xbox One Gaming Console and access to a full sized laptop at home. Now neither of them are into any of the plethora of social media online sites/apps (yet), and we have been trying to educate them about the "cause and effect" situations we read about daily and the ongoing issues that ensue.

How do we protect them? In our case I have created Microsoft accounts for both my children. This is simply the creation of an email account which is then managed by Microsoft online safety. Account set up is free and you can dictate who the parents are, and who the children are in the Family you create. This has a cascading effect on all their devices they are logged in to. Because the account knows their ages, when they are online the browser prevents them from accessing unsavoury or unsafe sites and blocks them instantly. This also blocks them from downloading or installing programs and apps that do not meet the child level standards dictated by the service.

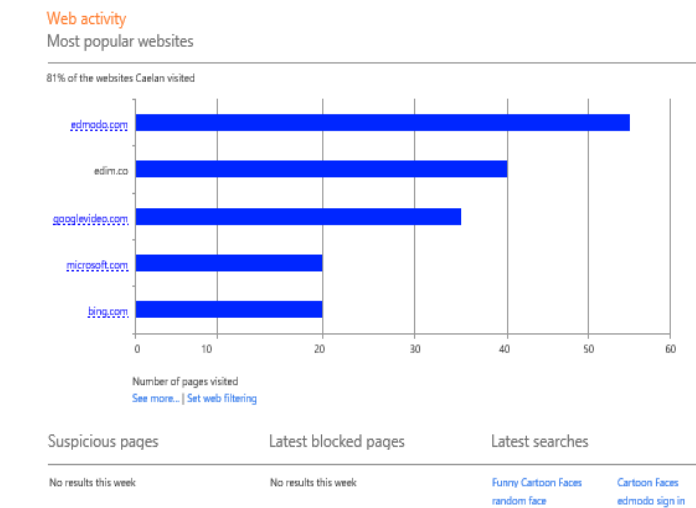
Quite often I get complaints from my child about not being able to view a "funny" video on YouTube because the rating was blocked by the system. Cries of "Dad, it won't let me use Skype because it says I'm too young for this app" ring out, but, only once. When they log on their Xbox the system keeps on protecting them as they use the same credentials on this device as they do their Tablets. Having explained why the system does this to them, they then go on their merry way in complete understanding that this is there to protect them not hinder them.

Quite often parents allow their children to use their computers whilst logged in as the parent account. This is not a smart idea. Creating logins for each of your children on your PC or Mac is the first step to safe computing. When you do create them you can then decide what level of access they have. You can create Child accounts on a Mac and Windows PC's quite easily. If you are unsure how to do this, then ask the question in any of the mainstream search engines to pull up a list of "How to" articles on the

topic. There are some links at the end of this article which may help.

Every week I receive an email report of my children's online activity. This displays the days of activity and how many hours they have been online, which sites they have been most active on, how many sites were blocked and so on. This is a very informative way of managing your online safety.

Good Anti-Virus and, more importantly, a good Anti-Malware solution is imperative for all online users.



But, ultimately, it is up to parents to do the most important part of the education of their children. Talk to them about it. Sit down and discuss the issues we all are facing. I'm sure this has certainly helped our boys understand and address issues that they face daily.

There are plenty of programs that you can purchase that also help in protecting your online experience, and everyone will have different methods and levels of concern that will need to be addressed. My experience has worked for my family, but it may not be the option of choice for others. In this case you must customise the solution that suits your needs and expectations. There are no wrong solutions. You are exposed whether you are on PC, Mac, Linux or Chrome.

If anyone needs further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards and safe browsing

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Some quick links for reference.

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November News from St Mary's Lancefield

Year 3/4 Camp

The Year 3/4 students had their overnight camp on Mon/Tues 19th/20th October. The students went to Camp PGL at Campaspe Downs. Students were involved in a variety of activities including the Flying Fox, Archery, Leap of Faith and Low Ropes course. The students thoroughly enjoyed their time at camp!



Confirmation

On Saturday 17th October students from the Parish of St Mary's celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Terry Curtin was the celebrant with aid from Fr Arnold. The students are to be congratulated for the respect and commitment they showed towards the Sacrament. We look forward to the students developing their gifts of the Holy Spirit and we pray that they use them in the future.



Megafauna



The students really enjoyed being a part of the Megafauna festival this year. They had an opportunity to have a megafauna model in the school.

They took part in a Drumming Demonstration by Collin – followed by a Drumming clinic with the Year 3-6 students.

1/2 Circus Excursion

On Wednesday 28th October the Year 1/2 students travelled to Circus Oz in Collingwood as part of the Inquiry unit of Entertainment. The students were involved in juggling, static trapeze, aerial ring, tumbling and the mini trampoline along with tight wire and balance pyramids. The students had a wonderful time!!



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Joy To The World! The Lord Has Come - Let Earth Receive Her King -

ADVENT Sunday, November 29th, marks the beginning of the Church's New Year and the lead up to Christmas, when we rejoice at the tremendous break through of Jesus, the Eternal Son of God, leaving the glory of heaven and becoming 'one of us' - THE INCARNATION. "He made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness, being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross! (Philippians 2:7-8). Yet, knowing this lay ahead of Him he accepted it for "the JOY set before Him, - enduring the Cross, scorning its shame..." (Hebrews 12:2). JOY - what does it mean to you? - a warm glowing emotion when something very pleasurable happens?

Many years ago, an older clergy wife was saying to us, younger ones, that the JOY of the Lord is your strength and I felt it didn't seem to be so for me at the time. As we grow in faith, letting the Holy Spirit transform us, we find we begin to bear His fruit in our lives. The fruit the Holy Spirit produces is - Love, JOY, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-control." (Galatians 5:22-23). This does not mean that everything in our lives will be smooth sailing, quite the contrary but God's peace will rule in our hearts, and fill us with all JOY in believing. This must be what surely sustains the Persecuted Christians in all the sorrows they are enduring! ADVENT reminds us also of the RETURN of JESUS in great power and great glory - His Second Coming. What great JOY then will fill the hearts of all who know, love and serve Him!

We continue to send to Anglicare all manner of supplies for Melbourne's needy. Now we have started to collect toys, gifts (unwrapped), wrapping paper, suitable for children and teenagers for their Christmas stockings. We remember in our prayers our sick and ailing members that the God of all comfort, will comfort them in their distress. We are preparing a petition to be sent to the Federal Government asking that the "Persecuted Christians" be selected first from among the refugees applying to come to Australia. They have no place to call 'home.'

DIARY - DECEMBER 2015

Saturday 5th. 9am. PARISH CHRISTMAS STALL - OUTSIDE I.G.A. ROMSEY. Cakes. Preserves. Raffle. Bric-a-brac etc. Enq. 5429-6418 Glenice.

Thursday 10th. 12noon. The Guild Christmas Lunch At the Vicarage, Chauncey St. Lancefield. Plate to share. 7.30pm....A.M.S. Carols and Supper at Betty & Max Dansey's 69 High St. Lancefield. ALL WELCOME . Enq. Max Dansey 5429-1579.

COMBINED CHURCHES CHRISTMAS CAROLS hosted by the Anglican Church Lancefield & Romsey. Sunday 13th. 7.30pm at CHRIST CHURCH CHAUNCEY ST. LANCEFIELD.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday 24th Dec. 11.30pm. HOLY COMMUNION at CHRIST CHURCH LANCEFIELD, Chauncey Street.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday 25th Dec. 9am. HOLY COMMUNION at ST.PAUL'S ROMSEY, Main Street. **Sunday 27th. Dec.** 9am. HOLY COMMUNION at St.Paul's Romsey 10.30am HOLY COMMUNION - Christ Church Lancefield

The Vicar, Rev. Bill Carroll and the Members of Christ Church Lancefield and St.Paul's Romsey pray that all in our Community may enjoy a blessed and holy Christmas and New Year, **"MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE AS YOU TRUST IN HIM, SO THAT YOU OVERFLOW WITH HOPE BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT."** Romans 15:13

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Well, October and November were big months for the RMI. In mid October we found out that we would be able to go ahead with major roofing, spouting, rendering and painting works. This is largely because of a \$20,000.00 from the Romsey/Lancefield Bendigo Bank, some funds from DEWLP and the RMI's own monies. It is planned for these major works to be undertaken between Jan 11th and Jan 25th. During that time the RMI will be completely closed down.

The Bendigo Bank also funded a 75% of a major refurbishment to the outside of the Senior Citizens' rooms and the Bank also agreed to sponsor both our showing of the Australian film "Dusty" and the 2016 Antiques Fair which will be held in March of next year.

So the organisation began, meetings with Shire representatives, painters, plumbers, renderers and neighbouring business to make sure timelines coincided then finalise the Macedon Ranges Shire Council planning permits and traffic management plan. Our thanks to Simon Smith, Mat Payne, Andrew Patterson and Kevin Keating who have all worked very hard to make sure this major project is moving forward.

The Australian film "Dusty" was shown at the RMI in late October. Just over 100 people attended the evening and we received 35 surveys relating to the night and the future of movie nights at the hall. Further information on future film nights will be available early in 2016.

2015 has been a very busy year and the CoM has accomplished much however 2016 looks to be even more productive. Our thanks to Kathy Lakey (Sec), Allan Irvine, Julie Smith (Treas) and Virginia Bartlett for all their hard work as members of the CoM.

We would also like to wish all our regular user groups, The CWA, The Romsey/Lancefield RSL, Cowboys & Angels Dance Academy, CC's Line Dancers and the Senior Citizens a very safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

If you have a function coming up please consider the RMI. Bookings and inquiries can be made at; rmibookings@gmail.com Anthony Lakey, Chair – CoM - RMI.

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REGULAR EVENTS
St. Mary's Drop-In: First Thursday of each month, 10:00 a.m. Mass – Romsey Church – all welcome.
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SPECIAL EVENTS
 Fr. Arnold's Farewell Mass will be held on Sunday 13th December – 10:00 a.m. Lancefield Church followed by a light lunch and get together at St. Mary's School Hall. (Fr. will be leaving the parish on 31st December 2015)
 This event will be combined with the St. Mary's Parish – Volunteer's Christmas Party.
 Please come along to greet the volunteers and to wish Fr. Arnold well for the future and also enjoy each others company.

ST MARY'S ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2015

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**New Year's Day 1 Jan 7.00pm Lancefield Church*

2016

St. Mary's Parish welcomes Fr. Marc Barry who will take up the role of Parish Priest as of 1 January 2016. Fr. Marc is 59 year old Salesian Priest. He is a coun-boy from Southern Tasmania, who after teaching in schools opted to be assist in several parishes.



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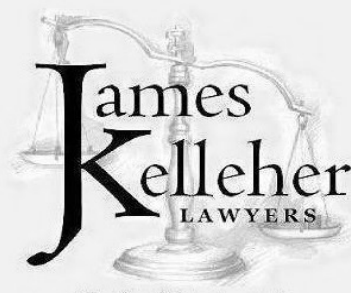
Who in the MRFS audience in November recognised their own behaviour up there on screen at the showing of Best in Show, a 2001 film from Director Christopher Guest? From the discreet chuckles to the outright guffaws, it would seem that some recognition was going on.

This delightful mockumentary shows a group of disparate and eccentric characters travelling to Philadelphia for the coveted trophy in the Mayflower Kennel Club Dog Show. In the end, we were all asking ourselves the same question - whose behaviour was worse? The dogs' or the humans'? There was a great deal to discuss over the delicious Christmas supper supplied by members.

The Macedon Ranges Film Society has enjoyed another successful year and the audience is now looking forward to the playlist for 2016. The club meets on the second Wednesday evening of every month in Woodend and the audience receives film notes, has access to a significant DVD library and after each film, enjoys supper and discussion of the film, or a discussion of whatever takes their fancy.



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Essentially, the project involved runners to assist in the inspection of the local community's network of fire hydrants, their locators and road markers in Riddells Creek. The process was to include the inspection of hydrants into the clubs weekly running schedules, using maps provided by Western Water. Each hydrant had to meet a specific maintenance standard for fire services to access in an emergency. The club was tasked with reporting any hydrants which didn't meet CFA standards which included missing markers, visibility and access problem due to natural or man-made barriers. Congratulations to all those involved in providing this important community service. In other club news, a combination event was held on 29 November at Woodend. The 10km milestone run and Christmas celebrations took place, celebrating the completion of the Spring Start Running program and upcoming festive season. The event saw, as expected, strong numbers with support from the club's members, their families and friends. Following the running was a free Christmas BBQ, Santa and a variety of fun activities for the kids. Congratulations to those runners who took part and not forgetting the club's volunteers who helped make the day successful. Want start running? Our next program, the Autumn Start Running Program at Riddells Creek, begins Tuesday 16 February 2016.

Our running club has also begun preparations for its 2016 annual Australia Day celebrations on Tuesday 26 January at Sankey Reserve, 7 Aitken St, Gisborne. The event is a free community 5km run/walk for families, who are all invited to dress up in their favourite Australian colours. Registration is a 7am, so come along in the 'green and gold' or display the 'Aussie flag colours' with pride. What a great way to start Australia day celebrations!

The festive season is upon us, Macedon Ranges Running Club wishes all its members and Romsey/Lancefield community a happy peaceful holiday and would like to thank Macedon Ranges Shire council and Cobaw Community Health for their support throughout the year.

Want to start a healthy pathway and enjoy running or walking in the New Year? Our club can help, with over 660 members located across branches in Gisborne, Kyneton, Lancefield/Romsey, Macedon, Riddells Creek and Woodend there is a place nearby for everyone. Being a non-competitive running club, we value community health well-being and can cater for all ages and abilities from our popular Start Running Program to our more advanced running groups and walking groups. Interested in getting involved? Just visit our website, www.macedonrangesrunningclub.com for further information.



Macedon Ranges Running Club members involved with the hydrant inspection project.

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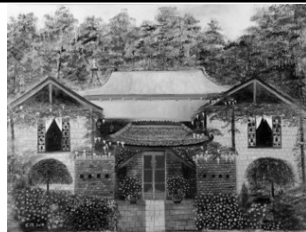
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The event will be at Lancefield Park on the weekend of March 5 & 6. It starts with a Survivors & Carers lap around 3pm on the Saturday followed by an afternoon tea in the Laurie Green Pavilion. Participants do not need to be in a team or to attend other stages of the Relay. If you wish to register please ring Anne on 5429 1757.

The organising committee is also appealing for volunteers to assist over the Relay weekend. Duties may include set up, office assistance, catering and stage support, and pack up. For more information email Kathy, jakalake57@gmail.com or ring 0419 644 688.



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ANZAC CENTENARY COMMEMORATIVE POPPY

Mr Ron Davis of Trentham was invited to attend a meeting with members of the Romsey-Lancefield RSL on 6 November. Ms Mary-Anne Thomas MP, was also invited as a guest, to attend the presentation of a lead based enamelled poppy to the RSL.

Ms Thomas presented the red enamelled poppy in its wooden frame, on behalf of Mr Davis to the RSL president Mr Reinhard Goschinski and in turn Mr Davis presented a cheque for \$300 to the RSL. Mr Davis has collected thousands of British-issue .303 calibre bullets found near Bald Hill at an old rifle range dating back to 1906, where cadets learnt to handle guns and was aware that many of these men would eventually have gone on to serve in WW1.

Mr Davis has recycled these old bullets by melting down the lead contained in the bullets and then ingeniously turning them into commemorative poppies to coincide with this Gallipoli Centenary as a tribute to the ANZACS.

He has sold over 180 poppies and with each one of these sales he has generously donated \$20, to Legacy and various other RSL branches. His aim is to bring poppy No 303 to Canberra and to have it displayed at the Australian War Museum. It was agreed at the presentation to support Mr Davis in his plan to donate this last poppy to the museum.



Pass Cyclists with Care Campaign

The annual Bike Safe "Pass with Care" campaign returns this summer. You will see our big campaign trailer out in the Macedon Ranges and billboards on the roads conveying a simple message that asks motorists to pass cyclists with care.

Please wait a few seconds before overtaking a cyclist until oncoming traffic has passed. If there are no double lines and when safe, move into the next lane and pass as if passing another vehicle. Cyclists ride at around 20 to 30kph so allow plenty of room when pulling in. If you drive too close, your vehicle causes a draft and can cause cyclists to crash. Since our last campaign a cyclist has been killed on our local roads and a number very seriously injured. These are avoidable tragedies. We want everyone to get home safely to their families.

We thank Gisborne & District Community Bank and our partner, RoadSafe Central Victoria for providing generous financial support for the campaign this year, without which there would be no safety campaign and we appreciate the support that our community newspapers give us in publishing our safety messages

We wish everyone a safe Christmas and New Year on our roads.

Submitted by
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Macedon Ranges Uniting Church Partnership – Christmas Church Services & Events

Northern Uniting Churches

Sunday 20th December 11am Eucharist Church Service at Mia Mia Uniting Church - conducted by Rev. Judy Rigby
Sunday 20th December 7pm Carol Service at Sutton Grange Uniting Church – Children orientated

Kyneton

Sunday 20th December – 9am Eucharist Service at Kyneton Uniting Church – conducted by Rev. Judy Rigby
Thursday 24th December – 7pm Christmas Eve Service at Kyneton Uniting Church – conducted by Rev. Wendy Elson
Sunday 27th December – 9am Service at Kyneton Uniting Church – conducted by Rev. Robert Renton

Tylden

Sunday 20th December – 9am Service at Tylden Uniting Church – conducted by Mrs. Janet Cole
Thursday 24th December – 7:30pm Carols & Play Christmas Eve Service at Tylden Uniting Church – conducted by the Worship Team
Sunday 27th December – 9am Service at Tylden Uniting Church – conducted by Mrs. Bronwyn Hewitt

Woodend

Friday 25th December – 9am Service at Tylden Uniting Church – conducted by Dr. Alison Killoh

Lancefield

Sunday 20th December – 10am Service at Romsey Uniting Church
Monday 21st December – 7:30pm Follow the Star street procession at Romsey – conducted by Worship Team
Tuesday 22nd December – 7:30pm Follow the Star street procession at Romsey – conducted by Worship Team
Thursday 24th December – 7:30pm Christmas Eve Service at Lancefield Uniting Church – conducted by Rev. Judy Rigby
Friday 25th December – 9am Christmas Day Service at Lancefield Uniting Church – conducted by Rev. Deacon Wendy Elson
Sunday 27th December – 10am Service at Lancefield Uniting church

Gisborne

Sunday 20th December – 9:30am Service at Gisborne Uniting Church – conducted by Mrs Janet Wood

Thursday 24th December – 7:30pm Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols Service at Gisborne Uniting Church – conducted by Eleanor Wood
Friday 25th December – 9:30am Christmas Day Service at Gisborne Uniting Church – conducted by Margaret
Sunday 27th December – 9:30am Eucharist Service at Gisborne Uniting Church – conducted by Rev Judy Rigby

Mount Macedon

Sunday 20th December – 10:30am Service at Mount Macedon Uniting Church
Thursday 24th December – 9pm Christmas Eve Carol Service at Mount Macedon Uniting Church – conducted by Rev. Deacon Wendy Elson
Friday 25th December – 9am Christmas Day Service at Mount Macedon Uniting Church - conducted by Rev. Meg Evans
Sunday 27th December – 10:30am Service at Mount Macedon Uniting Church – conducted by Rev. Deacon Wendy Elson.

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Macedon Ranges Christmas Toy Shop Media Release

For past five 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. Last year we helped over 130 families. 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 others may 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:

- Donations can be dropped into 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 Wednesday the 15th December to allow time for sorting and setting up of the toy shop. All Enquiries: Georgina Harvey (0404442891).

Thank You

Thank you to all of our wonderful Romsey Rag volunteers who bring the Rag to our community each month for another great year. Special greetings to our printer Colin Miller who has not been well recently; look forward to seeing you be back in action next year. Also special thanks to Sarah White who has helped out enormously by stepping into the role of printer.

Don't forget—if you would like to become a part of the Rag team just contact Romsey Primary School, or come along on collating day at 9.00am. Dates for collating are on page 2.

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Secretary: Mrs. Jenifer Clampit 5429 5480

Samaritan's Purse - Shoe Boxes

On Saturday 7th November a group from the Uniting Church and the Walking Group took 147 Shoe Boxes, which included 27 from Encourage Church, to the Warehouse in Mitcham. There we spent an interesting day doing a final check of boxes and making sure they were all full. The boxes are to be sent to Indonesia.

Follow the Christmas Star celebration will be held again this year on Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd December commencing with a procession from the Romsey Anglican Church at 7.30pm and finishing at the Romsey Uniting Church where a short Christmas Service with singing of Carols will be held. Refreshments following.

Please see separate poster in this edition of the Romsey Rag.

Christmas Reflection

One familiar part of Christmas is the nativity scene in which Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus are joined by the shepherds, wise men, and an occasional angel in the stable. It is said St. Francis of Assisi assembled the world's first living nativity scene in Greccio Italy in 1224. Local villagers played the human characters and real animals were used in the setting. It was to remind people of the first Christmas.

Over hundreds of years people have used their imagination and skills to depict the scene of Jesus' birth in various ways. Nativities in stained glass windows, and carvings in wood and stone, can be found in many churches around the world.

Nativity Scenes remind us that Christmas is celebrated by people all around the world.

The colours, dress, and facial features on the figures depict the cultures of the people from which the nativity has come.

The figures range from being made from pottery, to straw and felt fabrics. At the Romsey Uniting Church we have a knitted nativity scene and also one made from plasticine.

Nativities remind us that people around the world have their own special Christmas traditions and celebrations. They have fashioned the Holy Family in their image, but it is the birth of the same Christ Child that is the focus of their worship.

Christmas is a time of Peace and Joy. What is your special joy at Christmas? How do you convey this joy to others at Christmas?

Services and activities during December, 2015 & January 2016.

The Churches Summer Combined Services commence at Romsey on 20th December, 9.30am.

21st & 22nd December again we will celebrate "Follow the Christmas Star".

24th December - Christmas Eve Service at Lancefield. 7.30pm conducted by Judy Rigby

25th December - Christmas Day Service at Lancefield. 9am. conducted by Wendy Elson

27th December 10am. Combined Service at Lancefield.

3rd January, 2016 10am Combined Service at Romsey

10th January 10am. Combined Service at Lancefield

17th January 10am Combined Service at Romsey

24th January 10am Combined Service at Lancefield

31st January 10am 5th Sunday Combined Service at Romsey conducted by Wendy Elson.

7th February, 2016 9am. Bach to normal Sunday Service times. Romsey 9am, Lancefield 10.30am.

The members of the Romsey Uniting Church wish everyone Joy at the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ



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Coffee Shop Conversations

Hello everyone. It's been a while and I am really surprised how the year has flown.

The middle of November already! Everything kind of goes out the window when we are busy.

Where has the year gone? What have we achieved this year? (Make a list—you may be surprised). What do we want to see more of next year? What do you want to experience less of next year? What do I want to focus on next year?

MMMMMMMM!!!! Does that sound like one of those new year's resolutions that gets lost in the new year?

Well I know the secret. It's all about shifting the goal posts, and setting some SMART Goals. You may have heard about them before. Sometimes they work and sometimes they don't. There are a few things about setting goals you need to know so why don't you come along to my mini workshop in January and learn how to start the year off confidently and be empowered to get the results you desire in 2016.

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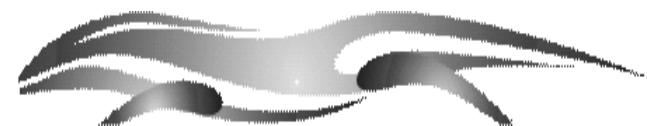
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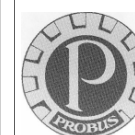
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Monthly Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday at 10am in St.Mary's Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey.

Our final function for the year is our Christmas Breakup Dinner at Australiana at Wandong.

We wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Meetings commence for 2016 on 25th February.

Our members will enjoy a get together BBQ on Wednesday 20th January, 2016 at the home of Robert and Anne Barry.

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

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 Probud can offer you to assist you in staying active.

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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 water infrastructure is affected by fire, pumps and other equipment may fail, cutting the mains water supply.

If there is extremely high demand for water from customers and the CFA during a fire, water pressure may also drop.

Residents should consult their local CFA about their options for an independent water supply and plan ahead.


Western Water is also doing all it can to prepare for summer, with backup generators ready and water storage tanks at high capacity to cope in case of fire.

Residents can also help the community to be prepared for fire season by 'adopting' a fire hydrant.

Keep any fire hydrants near your home free of debris and vegetation, and if you think a hydrant needs maintenance, call Western Water to report it.

You can also send Western Water a message on Facebook, or fill in a form on the website at WesternWater.com.au.

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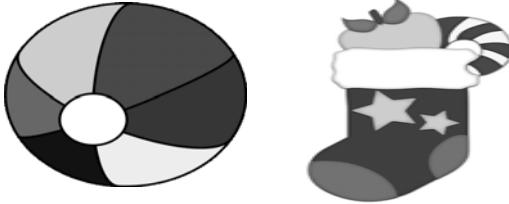


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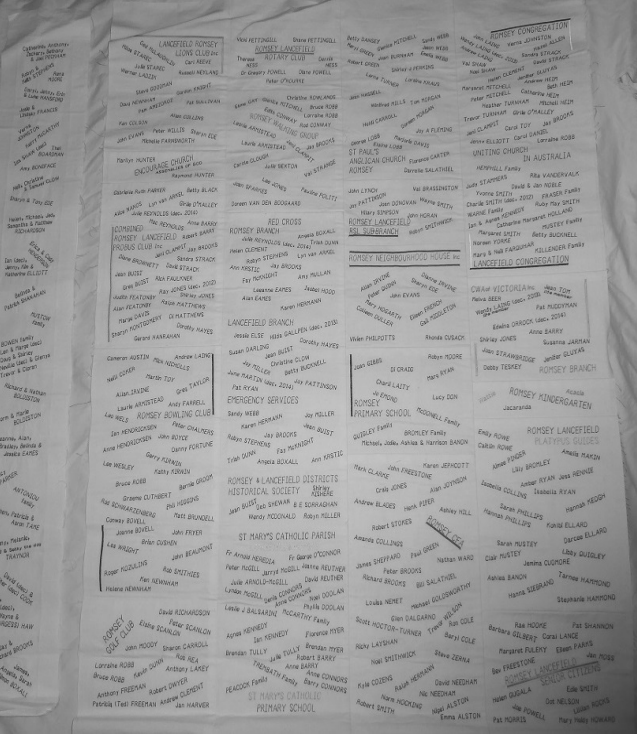
Thank to everyone who support our Plant and Cake stall at the Romsey Swap Meet we raised over \$600.

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 Photo attached.

Look out for ticket sells around the town for this year's Christmas Raffle – 1st Prize 60cm TV, 2nd Prize 'Huffy' ladies bike, 3rd Prize \$50 Coles voucher. Raffle drawn on 17th December at Hub Tickets \$2.00.

Meetings – 1.30pm on second Tuesday of month (not January) at 'Old Court House/CFA Headquarters. New members welcome.
December (Christmas lunch to be organised)

President:	Karen Hermann	5429 6658
Vice President:	Ann Krstic	5427 0252
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Have your say: Amendment C110

Amendment C110 implements key aspects of the *In the Rural Living Zone Strategy*, which includes recommendations to manage rural living opportunities in the shire to 2045.

This includes amending the Municipal Strategic Statement, rezoning land, applying overlays, deleting overlay controls and amending schedules to Rural Living zones.

Have your say

Comments are invited until 5.30pm on Wednesday 23 December 2015.

To have your say:

- visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/amendmentC110
- view the Amendment in person at any of Council's customer service centres
- discuss the Amendment with Council staff at one of the following drop-in events:
 - Romsey Community Hub:** Thursday 26 November, 9.30am—5pm, 96—100 Main St
 - Kyneton Administration Centre:** Monday 30 November, 8.30am—5pm, 129 Mollison St
- send a written submission to Council at mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au or PO Box 151, Kyneton VIC 3444.

To find out more, phone 5421 9660 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/amendmentC110

FROM THE COTTAGE...

November/December 2015

(Palmer Street – look for the blue Heritage Plaque on the gate-post 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.)

It was great to be part of the Romsey Primary School celebrations and we congratulate all concerned for the excellent range of activities planned to commemorate the event.

Lots of fun for our World Children's Day celebration with plenty of outdoor games of a bygone era for the children; butterfly catching was the most popular as there were plenty of winged creatures flying about on the sunny afternoon. Some of the bolder children enjoyed the Apple Bob and the marbles were a fascination that some children had not seen. Brenda had organised some great indoor activities and the adults enjoyed a trip down memory lane as they revisited some of the books, poems and school subjects of their childhood. With a steady stream of enthusiasts it was too difficult to set aside a specific time for our storytellers – but we plan to build a day around them (John and Brenda) next year. And that will be something not to be missed.

Another wonderful afternoon tea from our members – cakes and muffins and soup and more delicious goodies, so thanks to all concerned. Thanks also to Western Water for their Waterbottles and Activity Books for the children. And again a thank you to Greg Boldiston's for the fascinating range of rare plants. He included a most eerie looking black-patterned lily in full bloom – but with a most appalling smell! (Of course he told people not to get close enough to smell it and of course they did...)

November 29th, our Photography Exhibition Day, is our last scheduled opening for the year. We have some interesting plan-

ning in process for 2016 with a wide range of highlights to suit all tastes. We are also preparing to review the history, care and maintenance of the Cottage to enable this unique reminder of the past to be fully appreciated from a range of viewpoints. If you have an interest in the Cottage and/or grounds and would like to join us, we'd be delighted to have you with us.

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[Council accepted into the World Health Organisation's Global Network of Age-friendly Communities](#)

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has recently welcomed Macedon Ranges Shire Council as a new member of the WHO Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities (GNAFCC).

Having membership to the global network supports and strengthens Council's commitment to creating an age-friendly community that enables people of all ages to actively participate in community activities and treats everyone with respect, regardless of their age.

Earlier this year Council endorsed its three-year Age-friendly Communities Action Plan (AFC) which sets out goals and associated actions to improve older people's access to information, health and support services, employment and civic and social participation opportunities.

Cr John Connor said the endorsement and support from the World Health Organisation strengthens the work undertaken by the former Positive Ageing Advisory Committee to create an Age-friendly Community.

"The action plan was developed in consultation with the committee and I'd like to thank and acknowledge their efforts in engaging the community and in identifying key areas of actions for the plan," he said.

The action plan is available on Council's website, mrsc.vic.gov.au or available to view in-person at any of Council's customer service centres.

"By creating an age-friendly community we can plan and implement strategies that will support our community as it grows older, especially given the expected 20 per cent growth of the older population within the shire by 2036," Cr Connor said.

For more information, contact Rebecca Millard on 5422 0262 or rmillard@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Heatwave help at hand

As the summer months approach, Macedon Ranges Shire Council is reminding residents to keep cool and stay hydrated during heatwaves.

Council, in conjunction with five other regional Victorian councils, have developed a practical website designed to assist central Victorian residents prepare themselves and their homes to beat extreme heat.

The Heatwave Help website, which can be found online at heatwavehelp.com.au features information on:

Keeping yourself cool – drink water, dress for the weather, go somewhere cool, stay in the shade, reduce physical activity, look after your pets, go shopping before it gets too hot, call 000 when you're not feeling well

Better managing your home – homes heat up for a number of reasons and these reasons may vary according to the direction your home faces. Keep windows and blinds closed until it cools down outside, reduce drafts, zone off areas.

Improving your home – small improvements to your

home can make a big difference to the temperature. Windows are one of the biggest sources of heat gain. Put external blinds on your sunniest windows, draught seal gaps and cracks and ensure there are thick curtains on windows.

Mayor, Cr Jennifer Anderson said the frequency of heatwaves in Australia are increasing, and this is cause for concern.

"Our region can experience very hot weather during summer, and Council wants to ensure that everyone within our community, especially the elderly and vulnerable are informed of how to manage this uncomfortably hot weather."

The Heatwave Help Project was funded by the Adapting to Change – climate change adaptation project, in partnership with the Victorian Government and five other regional councils.

The councils involved in the development of the Heatwave Help website are: The City of Greater Bendigo, Loddon Shire, Mount Alexander Shire, Macedon Ranges Shire, Buloke Shire and Central Goldfields Shire.

Share in the festive spirit at Kyneton's community Christmas lunch

Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Cobaw Community Health are proud to host the eighth annual free Christmas Day lunch at the Kyneton Town Hall.

The lunch will be held on Friday 25 December from 11.30am to 2pm.

Mayor, Cr Jennifer Anderson encouraged everyone to come along, share a meal and enjoy an afternoon of entertainment and the company of others.

"Kyneton's annual free Christmas lunch is a wonderful opportunity to get together at a special time of year. The event is an opportunity to spend the day with others members of our community and feast on a delicious traditional lunch", said Cr Anderson. "We can help with transport if you are unable to get to the hall and we've even got Santa coming along with a sack full of presents."

Council has volunteers helping to run the event, but is looking for Christmas Day Lunch Ambassadors to make guests feel welcome.

"If you'd like to be involved as a volunteer, we are looking for Christmas Day Lunch Ambassadors. Their role is to sit and have lunch with those who attend on their own."

"The idea is to match people who come alone with someone who is willing to having a chat, make them feel welcome and share the Christmas spirit," said Cr Anderson.

Bookings are preferred and the event is alcohol-free.

To book, 1300 888 802 or email ktickets@mrsc.vic.gov.au. When booking leave your name, age (for age-appropriate gifts), your postal address and phone number. Tickets/invitations will be sent in the mail.

To register as a Christmas Lunch Ambassador contact Steph Harper 5422 0258 (Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays).

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Christmas message – from our Community Bank Chair

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The 2015 year marked the 10th anniversary of the opening of our second branch at Romsey, and more importantly saw us move across the road to a new and comfortable bank chamber at 105 Main Street, in the heart of the Romsey shopping and business precinct.

The year also saw our Bank – your Bank – reach a significant milestone in terms of our commitment to put profits back into our community – our contribution to groups and projects now totals more than a million dollars

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 with our communities.

This year's 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.

Highlights of this year's grants were \$20,000 to the Romsey Mechanics Institute for important work on upgrading and maintaining the iconic hall, and \$20,000 to enable Lancefield to achieve its long-awaited project to open a skate park for the youngsters. Another of the community projects funded by our Bank came to the fore in October.

The Bank contributed \$40,000 in 2014 to the Lancefield Mechanics Institute for a range of works, including a new and expanded commercial kitchen.

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It was in full use for the Cobaw-Lancefield bushfire, helping prepare meals for the emergency services volunteers and for residents displaced by the fire.

As we see out 2015, I take this opportunity to wish everyone a merry and safe holiday period, and to reaffirm the commitment by the Bank Board that we will continue to serve the interests of our community.

This commitment includes banking hours that meet YOUR needs – which means our Romsey and Lancefield branches are open six days a week and it's business as usual at the lunchtime peak.

It means that we've got managers and staff available to provide face-to-face service to our customers.

And while we've got ATM facilities at both our branches, they're for the convenience of our community – not the front-line point of contact between a bank and its customers. Our contact is through the personal touch – and we're proud of our staff who provide it.

Tim McCarthy



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