

## Romsey Golf Club – Women's Report

### Heat policy.

The Romsey Golf Club heat policy applies to Wednesday as well as Saturday. The policy being if, at noon the day before a round, the weather zone site for Romsey predicts a match day temperature in excess of 35C then hit off will be at 8.30am. (Assembly 8am) This applies to the social golfers as well as those playing competition.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – North Pole Rules. A large number of players went out onto the course to play a fun game of Ambrose where the Captain made up all the rules e.g. Use your lowest numbered iron at all times on the 1<sup>st</sup> fairway. A one stroke penalty if you talk whilst on the 5<sup>th</sup> tee etc. When we came into the decorated clubrooms extra guests joined us for lunch to celebrate Noreen Yorke's, Lyn Robison's and Kath Jekabson's 70<sup>th</sup> birthdays.

The winning pair – Mary Campbell and Jan Harver 31 nett from Pam Drummond and Noreen Yorke 34 nett.

Nearest the pin – 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenny, 10<sup>th</sup> Lyn, 16<sup>th</sup> Beryl.

Winning team – Santa 103 nett defeated Rudolph 106 nett

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – It was a warm morning so the players were glad that they were only playing 12 or 9 holes. 12 hole Ambrose winners – Beryl Cole & Leila Beasley 52/9.5/42.5 from Kath Jekabsons & Wendy Gosden. The Captain didn't receive a protest but the players may have played different holes.

9 hole (45 H'cap) winner – Jenny Hartley from Noreen Yorke. In the evening a large group of us enjoyed a meal at Soltan Pepper. As the evening went on the noise became louder, (an indication of a good time).

Meanwhile while we were out having fun Elaine was causing Peter some headaches by having emergency stents put in a couple of her cardiac arteries. It is great to have her healthy again and looking forward to playing some golf. Then come new year and Kath has had a hip replacement and is recovering very well. We also look forward to the time when she can join us again on the course.

After the Christmas break the day we were getting back into golf the 3<sup>th</sup> January the forecast was for 41 degrees. So as you can all imagine not many turned up to play. Three women played 11 holes of Ambrose while a couple of others played 9 holes stroke.

### Recipe or this month

#### Peppermint crisp slice.

1 tin condensed milk

3 peppermint crisp bars crushed

1 pkt Marie biscuits

125 dark choc bits

60gm butter

Combine condensed milk, peppermint crisp and biscuits in a bowl and mix well.

Press into a lined slice tray

Refrigerate until firm.

Melt choc bits and butter in a bowl over hot water until completely smooth.

Spread over slice and refrigerate until set.

Remove from pan and cut into squares.

Note gingernut or butternut snap biscuits are a delicious substitute for the Marie biscuits.

### Rosslynne water topping up town's supply system

Drinking water supplies for Western Water customers in Romsey and Lancefield are now being supplemented with water from the Rosslynne supply system due to low levels in local reservoirs.

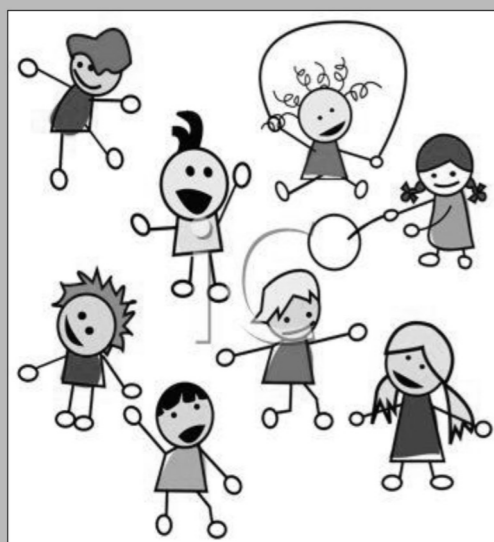
"Our system inter-connections make us well-placed to cope during periods of high demand," Western Water's Acting General Manager, Customer and Community Relations, Nicole Laurie, says. "We are able to move water between reservoirs as needed, and if necessary draw on water from the Melbourne system to supply our region."

Until recently, Romsey and Lancefield have been supplied from smaller local reservoirs, supplemented with a small proportion of bore water. Unlike local water sources, Rosslynne water is fluoridated in line with Department of Health and Human Services requirements.

Customers who have any questions about water fluoridation can call the department's Water Fluoride Information Line on 1800 651 723, visit [www.health.vic.gov.au](http://www.health.vic.gov.au) or speak with their dentist or doctor.

Customers may also notice a change in the taste of their water, as water from different sources has different characteristics.

"As always, we are encouraging customers to be careful with their water use and not waste this precious resource," Ms Laurie says.



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Welcome to the New Year everyone.



The Christmas Breakup was held on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December and it was wonderful to see old members who had driven from Alexandra and new members. It was a relaxing afternoon under the trees at the park.

The first meeting for 2016 will be on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00pm in the Annex At The Mechanics Hall. All welcome especially new members.

Myna Birds Traps are still available.  
Contacts are  
Lancefield ; Pat Danko :  
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Number of birds trapped for December 2015: Lancefield 14 Romsey 13

Other information that may be of Help  
Fire recovery / Farm / town Plantings -  
Trees will be available in autumn – forward planning and preparation can make for a successful planting program.

Contact KA for information and availability. **Stream Frontage Management Program** - If you own land that fronts onto a river or creek, you may be eligible for funding to help you manage the land. The Melbourne Water Stream frontage management program supports work that protects or enhances riverbanks, such as weed control, fencing and planting native vegetation. For more info and to find out if you are eligible and how to apply, <http://www.melbournewater.com.au/getinvolved/applyforfunding/pages/stream-frontage-management-program.aspx>

**CFA Online Tool** - The CFA has launched a new online tool to make it easier for people to check whether they can clear vegetation, including trees and branches around their home, without a permit. A two minute video and online information will also assist people to better understand what they can and cannot do without a permit

depending on where they live, and whether the 10/30 and the 10/50 vegetation clearance rules apply. To check it out visit [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/vegetation-clearing-tool/](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/vegetation-clearing-tool/)

Anyone wishing to contact the group can do so thru  
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### Romsey Golf Club – Men's Report <http://romseygolfclub.net>

#### Saturday January 9th - 4 Ball Multiplier Stableford

After a much cooler week there was a green tinge across the fairways and the greens showed good growth. The Little Corellas had again been at work but our reflective tape seems to have reduced the size and number of the holes they dig on the greens. However, across the course, they have virtually scarified some areas of the rough and fairways. The field hit off on a still, warm afternoon, there was plenty of run on the fairways and the greens both held well and puttred truly so good scores were to be expected. The multiplier format requires each player to score on a hole or the team result is a 0. Good luck favoured some teams when both players recorded fours on a hole for a team score of 16. Early on the result looked "cut and dried" with the veterans Scanlon/Laing carding an excellent 85 pts but late in the day vanDerVliet/Hocking came in with a slightly better 90 pts. On a very enjoyable day the result were;  
**Team's Winners;** Chris vanDerVliet (26)/Keith Hocking (28) - 90 pts from Peter Scanlon (28)/John Laing (30) - 85pts  
**Individual Winners;** Peter Scanlon (28) - 40 pts from Chris vanDerVliet (26) - 39 pts, John Laing (30) - 38 pts and Scott Williams (20) - 38 pts  
**NTPs;** 15th - Anthony Lakey and 16th - John Laing.

#### Saturday January 2nd - (December) Monthly Medal - Stroke & Putts

A strong field hit off in the December Medal (played in January as its due date would have been Boxing Day). Whilst the skies were fairly clear and the temperature did not get above 26C players faced a gusting wind which moved from SW to Sth causing havoc with many balls in the air and even some on the greens. The ongoing hot, dry weather had taken a considerable amount of moisture out of the fairways so everyone got excellent value off the tee. The greens were very responsive to well played high iron shots so all golfers could shoot at the flag confident that their ball would hold. Early in the round a number of players scored well under their handicaps, it was just a matter of time to see who could maintain that standard for 18 holes. In the end one player not only maintained that high standard, he played well above it. On a very windy day the results were;  
**Winner & December Medalist;** Pat Chisholm - 76/11/65 from Mick Nicholls (Snr) 91/23/68, Anthony Lakey - 90/21/69, Chris vanDerVliet - 96/27/69 & John Laing - 102/30/72  
**NTPs;** 15th - Steve Poulton  
**Least Putts;** - Pat Chisholm - 21

#### Friday January 1st - Stableford

The New Year's Day Stableford drew good field, including some visitors from neighbouring clubs. Play began under overcast skies with a steady southerly breeze, the breeze kept the day's temperature a little below the expected 31C. The last 10 days heat and steady winds had sucked a deal of life out of the fairways but there was still good cover. The greens have recovered well from the searing heat and the burning northerly winds and generally puttred quite true. Most golfers got away to a good start but as the round progressed errant drives and fluffed chips saw many fall away. On a pleasant afternoon the results were;  
**Winner;** Michael McCarten (16) 41 pts from Anthony Lakey (21) 38 pts & Mick Nicholls Snr (23) 37 pts  
**NTPs;** 1st - Bob McLennan, 15th - Bob McLennan & 16th - Anthony Lakey

#### Saturday December 26th - Boxing Day - Stableford

Well what can you say, after 10 days of 28C to 44C and searing northerly and westerly winds the course was suffering then, the predicted rain began to fall. A small, but enthusiastic (others might use different adjectives), group of golfers gathered to talk and watch the rain fall. The late start and the conditions convinced everyone to play the 12 hole "Old Course". Mick (Jnr) correctly predicted a short heavy burst followed by a real slowdown so off we went. The slowdown lasted just long enough to get half way down the 1st fairway but once out there was no coming back. With umbrellas up and buggies blowing over the field trudged around the course. Then, at 10.30 it began to clear up, a little sun came out and the wind quietened. The final few holes were a joy. On a very wet and very windy Boxing Day the results were;  
**Winner;** Anthony Lakey (14) 22 pts from Pat Chisholm (7) - 20 pts  
**NTP;** 10th Mick Nicholls (Jnr)  
And so ends the 2015 golfing year at Romsey Golf Club. A year in which much was accomplished and one where we see far more clearly all the challenges of running an irrigated golf club with a purely volunteer workforce. The year also saw the amalgamation of Women's Golf Dalhousie District and Dalhousie District Golf Association. We now have female President and Secretary and male VP and Treasurer. A new start for our district, not before time.

#### Saturday December 19th - Ambrose & Christmas Drinks

As a top temperature of around 40C was forecast the club activated its "Extreme Heat Policy" and play was set for an 8.30 am hit-off with a shot-

gun start so that all groups got away together. The round was effected by a strong wind that gusted from the south to the west and back again. Some holes were three clubs shorter whilst other played much longer than usual. The little corellas are now in the park but so far have really only attacked the 15th green, hopefully their energies will be directed to the rough and the fairways over the next four to six weeks before they move on. It was great to welcome a few visitors as well as members Carl and Gary vanDerVliet both of whom were surprised and impressed by the improvements across the course and to Romsey Park as a whole. On a windy day it was the "Old Stagers" who hit it straight and who knew the vagaries of the course to win in a very tight count-back. The days results were;

**Winners;** John Freestone/Dylan Sutherland/Ron Walker/Dave Sutherland - 73/13/60 C/B from John Laing/Lorraine Robb/Michael McCarten/Bruce Robb - 73/13/60  
**NTPs;** 1st Mick Nicholls (Jnr) and 16th - Ron Walker  
**RGC** would like to congratulate junior Michael McCarten who has won the 2015 Dalhousie District Golf Association Junior I. P. Mein trophy. Michael score 29 out of a possible 30 pts.

#### Saturday December 12th - Stroke

The field hit off on a clear sunny afternoon. There was a gusting wind moving from the south to the south-east which caused some problems on the more open fairways but where there were established trees its effect was less severe. All players got good value for well struck drives but again anyone who wandered off the fairway found it difficult to "get up and down" from the thick, but well trimmed, rough. The greens had responded well to a dose of "wettasoil" and in general held quite well; they rewarded all golfers who attacked the cup. For the 2nd week running a number of players tamed "Royal Romsey" with three coming in well under their handicaps. On a sunny, windy day the results were;  
**Winner;** Anthony Lakey - 88/22/66 from Mick Nicholls Snr - 91/23/68, Pat Chisholm - 80/12/68, Scott Williams - 90/19/71 and Chris vanDerVliet - 101/29/72  
**Women's Winner;** Kath Jekabsons - 104/28/76 from Lyn Robison - 107/29/78  
**NTPs;** 15th - Rob Rea

#### Saturday December 5th - 4Ball Aggregate Stableford

A good field assembled for the club's 4Ball Aggregate Stableford event. The sky was clear and there was only a zephyr from the south but the afternoon was predicted to reach well over 30C; hats, umbrellas and plenty of water were "de rigueur". A few teams struck trouble early whilst some scorched their way around the front nine. The hot weather meant a number of players were pleasantly surprised by their length off the tee and they were able to take full advantage of their handicaps. Scoring was a little more difficult on the back nine as the wind blew up a little and the afternoon's heat began to take a toll. Great front nines followed by slightly less productive back nines saw many teams scoring in the 70s and fighting out for a place at the top of the "leader board". On a very warm afternoon the day's results were;  
**Team's Winner;** Anthony Lakey (22)/Pat Chisholm (12) - 75 pts from Chris vanDerVliet (29)/Hugh Drummond (21) - 73 pts, Anthony Freeman (22)/Kath Jekabsons (28) - 72 pts & Les Gaunt (5)/Mick Nicholls Jnr (28) - 71 pts  
**Individual winners;** Anthony Freeman (22) - 43 pts, Michael McCarten (17) - 42 pts, Anthony Lakey (22) - 40 pts & Steve Poulton (26) - 40 pts  
**NTPs;** 15th - John Laing & 16th - Scott Williams

Many people will be aware of the problem the golf club is having with Little Corellas. Every Dec large numbers of these birds descend upon Romsey Park and proceed to dig up large areas of the rough and fairways. The birds also attack the greens digging numerous holes of varying sizes and depths. Over the years we have tried cut-out cats, rubber snakes, spray-on deterrents and vibrating wire to scare the birds away from the greens. This time we have used holographic reflective tape and whilst this seems to have slowed the damage the birds are still digging up the greens. The golf club continues to carry out improvements so that Romsey Park becomes a haven for our community members as well as the native wildlife but these birds, in such large numbers, cause damage that takes up to six months to repair. We would appreciate any ideas or assistance members of the community might have to help us solve this problem. Please contact the club at; [mail@romseygolfclub.net](mailto:mail@romseygolfclub.net)

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 21<sup>st</sup>.** A flyer for this event is on the RGC website ( [http://romseygolfclub.net/web\\_documents/rgc-rfl16flyer3.pdf](http://romseygolfclub.net/web_documents/rgc-rfl16flyer3.pdf) ) 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 something.

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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Every first weekend in March, Lancefield Park is enveloped by a show of unity, hope and strength that has steered the local Relay For Life event since 2003 and raised an amazing amount of more than \$1.2 million for the Cancer Council Victoria.

This year organisers are aiming to raise up to \$80,000 to fund vital cancer research, education, advocacy and support services. Apart from the fundraising aspect, a major objective of Relay For Life is to show those having treatment that they are not alone and that the efforts towards improving detection of the disease, treatment methods and survival rates continue to grow and bring more positive outcomes.

A highlight of the Lancefield event is the Survivors & Carers lap which marks the start of the Relay at about 3pm on Saturday, March 5. Participants do not have to be registered with a team but there will be an afternoon tea so any Macedon Ranges residents interested in joining in are asked to call Anne Severson on 5429 1757.

**The Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life is on March 5 & 6. Team and individual registrations as well as donations can be made online at [relay-forlife.org.au](http://relay-forlife.org.au) or phone 1300 65 65 85.**



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Pack a picnic basket and blanket, and come and enjoy the unique atmosphere of watching the film as the sun sets behind the Rock.

Based on the 1967 novel by Joan Lindsay, the Australian classic was shot in 1975 and continues to fascinate with its intriguing tale of vanishing schoolgirls.

Tickets are \$25 per adult, \$10 per child and \$60 for a family. Gates open at 7pm with the film beginning at dusk—at around 8.30pm. The café will be open for coffee and light snacks before the film begins.

For bookings visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/film-night](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/film-night). For enquiries, phone 5421 1468.



## Macedon Ranges Physiotherapy

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

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## WORKS BEGIN ON NEW PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FOR ROMSEY

Works have started on a new pedestrian crossing on Main Street (Melbourne-Lancefield Road) to provide the Romsey community and primary school students with a safer location to cross.

Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas welcomed the \$300,000 works for the new crossing near the busy school and sports precinct.

Main Street forms part of the Melbourne-Lancefield Road and is a key route through Romsey which many students cross each day.

The new signals will give families peace of mind when walking to and from school by creating a safer environment, delivering on the Andrews' Labor Government promise to ensure people can move around the community safely.

VicRoads worked closely with Romsey Primary School and the Shire of Macedon Ranges to develop the design of the new crossing, located north of Regan Drive.

The new signals are planned to be operational in the later part of February 2016.

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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.

## 2016 Arts and Culture program launch

Everyone is invited to attend a free evening of entertainment at the Kyneton Town Hall on Friday 12 February when Macedon Ranges Shire Council officially launches the 2016 Macedon Ranges Arts & Culture program.

Compered by comedian Rod Quantock, the event offers guests an opportunity to be the first to hear about the upcoming shows for 2016. There will also be door prizes, entertainment, refreshments and 25 per cent off ticket purchases for one night only.

The launch will commence at 5.30pm. To RSVP call 1300 88 88 02 or email [khthickets@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:khthickets@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

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Can you believe 1 month down and 11 to go? I hope you all had a happy and safe festive season and enjoyed your holiday time. I made a decision this year that I would find a magic word that would guide my focus for this year and I found the perfect one, so I would like to share it with you.

**How would you like to get more out of life?**

**Be happy and enjoy every day as it presents itself to you?**

A few days ago I was watching a video clip about how easy it is to get sidetracked from what is important—things that are happening everyday around us, the things that give value to our lives the little things that make a difference around love, relationships, work and life in general.

These things allow us to appreciate who we are and give back to us and our purpose for living.

The video made me think a bit and I discovered my word for 2016.

***PARTICIPATE***

**That's right: participate meaning: Take part in. Be a part of. Take Action. Join in.**

Excuses be gone; don't sit around and complain. If you're not happy, take action and do what makes you happy, take your eyes away from your phone and notice what's going on around you - a butterfly, your children, and the miracles of nature and of course there's more.

Don't complain. Take action. Become aware of what's not right in your life and do something about it.

We can't change the world all at once, but we can change the way we think, what we do and get more out of life. We can start the ripple effect and our lives can become an amazing journey full of living love and positive learning's .

Learn how to participate in life ,live the best life that you can and in doing this you are helping others How exciting is that and all from one word Participate.

If you are not sure what to do give me a call, I can help you set 2016 up to be your best one yet.

**Signing off for now Gillian from Life Circle Solutions**

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E-mail: [lancefieldcourthouse@gmail.com](mailto:lancefieldcourthouse@gmail.com)

The Romsey Lancefield & Districts begins 2016 with new president Noreen, and some old and some new office bearers. We would like to thank all previous committee members, especially Robyn for all the work she has put in at the Courthouse for many years helping everyone who has been researching their family tree. Our volunteers are looking forward to continuing to serve the local people with local history. The courthouse is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am till 2pm or by appointment. Membership is \$20 single or \$30 couple.

Following the recent Megafauna festival the collection of bones which were on display during the celebrations will be housed at the Lancefield Courthouse.



*Do you want to get more out of Life?  
Do you feel things are ok but could be better?*

Come along to a Free Introduction to How you can make 2016 your best year yet.

**When?:** Wednesday 3rd February  
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HIGHWAYS And BYWAYS

A regular financial advisor in one of our daily papers always ends his article with the words - "Tread your own path", a path we all will be treading as we enter into this new year. But what path will we take, who or what guide will we use? In Pilgrims' Progress, 'Christian' was confronted with two pathways, one broad, the other, narrow, which one to choose? Jesus declared, "Enter through the narrow gate, For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow is the road that leads to LIFE and only a few find it. (Matthew 7:13..)". He also said, "I AM THE WAY.....no-one comes to the Father except through me".(John 14:6). 'Christian' chose the narrow one but found he could not go through the narrow gate- way because of the big load he was carrying on his back. This big load was his load of SIN. No matter how big or little a sinner we feel we are, we all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. By FAITH, Christian found JESUS as His Lord and Saviour, Who had borne his load of sin on the Cross, lifting that great burden from him, so opening the way on to the narrow path leading to life eternal. Like Christian we have to choose which path to take but by God's love and grace, may we choose the narrow way leading to LIFE. As we near Ash Wednesday and the forty days of Lent leading to His Crucifixion and Resurrection, this is a good time to take that first step on to the narrow way. Many twists and turns and stumbles on the way but always UPWARDS!

"Thy way, not mine, O Lord, However dark it be;  
Lead me, by Thine own Hand, Choose out the path for me."

FEBRUARY 2015 - DIARY

Tues. 9th...Shrove Tuesday ... "Pancake Day".  
Wed.10th...ASH WEDNESDAY..9am..Holy Communion Service..ST.PAUL'S ROMSEY 7pm.. ".  
". CHRIST CHURCH LANCEFIELD  
Thurs.11th Feb..7.30pm..AMS (Anglican Men's Society) meets 7.30pm at Christ Church Hall LANCEFIELD..Enq. Max 5429-1597. Tom..5429-6060.  
Thurs.18th Feb.,1.30pm..PARISH GUILD meets 1.30pm at Christ Church LANCEFIELD hall.  
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Sun.21st Feb..7pm..HEALING SERVICE,,Christ Church LANCEFIELD.Rev. Bill Carroll.

MARCH 2015

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Fri.25th March..GOOD FRIDAY  
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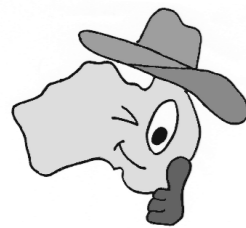
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During early January various trades were very active around the RMI replacing damaged roofing iron, capping vents and chimneys, replacing spouting and downpipes, renewing ridge capping, repairing render works on the building facade, repainting all these render works and repairing and repainting the weatherboard "Billiards Room", the home of the Romsey/Lancefield Senior Citizens.

By the time this goes to publication all these works will have been completed and the RMI will look even more stunning than usual. We would like to thank Matt Payne (Spitfire Renovations & Maintenance), Colin Bromley (Bromley Electrical) and Simon Smith (Spiffys Plumbing and Drainage) for their hard work and excellent organisation. These people have worked wonderfully well with both the Committee of Management and with each other to successfully complete this major upgrade to the RMI.

Our thanks to the Bendigo Bank, The Macedon Ranges Shire Council (especially Cr Ian Ellis) and the Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning; without the assistance of these groups/individuals the CoM would never have had the funds to tackle such a large project.

The CoM is again hard at work seeking funds to allow us to tender for a Master Plan. We have been working on this project for many months now; with a bit of luck we are getting much closer. Currently the CoM is working through exactly what the brief for this project should contain, a big Thank You to Jodie Turner at MRSC who has been of wonderful assistance. A good brief will bring as good Master Plan. The CoM has learnt a great deal during the planning and execution of the recent major works. This will be invaluable as we move through the process of drawing up a Master Plan.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> "Romsey Antiques Fair" will be held over the weekend of Sat March 19<sup>th</sup>/Sun March 20<sup>th</sup>. Doors will open at 9.30 am on Saturday and 10.00 am on Sunday. This event is run in conjunction with the Romsey Neighbourhood House, it is a good example of what can be done when community groups get together to provide something for the whole town. If you would like to have a stall in the fair please or more information on the fair please contact Gail on 0416 028 219

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



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### St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey

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Parish Priest: Fr. Marc Barry  
 Parish Secretary: Mrs. Tammie Dalgleish  
 School Principal: Mr. Anthony Falls

Presbytery: 5429 2130  
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 St. Mary's Primary: 5429 1359

#### MASS TIMES

##### Saturday:

6.00 p.m. Lancefield

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month:**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month:**

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

#### RECONCILIATION

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

#### BAPTISMS

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

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.

#### SACRAMENTS

Parents with children not attending St. Mary's School who are scheduled to receive Sacraments in 2016 are requested to contact the secretary by phone: 5429 2130 or by email at lancefield@cam.org.a to register your child. Reconciliation - Yr 3, Holy Communion - Yr 4 & Confirmation - Yr 6.

#### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### 2016

St. Mary's Parish welcomes Fr. Marc Barry who has taken up the role of Parish Priest as of 1 January 2016.



### We Need You

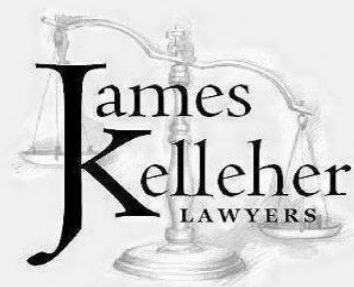


The Romsey Rag production team needs additional helpers for the following tasks:

- Collating the Rag: which takes place one Thursday morning a month at Romsey Primary School. If you can spare an hour or two your help would be very much appreciated. Check the collating dates on page 2 of the Rag, and if you can come along, just turn up at 9.00am or thereabouts to the Romsey Primary School office and sign in.
- Formatting the Romsey Rag: If you have reasonable skills working with Microsoft Publisher and can spare about 4 or 5 hours after the 15th of each month this might be a great voluntary job for you. For more details contact Robyn Moore on 5429 5099 during school hours.
- Printing the Romsey Rag: A job that takes about 6 hours one Wednesday

per month. Unfortunately our printer Colin has had to "retire" due to ill health, so we need someone willing to learn this task. We use a high speed, high volume stencil based printer to produce the Rag, which is easy to learn to use. Someone is always on hand to help out with any tricky situations (not that they occur very often!).

If you would like to join the team call us on 5429 5099.

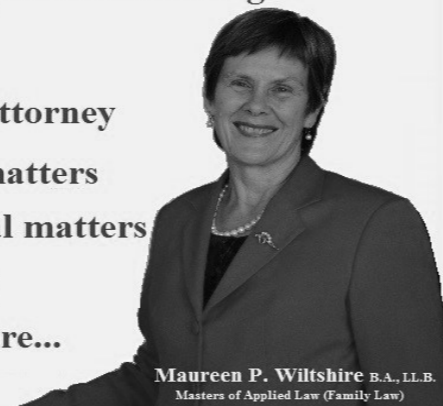


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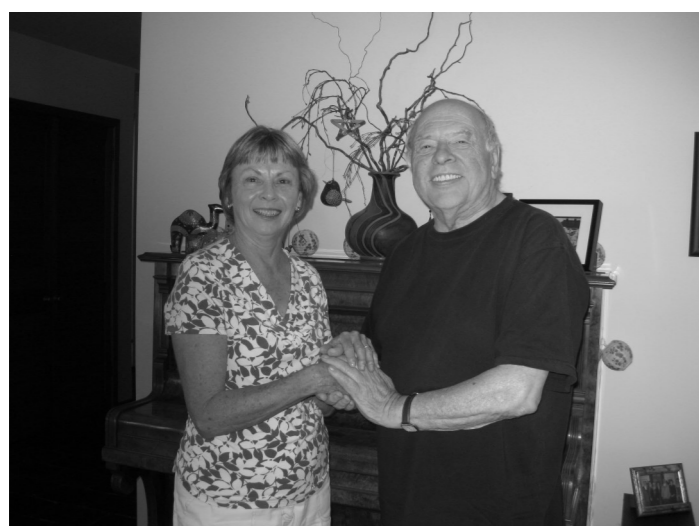


## A HEART-WARMING START TO THE FILM YEAR

The year has begun, the weather is predictably unpredictable and the playlist for the Macedon Ranges Film Society has been set. As is the custom, the list includes a wide variety of genres - from comedy to romance to documentary and drama. So members can expect a film about retired musicians and their annual concert to celebrate Verdi's birthday, a film set in the Australian desert and an unusual take on how a child navigates a move to a new city, house and school. The year will kick off with a show to warm the cockles of your heart. The French offering, *The Intouchables*, is based on a true story of friendship between the most unlikely of people. The humorous camaraderie will leave the audience spellbound by its charm.

The Macedon Ranges film society meets on the second Wednesday of every month at the Woodend Community Centre and will show 11 films this year.

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 [mrfsociety@gmail.com](mailto:mrfsociety@gmail.com) or by phoning Lorraine on 5427 0921 or Christine on 5429 5452.



## Australian Red Cross – Romsey Branch

**Congratulations to the winners of our Christmas Raffle drawn on 17th December 2015.**

- 1st Prize - Sue Layley**
- 2nd Prize - Richard Brooks**
- 3rd Prize - Geoff**

Thankyou also to everyone who purchased a ticket, we raised over \$600. All monies raised go towards the vital work Red Cross undertakes in Victoria.

Please keep a look out for activities during the year and other opportunities to support the Australian Red Cross. Thankyou once again to the Romsey and surrounding communities.

Meetings – 1.30pm on second Tuesday of month (not January) at 'Old Court House' / CFA Headquarters. **New members welcome.**

President::	Karen Hermann	5429 6658
Vice President:	Ann Krstic	5427 0252
Treasurer:	Leeanne Eames	5429 5658
Secretary:	Robyn Stephens	5789 1457
Zone Rep:	Trish Dunn	5429 6761



## Macedon Ranges sees purple for Relay For Life

Macedon Ranges is being painted purple! With *Relay For Life* less than 7 weeks away, businesses are being urged to show their support by turning purple to raise awareness.

Traders within Lancefield, Romsey and Woodend are encouraged to decorate their shop windows between Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February with all things purple in the lead up to the Cancer Council Victoria community event.

With purple the symbolic colour of Cancer Council's *Relay For Life*, local businesses will compete with each other to alert the community to the event and the impact of cancer.

Judging will take place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February and winners announced Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> at the local Farmers Market. Prizes will include printing and advertising packs donated by local businesses for the most creative and most purple window.

Around 240 people are diagnosed annually with cancer in the Macedon Ranges region, creating a great need for support in the community.

This year's Lancefield / Macedon Ranges *Relay For Life* will be held at Lancefield Park on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March. The volunteer committee are hoping for a bigger event in 2016 and expect that their purple promotion will help spread the message.

18 teams have already signed up for the Lancefield / Macedon Ranges *Relay For Life* to walk in support of local residents, but more are still encouraged to get on board.

Volunteer committee member Colleen Downey said most people had friends or family touched by cancer and *Relay For Life* provided a way to support one another through a cancer experience.

"Macedon Ranges businesses can support those in the community affected by cancer by painting themselves purple to spread the message of *Relay For Life* and how others can get involved."

To be involved with the promotion, please contact Colleen Downey on 0403 176 445 or email [lancefield@relayforlife.org.au](mailto:lancefield@relayforlife.org.au).

To join the Lancefield / Macedon Ranges *Relay For Life* event, please visit [relayforlife.org.au](http://relayforlife.org.au) or phone **1300 65 65 85**. There will also be an information stall held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February at the Lancefield & District Farmers Market.



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For the first article we have chosen the weekend of Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of March as this weekend has many activities and events in Woodend, Newham and Hanging Rock. This is only minutes from any Macedon Ranges village.

Come and experience;

A community arts project with grunt 'O, Pig!' in Newham on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

For more information [www.newham.squarespace.com.au](http://www.newham.squarespace.com.au).

Also see article below.

Maybe/or as well campout at Hanging Rock on the Saturday night.

For more information (03)5422 0333 or [www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/hangingrock](http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/hangingrock)

Go for a drive around Woodend for the Whole Town Garage Sale, Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>, stop for lunch or a coffee at one of the many Cafés and Restaurants or grab a coffee and sit in the lovely park by Five Mile Creek.

For more information (03)5422 0333 or 1300 656 577

Or maybe venture to Kyneton and its beautiful racecourse for the Macedon Ranges Cup, this horse race meeting is on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>.

For more information [www.countryracing.com.au/nmit-kyneton-park](http://www.countryracing.com.au/nmit-kyneton-park)

There is so much to see and do so come and explore all the wonderful places and events.

## Here Come The Pigs!



### O, Pig!

#### A community arts project with grunt

'O, Pig!' is a local community art festival, proudly celebrating the area's rich concentration of local artists, and drawing on the diverse skills and energy of Newham's community groups.

Each of the pigs has been cast in durable, polyurethane-coated fibreglass and will then be decorated by a local community group or a well-known artist, and placed on show for a month prior to the Festival Day at various locations in Newham and the surrounding area. On Festival day they will be brought together in Wesley Park Newham and some will be available for sale by auction.

All profits donated to Very Special Kids for their Woodend Project, [Glen Osmond Farm](#).



### Social Running is a Fun Way to Get Fit!

Macedon Ranges Running Club (MRRRC) is preparing for its Autumn Start Running Program (SRG) to help people learn how to run up to 5kms, in a non-competitive social and fun environment. The SRG starts week beginning February 15 with availability across six Macedon Ranges Shire towns of Gisborne, Kyneton, Macedon, Riddells Creek, Romsey/Lancefield and Woodend. The Romsey/Lancefield branch meets three times a week every Monday & Wednesday evenings 7pm and Saturday mornings 8am at Lancefield milk bar. For an annual subscription of only \$10 for individuals or \$15 for families, members have access to training plans/programs to reach their goals, a monthly newsletter and access to the club's Facebook page to discuss topics of interest. Want to get involved? Then contact the club's Romsey/Lancefield Co-ordinators, Lucie 0435 760 317 or Scott 0407 048 407 for further information or visit [www.macedonrangesrunningclub.com](http://www.macedonrangesrunningclub.com) for details. All ages and abilities welcome.

Australia Day - Another successful 5km Fun run was held at Sankey Reserve Gisborne and a second venue at Lion/five mile creek reserve Romsey. Both runs were hosted by MRRRC and supported by its sponsors Macedon Ranges Shire Council were hailed a great success. Congratulations to all who took part from Romsey and Lancefield, while not forgetting the number of volunteers involved in making the events successful. Well done everyone!

Hanging Rock - The club has secured another beneficial partnership with Sole Motive, the management team who host the 'Run the Rock' event at Hanging Rock, Woodend, Victoria. The event will be held on April 16 2016 and again the club will have use of a large marquee for the number of members either taking part or volunteering to help with course management. As the event is so popular with the club, a 10km program has been devised to help those graduating from the earlier Spring SRG program or those wishing to progress their running to enjoy the Run the Rock event even more.

'Grab a snag' - the club is currently fund raising for safety equipment and a store. The store is to house essential event and club operating items to help the club function effectively without a club house. To fund the store and other essential items, a sausage sizzle has been arranged with Sunbury Buntings on two separate dates, Friday February 5 and Saturday April 23 2016. Your community support for the club will be greatly appreciated.

Are you a walker, want to start running or already running ready to progress? Then Macedon Ranges Running Club is interested to hear from you and can help you reach your goals. We are a non-competitive local club for local communities, offering a friendly welcoming social environment for all ages and abilities. We welcome you to come along to one of our training sessions to discuss your needs. For further information simply email the club [macedonrangesrc@gmail.com](mailto:macedonrangesrc@gmail.com) or visit our website [www.macedonrangesrunningclub.com](http://www.macedonrangesrunningclub.com) for session times/dates/contacts.



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#### PUBLIC MEETING

To be held at Romsey Mechanics' Institute 122 Main St Romsey in the Supper Room on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016 commencing at 7.30pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three (3) nor more than nine (9) persons as the Committee of Management for the Romsey Mechanics Institute Reserve for a term of three years. The current committee's term will expire on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016. All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night. Nominations from women are encouraged.

Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting your local Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning office or at the meeting. For further enquiries please contact the Secretary, Kathy Lakey on 0458 726 106.



# Romsey Uniting Church



25 Pohlman Street, Romsey. 3434

Chairperson: Mr. Noel Shaw 5429 5509

Secretary: Mrs. Jenifer Clampit 54295480

### News from the Romsey Uniting Church:

On December 21st & 22nd 2015, we had another successful **Follow the Christmas Star** celebration at the Romsey Uniting Church.

The Monday evening 21st was very cold and only a small group gathered to follow the donkey with Mary & Joseph but on the Tuesday evening 22nd (which was much warmer) a very large group made up the procession following the donkey, Mary & Joseph and the Kyneton Brass Band through the streets of Romsey finally coming to the stable at the back of the Uniting Church.

The Rev. Wendy Elson conducted a short Christmas service.

The Band continued to play as everyone then enjoyed some supper.

Our thanks and appreciation is extended to the Kyneton Brass Band; the people who provided the animals - donkey, goats and sheep (for two nights); and everyone involved in making this another successful event for the whole community.

During the month of January we have had alternate combined services with Lancefield Uniting Church. This is always an enjoyable time as we come together to worship God and enjoy fellowship with friends from Lancefield.

As from February 7th, 2016 our services will continue with the normal times. Romsey 9am; Lancefield 10.30am.

January has been a quiet month but as February begins there follows the usual church meetings and preparation for the Lenten Season and Easter.

**Lent** – A season of preparation and discipline that begins on Ash Wednesday (February 10th) and concludes at sundown on Holy Saturday (March 26th). During the forty weekdays and six Sundays in Lent, the church remembers the life and ministry of Jesus and renews its commitment to him in Christian discipleship.

### The Turning of the Times

*Everything that happens in this world happens at the time God chooses. He sets the time for birth and the time for death, the time for planting and the time for pulling up, the time for killing and the time for healing, the time for pulling down and the time for building.* (Ecclesiastes 3: 1-3)

Here you are, at the beginning of another year, poised between the past, which proved to be so potent with both pleasures and pains, and the emerging reality of a new year with all its threats and promises. You face this turning of the times with both terror and titillation.

You ask yourself whether it will be a good year or not, all the time knowing, deep down, that it will be both, complete with its share of birth and death, planting and har-

vesting, curing and killing, war and peace. The coming times will turn from one to the other, as always.

What tips your contemplation of this mixed potential to a positive view is knowing that it will all happen 'under heaven', with God in charge. He rules over the world with a benevolent eye. He has the power to turn the times in favour of those like you who belong to him, and he loves you enough to do so.

**Lord**, as I step tentatively into this new year, help me to understand that, whatever it might bring, I am not alone but under the caring attention of your loving eyes. Amen.

("Assurance for each Day. Australian Devotions for a year". Richard Hauser, Qld.)

Services conducted during February 2016	
7 <sup>th</sup>	9am. Worship service Conducted by the Worship Team.
14 <sup>th</sup>	9.am Communion Service conducted by Rev. Robert Renton.
21st	9.am Worship Service conducted by Maureen Postma
28 <sup>th</sup>	9.am Worship Service conducted by Lyn Bromage

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### Thank You Colin

We would like to say a huge thank you to our printing guru Colin Miller who has been the man behind the machine for the past few years. As a printer by trade Colin brought great skills to this job, as well as very keen eye for typos and other errors. Colin has had to "retire" from his role in recent times due to ill health. We wish him all the best and will miss his cheery presence as part of our team.

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**President: Greg Buist 5429 1116**  
**Secretary: Jenifer Clampit 5429 5480**

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

**Meetings commence for 2016 on 25th February.**

Our members enjoyed 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 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 [rprobust.org.au](http://rprobust.org.au)



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7 pm Thursday 18 February

Romsey Neighbourhood House

(please use the side entrance)

Numbers are limited so please register your interest:

[cdiamond@cambridgeweightplan.com.au](mailto:cdiamond@cambridgeweightplan.com.au)

or phone Christine on 5429 5640

[www.cambridgeweightplan.com.au](http://www.cambridgeweightplan.com.au)

### MACEDON RANGES SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS

meet every Thursday 1-3pm at Buffalo Stadium, Forest Road, Woodend.

This year we are offering a "Beginners Class" starting Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1-2pm.

The experienced dancers will be there to help the beginners learn the basic steps and formations and easier dances will be taught during that hour.

Scottish Country Dancing is great fun, it's good exercise for the body and the brain and no, we don't dance over swords: that's Highland Dancing. It is also very sociable so it's not necessary to bring a partner.

For more information please phone Meg 5427 1100 or Elizabeth 5429 6470



# YOUTH PRESENTS

## Dave & Rosanna Palmer

Passionate musicians communicating a message of love and hope  
 Dave is an author / Rosanna is a singer-songwriter

### Saturday 13th February

6:30pm - 9pm  
 @ Encourage Church 7 Mitchell Court Romsey

### LIVE Music - FREE to ATTEND

Sausages & soft drinks for purchase \$1 each - plus Pre Entertainment FUN!

## RSVP: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February

Encourage Church Ph 5429 6327 Email: [encouragechurch@iprimus.com.au](mailto:encouragechurch@iprimus.com.au)  
 Encourage Church

If you would like to know more about faith in Jesus please contact Pastor Marilyn or our Church office Ph 5429 6327  
 We would be happy to help you find true peace and joy in life.  
 Encourage Church: "Encouraging one another to be ALL we can be in life and in God".

Join us at our regular Sunday Service: 10am at 7 Mitchell Court Romsey,  
 Fortnightly Life Groups. Fortnightly Youth events & weekly Children's Programs.  
 We also offer Kidzone Before & After School Care | Vacation Care | 'mainly music' Program  
 Pastor Marilyn Hunter - "ENCOURAGE CHURCH"

### Sustainable Living Festival expands in 2016

The annual Macedon Ranges Sustainable Living Festival empowers participants to tread lightly on our planet. This year's festival will be bigger than ever, filling several venues and running across the last weekend in February.

On Saturday February 27<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 4pm, a Sustainable Design and Technology Expo will be held at the Black Forest Timber Mill. Simultaneously, a Sustainable Food and Gardening Expo will occur at the Woodend Community Garden and Hub. Free shuttle buses will run between the two Expos.

'The highly interactive Expo at the Hub will include beekeeping, drought and fire resistant gardening, vegetarian cooking and food preservation,' said Jon Morgan, Festival Coordinator

'The Expo at the Mill will showcase up to 40 expert exhibitors, including the Alternative Technology Association and the Moreland Energy Foundation - offering assessments for domestic solar power - plus a display of electric vehicles.

'On Sunday morning, the Sustainable Ranges Tour will explore outstanding examples of sustainable houses and food production in the region. This bus tour will also visit the site of the Woodend Community Wind Farm.

'To close the festival, a Community Picnic will be held in the Woodend Children's Park on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>, from 12.30 to 3.00pm. Everyone is invited to bring lunch or purchase veggie burgers and enjoy live music and old-time games.'

Bookings for the Sustainable Ranges Tour will open in February. All other festival events are included in the entry price: \$10 adult, \$5 child and \$25 family. For more information, visit [www.mrsgonline.org.au/slf](http://www.mrsgonline.org.au/slf) or follow [www.facebook.com/2016mrslf](http://www.facebook.com/2016mrslf)

