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Opportunity to be involved with Western Water
Western Water is seeking members for its new face-to-face Community Engagement Reference Group. The group's role is to provide a direct link between Western Water's Board and its customers, local businesses and community organisations.

Western Water already gives customers opportunities to provide feedback and learn about its strategies and projects, through an online panel, social media, speaking engagements and the H2O Café at community events.

The Community Engagement Reference Group will allow members to engage in more in-depth discussions with Western Water about issues that are important to customers. Members of the group will preferably be Western Water customers with established links to local community groups, and the ability to work collaboratively with others. You will need to consider and contribute on a range of topics, from customer service to strategic planning and capital works.

Members of the group will be selected through a process including formal interviews. They will be expected to comply with Western Water's Code of Conduct.

A copy of the group's Terms of Reference, which include further details of the group's role and the selection criteria for membership, can be obtained at WesternWater.com.au or by calling 1300 650 422.

Written expressions of interest in joining the group close on 27 April 2016. Please send your expression of interest to Western Water, PO Box 2371, Sunbury DC VIC 3429.



Three days to play!

Open sessions
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kids from birth to 18 months welcome

our first two visits are free, so come and say hi!

Contact us
romseyplaygroup@gmail.com



Running Club supports nearby events

Members of Macedon Ranges Running Club (MRRC) enjoyed running at Sunfest on Sunday March 20, 2016. The event celebrated its 40th year and MRRC members took part in the 5km, 10km and 21.1km runs starting near the Memorial Hall in Sunbury. Congratulations to all those who took part in the event. MRRC intermediate running group are now looking forward to 'Run the Rock' on April 16 2016, after completing their preparation program for the event. Meanwhile the start running group have been making a fantastic effort by progressing steadily in readiness to complete a 5km non-stop milestone run scheduled for April 10, 2016. Well done everyone.

Other news - The club is also continuing fundraising for a much needed storage facility and other equipment needs. So if you have a spare 10mins on ANZAC weekend, why not come down to support the MRRC 'snagastic' sausage sizzle at Sunbury Bunnings on Saturday April 23 2016.

Want to get involved in running? MRRC has a variety of programs for people who want to start running or experienced runners preparing for local running events. We welcome people of all abilities and running experiences; whether running for the first time or a seasoned runner you will find a suitable level in a fun group environment. Either email macedonrangesrc@gmail.com or visit the club's website www.macedonrangesrunningclub.com for further information on finding a group near you.

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Romsey Golf Club – Men's Report

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Saturday March 12th - Algie Mitchell Quarter Finals & Stableford.

After three days of high 30sC to low 40sC the 15 - 20 mm of rain on Thursday was a very pleasant relief. The rain and the lower temperatures meant the course had softened a deal and players were able to get under the ball more easily, players also found the fairways bounced more truly but the cool air and the rain meant shots pulled much more quickly. The afternoon was one of change, a cool southerly wind was followed by still, muggy periods making it quite difficult to get into a consistent rhythm. Despite the changing conditions a number of players were able to put together consistent rounds, there were also a number who had wonderful front or back nines but who could not keep it together for the full 18 holes. The day also saw the quarter finals of the Algie Mitchell Singles Knock-out. The day's results were;

Winner; Sherif Abdel-Sayed (19) 41 pts C/B Mal Mottram (13) 41 pts, John Laing (30) 40 pts, John Moody (13) 38 pts, Shannon Wright (15) 27 pts & Hugh Drummond (21) 37 pts

NTPs; 1st - Mal Mottram, 15th - John Moody & 16th - Kevin Dunn

Algie Mitchell Quarter-final Results;

Steve Poulton (0) **D** Keith Hocking (1) - 5/4

John Freestone (0) **L** Mick Nicholls Jnr (6) - 7/6

Scott Williams (7) **D** Dave Muller (0) - 4/3

Bruce Robb (0) **D** Peter Scanlon (2) 2/1

The semi-finals will be

Scott Williams (0) **Vs** Mick Nicholls Jnr (0)

Scott Williams (0) **Vs** Bruce Robb (10)

Saturday March 5th - Stroke - Qualifying Round - Algie Mitchell Singles Knock-out

The Algie Mitchell singles knock-out is the club's oldest shield, its format gives the club good chance to practice for the match-play of the upcoming Dalhousie District pennant golf season. Yet another hot, dry day, plenty of distance through the air and plenty of run on the fairways so golfers had to reappraise their normal club selection. Bob McLennan set the early pace with a one over the card 37 on the front however a number of others were still in the hunt. As the round wore on a bad putt here or a poorly directed pitch saw some fall players drop away from the lead whilst others scored well to be in contention. In the end, after a tough 18 holes, three players were tied leading to a three way count-back. On a trying day the results were;

Winner; Steve Poulton - 94/26/68 C/B from Bob McLennan - 80/12/68 & Scott Williams - 87/19/68. Other good rounds came from Mick Nicholls Jnr - 94/25/69, Peter Scanlon - 98/28/70, Bruce Robb - 100/29/71, John Freestone - 90/19/71 & Dave Muller - 86/14/72.

Women's winner; Pam Drummond - 95/27/68

NTPs; 15th - Keith Hocking, 16th Les Gaunt

Saturday February 27th - Pt 2, Rd 4 Flatstick Summer Cup - Monthly Medal - Stroke & Putts

The on-going dry and high temperatures had sucked more of the moisture out of the fairway leaving them hard and dry however the greens and immediate surrounds were still in very good condition. A steady southerly wind blew up as players hit-off this wind moved to the west and then back to the south causing some problems for almost all players. The hard fairways and hot, dry air saw the whole field driving much further down the fairways than expected. We welcomed back professional golfer (European Tour) Danny Gaunt, the 1994/95 RGC champion for his first round at Romsey for seven years. Danny noticed a number of improvements across the course but was amazed by how small the greens were and the increased number of young and semi-mature trees

across the course. As the round progressed many players scored very well but only a few were able to put together 18 good holes. On a sunny day the results were;

Winner & February Medalist; Mick Nicholls (Snr) - 88/22/66 from Bob McLennan - 79/10/69, Scott Williams - 88/19/69, Ron Walker - 94/23/71 & Shannon Wright - 86/15/71. Danny returned an excellent 68/+5/73 (not a bad round, especially with those small greens!)

Women's Winner; Pam Drummond - 93/27/66 from Lyn Robison - 101/28/73

NTPs; 1st Mick Nicholls Snr, 15th - Pam Drummond & 16th - Bob McLennan

Least Putts; Kevin Dunn - 27 C/B from John Freestone & Shannon Wright

RGC Capt Tony Freeman, Danny Gaunt, Les Gaunt & RCG Pres Anthony Lakey



Saturday February 20th - Pt 2, Rd 3 Flatstick Summer Cup - Stableford

A strong southerly wind was blowing as players teed off in part two of the 3rd round of the 2016 Flatstick Roofing Summer Cup. The drizzle of the previous night had quickly disappeared and the fairways were again hard, giving good run. The greens and surrounds were in top nick and all players who attacked the flag knew that balls would bounce true. The greens had consistent speed and generally putted very true. During the round the wind shifted to the south-west with some gusts moving balls both in the air and on the greens. On a sunny afternoon the results were;

Winner; John Freestone (20) - 42 pts from Mick Nicholls Jnr (26) - 39 pts, Steve Poulton (26) 39 pts, Mal Mottram (13) 37 pts, John Laing (30) 37 pts & Jim Patton (20) 36 pts

Women's Winner ; Lyn Robison - (30) 43 pts

NTPs; 15th - Bruce Robb, 16th - Tony Freeman

Straight Drive 4th; Mick Nicholls Jnr.

We look to have gotten off reasonably lightly with the Little Corellas' damage this year. Whilst they were very active over Dec to mid Jan the cool break seemed to have moved them on. Over the weekend of the MRJGT a flock of around 400 arrived and did some damage before again moving on by the middle of that week. We would like to especially thank Steve Wilkins for all his work to repair the damage these birds did cause. Steve's work has seen the greens on the road to recovery much more quickly than in past years

The 7th Macedon Ranges Junior Golf Tournament was held at Mt Macedon & Romsey Golf Clubs over 13/14 March. Both clubs were very pleased with the field and some excellent golf was played. Boy's winner, Jordan Ward was only five-over and girls winner Jeneath Wong was only 12-over the combined two day's par. A report on the event is in this month's Romsey rag.

Romsey Primary School News

Cross Country

March has been a busy month for our school in the sporting area. On Wednesday March 9 we had the whole school cross country event. Our Prep – 2 children ran one lap of the school, 1km; the Year 3/4s ran 2km and the Year 5/6 children ran 3km. It was a warm morning but the sun was kind and stayed behind the clouds until we had finished. The older children now progress on to competing against other local schools at Hanging Rock on April 19.

Photo

Summer Sports

St Patricks Day , March 17, saw local schools competing in softball, cricket and volley ball. The softball and cricket games were held here in Romsey and the volleyball took place at Braemar. All of our teams competed well and we were very proud of their sportsmanship. Our softball team won their tournament and will be heading on to the next level to represent the Macedon Ranges schools.



Grandparents and Family Friends Day.

On Friday March 11, the Prep classrooms were brimming over with grandparents and special family friends who came for afternoon tea. The Prep children took great delight in showing their special visitors their school work and the types of activities they take part in at school. There were many happy faces on among both the young and the older people there.



Family afternoon Year 1/2

Year 1/2 students entertained family visitors on Friday March 18, sharing with them their family trees, countries of origin and other class work related to their unit on family. Even though the weather was quite miserable we had many excited visitors.



TOGETHER WE LEARN AND GROW



This week has seen the students involved in the Athletics days and as with the Cross Country day we were blessed with wonderful weather. Many parents and family friends visited over the 2 days. Clarke house was the winner of the shield this year in a very narrow victory. All of the children competed with great sportsmanship and effort.

Term 1 ended on Thursday March 24 after a special visit to our Preps on Wednesday, and Term 2 commences on April 11. We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Easter holiday break
Loren Peavey
Principal





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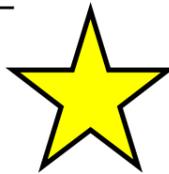
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Saturday 30th April,
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Further information:

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**Inviting men and women 55 to 105 who
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We meet **Every Monday** in the back rooms of the Romsey Mechanics Hall from 11am to 3pm for lunch and afternoon tea. Hot soup, rolls, nibbles and biscuits and cake. Cost \$5.

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

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

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

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

For more information please contact:

Rae Hooke 54291602

E. Parks 54291314

Come along and give us a try!

Macedon Ranges Physiotherapy

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

Patients can see whichever Physiotherapist they prefer.

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**Wed 20th April
Phil Cleary**



Phil Cleary is a political and sports commentator, former independent politician, Victorian Football Association footballer and coach, writer, speaker and activist for the domestic violence cause.

“Might I say that we need more face to face conversations, whether around the camp fire or a round table. With more and more use of social media and abstracted relations there is a growing need to look into the eyes of those with whom we are sharing ideas”

**Wed 15th June
Nick Rose**



Dr Nick Rose is a scholar activist: a writer, speaker, researcher and teacher in the fields of sustainable food: systems, sovereignty and security. The lead founder and former national coordinator of the Australian Food Sovereignty Alliance, Nick is now the Executive Director of Sustain: The Australian Food Network, and teaches in Australia's first Bachelor of Food Studies at William Angliss Institute.

“The food system isn't just broken, it's killing us, and ruining our prospects for a liveable future. We need to realise our own power, as individuals and communities: shape our own destinies, and create our own stories of hope and redemption.”

When Wed 20 April Wed 15 June	Time 6.00 for 6.30pm start	Where Rupertwood Mansion 3 Macedon St, Sunbury	Cost \$10	RSVP essential: Bruno Lettieri BLettieri@scr.vic.edu.au or 9744 0085
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In the spirit of the Twilight School please bring a plate for the communal supper table.



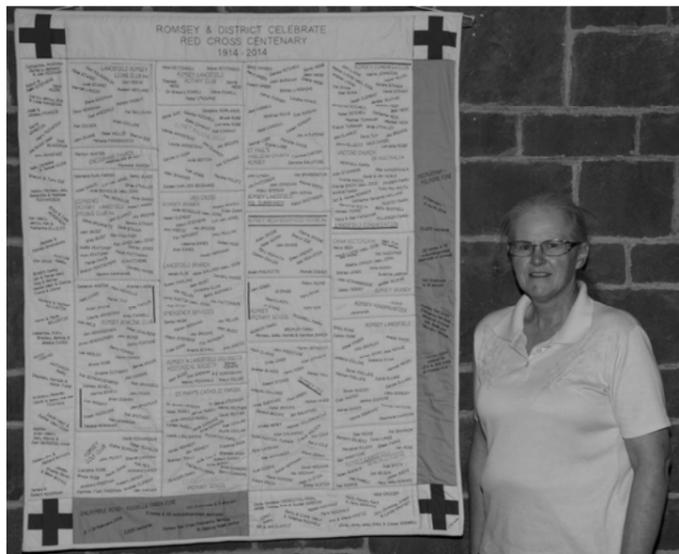
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Australian Red Cross – Romsey Branch

The Romsey Red Cross will join Romsey Library in hosting Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at which the **Romsey Community Quilt will be unveiled.** Please come along to the Library and enjoy a cuppa while having a look at the quilt. **Wednesday 20th April from 11am** Raffles, door prizes a delicious morning tea and guest speaker **Anne Phelan.** Entry is a gold coin donation to help beat Cancer. RSVP to Romsey Library or by phoning 03 5429 3086.

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
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Front Page Advertising:
Bookings for the remainder of the year for the front page of the Rag are still available. If you want to teake this opportunity please contact Robyn Moore on 5429 5099 during school hours.

Coffee shop Conversations

Hi everyone and now we are into April 2016 the year is certainly moving at an inspiring pace. **PARTICIPATION** is going to be my theme word for the remainder of the year. The last time we talked about **Passion** This month it is all about **Action**. The definition of action is to take action on; deal with the fact or process of doing something, typically to achieve an aim. Understanding that this word is refers to movement of some sort ,this is what we need to do to achieve anything we want in our lives. Do you ever sit around and complain about something, if I did this I could haveI they hadn't done that I would have.....would have, could have, should have .so let me ask you a question, **Who is driving the bus?** You know what you want ,so why haven't you got it now? 1.We have our Dreams. 2. We turn them into SMART goals. 3.Now we need to take ACTION !!! My mother always said to me where there is a will there is a way.

Don't give up!!! We only have one life ,lets live it to the fullest. Yes I know , life throws us curve balls all the time , so I guess what I am really saying is don't loose your focus. At the very least each day you can do one thing that will get you closer to where you want to be. so focus on that in a positive way .That's how successful people do it, JK Rowling ,Oprah Winfrey are only two I can think of at this point in time. Define your passion, workout what you want, then focus on what you need to do to get there, but maintain that life work balance. that will keep you happy along the way. **Who is driving your bus?** **If you are have any questions or you need some help about this please give me a call on 0409801082 ,check out my face book page or my web site www.lifecirclessolutions.com**

I WILL BE HOLDING SOME FREE SEMINARS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR PLEASE FEEL WELCOME TO COME ALONG.
Have a great month Kind regards Gillian and **Be Empowered to live the life you deserve!!!**

Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.



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Barton (Seymour) Cottage
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FROM THE COTTAGE... March/April 2016
(Palmer Street – look for the blue Heritage Plaque on the gatepost on the left; open on the last Sunday of the month, from 11-2. Barton (Seymour) Cottage is a heritage listed dwelling built around 1855.)
The Friends of the Cottage are looking forward to welcoming visitors again to the Cottage on the last Sunday of each month throughout 2016.

Our February opening saw around 24 visitors enjoy a stroll around the grounds and through the Cottage. Many of these were, as usual, 'out-of-towners' passing through. The grounds, like everywhere in the district, are very dry at present, but the in flower the Golden Tansy, a wonderful clump of mauve 'Crocuses' (*Colchicums*) and the Lapageria still faithfully flowering. Inside the Cottage we still have some of those wonderful photos of early Romsey on display, but it is the individuality of the building – the wall panels, flooring,

fireplaces, oven, etc – that interest most people. If you are one of the many local people who 'have always meant to visit but haven't quite got around to it' then do join us on the last Sunday of the month. Always a welcome and cuppa 'n snack available.

"The Cottage has enormous potential to become a highly valued asset to Romsey and district and it deserves to be fully utilised as such. This would honor the gifting of the generous donor, the extremely hard working committee who first restored the home, and the many folk who have assisted in its maintenance since then." Our plans this year are to work towards a Masterplan to investigate all aspects of the Cottage to enable it to be developed to its full potential.

If you would like to be part of our Friends group you would be very welcome!

Warm regards,
Ruth (0415 256 911) on behalf of the Cottage Friends
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 Hon Secretary
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 0404 88 65 80 ken.allender@bigpond.com or
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Next Meeting April 11 2016
First Working Bee for 2016 – Sunday April 17
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 Contact Secretary for more details.
 Myna bird numbers for February 33 Lancefield.

If you are interested in a trap for Myna birds the contacts are:
 Lancefield: Pat Danko : pdanko1@bigpond.com
 Romsey: Cathy Phelps : cathy.phelps@bigpond.com
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Land Management Workshop Saturday April 30 May 7 and 14 - Book with Grant 0448 137 761
 Land owners and property managers are encouraged to register to learn about sustainable land management practices.
 The course covers soil conservation and land capability, weeds and pest animals, native vegetation, waterway management and other issues relevant to the Romsey – Lancefield area.



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STAY WITH US

We have just followed the great events in the life of Jesus Christ, His Crucifixion and Resurrection which had left His followers in despair. They had lost their hopes for deliverer from Roman rule but He had come to deliver them and us from the power of the Evil One, Satan. Two such disappointed, dejected, downcast disciples had departed Jerusalem and were returning home, their first night stop, the little village of Emmaus, about eleven miles from Jerusalem. On the way, they were joined by a stranger who enquired the reason for their sad faces, much to their surprise, that he didn't know what had taken place there over the last few days. The stranger then began to explain to them as written by the prophets over many years that it was in God's plan that Jesus should die in such a fashion and rise again for mankind's sin. Nightfall had come and the stranger made AS IF to go on his way, but they urged him, "STAY AND SUP WITH US!"
 And He did! As He broke the bread, their eyes were opened and they realized it was THE LORD, risen, alive. Then He vanished from their sight, and they full of joy returned to Jerusalem, proclaiming to the other disciples, "We have seen the Lord!" This was the great message the the apostles and the early Christians enthusiastically shared with all and sundry. CHRIST IS RISEN. - HE IS RISEN INDEED.. ALLELUIA .. was their greeting. He is wanting and waiting to come into our hearts and lives as He has promised in Revelation 3:20, "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and sup with him and he with me."

Why not invite Him in as those early disciples invited Him to come and stay with them?

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright,
 Chase the dark night of sin away, Shed o'er the world your heavenly light. R. Palmer.

 March has passed very quickly with our observance of Lent, our Bible studies and special services of worship. Sadly, our Guild meeting this month concluded our Guild's operation in the Parish after nearly 100 years. We thank God for His blessings and guidance over those years and all who have supported the work the Guild has achieved.

APRIL 2016 .. DIARY
 Sat.9th Apr.8.30am..A.M.S. (Anglican Men's Society) MEN'S BREAKFAST in Christ Church Hall Lancefield. Speaker..MR GREG. GIBSON..Pharmacist..Lancefield. \$10 donation.. Proceeds to AMS WELFARE FUND.
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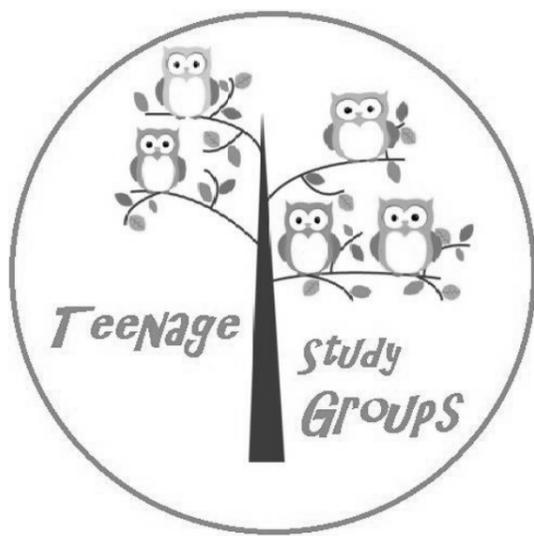


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Our 2nd Antiques Fair was held over the weekend March 19/20. The organising committee (RMI & Romsey Neighbourhood House) has worked very hard to build on last year's success. Flyers were handed out at a number of other fairs and information was made available via a variety of media outlets.

Day one, Saturday March 19th saw just under 200 people through the door and business was brisk on many stalls. Out in the Supper Room the CWA was also busy organising and serving a light lunch and afternoon tea.

Day two, Sunday March 20th was a little quieter however there was still over 100 people through. The Romsey Golf Club took care of the catering, top menu item, Devonshire Teas. There was steady business on almost all the stalls. The organising committee had prepared a small survey and the information from this will be collated to be used as a basis for decisions on future fairs and similar events at the RMI



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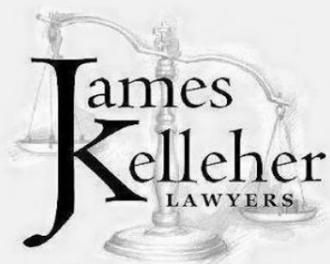
The CoM is well into the process to prepare the brief for the Master Plan. We have identified and prioritised areas where the RMI needs repair, maintenance improvement and the associated economic and social positives that will flow from these works.

As the developments around Romsey are completed and the town's population continues to grow the need for a building with a large flexible, hall and a variety of other rooms will become more and more important. As the RMI moves through its 2nd century it still has a great future

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



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MASS TIMES

Saturday:

6.00 p.m. Lancefield

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month:

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

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

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

RECONCILIATION

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

BAPTISMS

2016 - 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. Holy Communion

– Yr 4 or Yr 5 & Confirmation – Yr 6.

Marc's Message

As this publication goes to air, we Christians are in the middle of Holy Week. During that time we focus on the events of the last days of Jesus and try to work out where we stand. This is a tragic story of power games and the failure to stand up for those we love.

St. Mary's Parish has embraced the Loud Fence Movement. Although started off in Ballarat, it has become an international response of support for victims of child abuse. It consists simply in tying a ribbon of any colour [or even an old tie] to the fence of a Catholic institution.

At the church at Romsey, you can tie it to the handrails of the church, or in one of the many trees that are in the yard. At Lancefield, you can tie it to the church sign or in the 'climbing tree' in front of the church. St Mary's Primary School is also happy for people to tie a ribbon to the fence that fronts onto Chauncey St.

We live in hope that one day the protection of the dignity, innocence and development of a child will be simply presumed and that there will be no one anywhere who feels that it is 'just a part of life' for that dignity, innocence and development to be strangled and thwarted.

Marc



Romsey Lancefield RSL Sub branch.

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Diggers News

Vern Egan is a much admired Veteran of the Second World war and it was with much concern when the RSL became aware that he had been most unwell this past year, suffering respiratory problems, now greatly exacerbated by the recent hot weather.

A decision was made by the Romsey-Lancefield RSL to use its funds to purchase Vern a much needed portable reverse cycle air conditioner/ heater, for as long as he may require its use. We hope that this is of great benefit to his health in future.

Vern Egan, is a well known local identity, who has lived in Romsey for 50 years. He came to live here in 1966, working his farm, raising cattle.

He joined the RAAF in 1941 as a Sen: Wireless operator and Air Gunner on the Beaufort Bombers. He was promoted to the rank of Warrant Officer and was attached to the 7th Squadron RAAF.

He commenced training at Somers, Victoria. Parkes, NSW. Port Pirie, South Australia and was a Navigator Instructor at Nihl, Victoria, prior to his transfer to New Guinea.

He flew 39 bombing and strafing missions over New Guinea and he had the privilege of flying on the last bombing mission of WW2, he also had the pleasure, seeing the bombing of the Headquarters of the Japanese General, Nikai near Kiarivai village in New Guinea.

He was discharged in 1946. Aged 23.

This year's ANZAC Day ceremony will be held in Lancefield on Monday April 25th at 8.30am preceded by a wreath-laying ceremony in Romsey at 7.30am.



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GOD IS GOOD

A wealthy businessman in a small town had signs printed and placed all over the town.

They stated that if any person in the town, who owed debts, would come to his office on a certain day between nine and twelve in the morning, he would pay those debts. Naturally, that promise was the talk of the town. But very few believed it. They thought there was a catch somewhere.

The day came. The business man sat in his office at nine. By then, no one had come. At eleven, a man was seen walking up and down outside, occasionally looking up at the office door. Finally he seemed to take courage and open it. He put his head in and asked, "Is it true that you will pay any person's debt?" That's right," the rich man replied. "Are you in debt?" "I certainly am," the caller answered. "Do you have along the bills and statements to prove it?"

The visitor produced the documents and the business man wrote out a check covering all of them. Before twelve o'clock, two other men came and had their debts paid. People outside could not believe it. But now there was no time left to have their bills paid.

The Lord is good to everyone. He showers compassion on all his creation. . . . He does not withhold the good from those who live with integrity. - **Psalm 145:9 + Ps.84:11**

Jesus has eliminated the greatest Debt that mankind will ever owe and that is the Debt of our own personal sin. But, that will only be credited to us IF WE BELIEVE!
Don't waste your Life without including God who 'is' Good and wants to shower His goodness upon you.

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.

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The 2016 Macedon Ranges Junior Golf Tournament

Round 1, Sunday March 13th – Mount Macedon Golf Club

M; 67/67 S - 115 W; 70/71 S - 118

The seventh Macedon Ranges Junior Golf Tournament got underway on a cool, misty morning at Mt Macedon Golf Course. As the field finished lunch the mist lifted, the sun shone through and there was barely any breeze, so conditions were good. Competitors came from Midlands, Riversdale, Medway, Romsey, Mt Macedon, Huntingdale, Long Island National, Woodend, Gisborne, Kyneton, Riverside, Commonwealth, Neangar Park and Patterson River Golf Clubs. Mt Macedon captain Bruce Fraser went over the local rules and answered any questions before the field hit-off.

The Mount's fairways are lined with majestic old trees and, whilst beautiful to look at, they proved quite a trap for the unwary causing some players a deal of pain on the scorecard. Others kept their ball on the fairway and took advantage of the high quality greens to return excellent scores. The day flowed quite well and all groups were back in the rooms by ~4.15 pm to enjoy afternoon tea and a chat while cards were checked

The day's leaders were;

Girls - Jeneath Wong (Huntingdale) - 76/6/70 and **Boys** - Jordan Ward (Long Island National) 71/5/66. Other good rounds came from Bettina Grimaud (Medway) 82/18/64 and Jonah Harris (Kyneton) 78/11/66. 1st round winners were;

Stroke Handicap

Boys U19 Jordan Ward 71 Jonah Harris 78/11/66

Boys U15 Harry Weaver (Riverside) 84 James Yorke (Midlands) 103/33/70

Girls U14 Jeneath Wong 76 Bettina Grimaud 82/18/64

Before presentations MMGC president, Glenn Moore thanked both parents and players for attending the event and all who had worked on the course and in the rooms to make the day a success

2016 Chris Gaunt Cup winners Jordan Ward & Bettina Grimaud with Dean Jones. Gary Watts Shield Winners Jordan Ward & Jeneath Wong with Dean Jones

Round 2, Monday March 14th – Romsey Golf Club

M; 72/71 S – 124

W; 71/73 S - 121

The 2nd round dawned cool and overcast with a gusting southerly to south-easterly wind. Some players had dropped out, however there were a few new faces in the field as everyone sat down to lunch, to listen to the local rules and to ask any questions about the round. As the leaders teed off there was only six shots between the top girls and seven shots between the top boys. A bad hole here and there and it would be a very tight contest. The tight fairways and smaller greens demanded great accuracy however the cold air and the softer fairways saw many players well short of their intended landing zone calling for longer iron approach shots. The receptive, if a little slow, greens and good surrounds meant players could shoot directly at the flag knowing their ball would hold. In the end

the two leaders were able to play good golf and come home with strong victories.

On behalf of the organising committee Anthony Lahey

(RGC), thanked the members and committees of both clubs who had worked on course and in the rooms to make the two day tournament a success also tournament sponsors, Mary-Anne Thomas, Doonies Diner, Niddrie Drummond Golf and New Earth Constructions. Without this support the event would not be able to be held. Anthony also thanked the parents and players, all junior events depend upon the support of family and friends. Retired Australian test and one day cricketer & RGC member, Dean Jones addressed the players and parents stressing the importance of defensive golf, the ability to get back on course after a bad shot or difficult lie noting that every round called for many of these skills. Dean then presented the day's and tournament winners

; Stroke Handicap

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Boys U15 Patrick Doyle (Mt Macedon) 84 Harry Zang (Riversdale) 103/33/70

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MRJGT Champions – Jordan Ward 144 & Jeneath Wong 159

MRJGT Runners-up – Jonah Harris 164 & Bettina Grimaud 173

Chris Gaunt Cup – Jordan Ward 144/11/133 & Bettina Grimaud 173/36/137

Gary Watts Shield – Jordan Ward 73 & Jeneath Wong 83

MRJGT Winners (Jordan Ward/Jeneath Wong) and es

Anzac Day Commemorative Service, 2016

The Romsey - Lancefield RSL Sub-Branch wishes to advise that the 2016 Anzac Day Commemorative Service will be conducted at the High street Cenotaph, Lancefield on Monday 25 April, commencing at 08:30am.

A smaller wreath laying service will be held at the Romsey Cenotaph commencing at 07:30am.

Marchers are requested to assemble in front of the Bakery, in High street at 08:15am and march to the Cenotaph, for the service to commence at 8:30am.

The Lancefield Neighbourhood House committee will provide tea, coffee and refreshments to the community at the Mechanics Hall following the service.

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GETTING PEOPLE BACK TO WORK IN MACEDON

Local Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas is encouraging local employers to access the updated Back to Work scheme and hire unemployed workers in Macedon.

The Back to Work Scheme, which is a capped two-year \$100 million fund, has been further boosted with a significant increase to the payments to employers to assist with hiring and training of young unemployed and retrenched workers (up to \$5000) and for the long term unemployed (up to \$12,000).

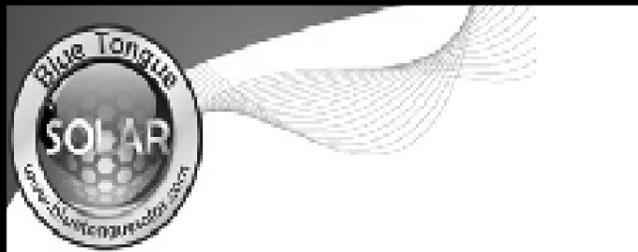
Employers can also receive payments of up to \$4000 where they provide accredited training to the new employee. This will be in addition to any other payment received under the scheme.

"I have received correspondence from a number of locals in Macedon and I am aware of how difficult it can be to find secure employment, especially as a young or long term unemployed person." Ms Thomas said.

A new \$20 million Reconnect Program will also help address the drop in early school leavers taking up training, and will provide Back to Work participants with fee relief and VTG exemptions.

The eligible employee categories will also be expanded to include specific provisions relating to sole parent pensioners, disability pensioners, aboriginal unemployed, drought affected farm households and refugees.

Ms Thomas added "We're helping people in Macedon to get the skills they need to find the job they want. That's what will grow our economy, and it's what we're getting on with."



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UPDATE

Clean Up Romsey Day

A warm and sunny morning on Sunday 6th March greeted the volunteers who participated in the inaugural **Clean Up Romsey Day**. Volunteers gathered at the Skate Park (Lions Reserve) before being allocated areas for clean up. Target areas included the Main Road north and south of the Skate Park, some nearby residential streets, Barry Street (west), Five Mile Creek reserve, the former Romsey Primary School site. Courtesy of funding from Macedon Ranges Shire Council, the free sausage sizzle was kindly prepared by Rotary Club members for the hungry volunteers after their great work.

This event was a *Romsey Streetscape Project* initiative organised by the Town Pride Working Group. It is hoped it will be an annual event, and feed into possible participation in the 2017 Tidy Town Competition.



Romsey Streetscape Project – Town Entry Feature Competition

The Streetscape Project continues to steadily tick along with its working groups meeting regularly to fine tune and implement their goals. Another follow up meeting with senior MRSC officers has been organised to touch base re Master Plan development and funding of specific project elements.

A key initiative identified at last year's first community forum was the need for a town entry feature to be included with the Romsey signage so as to announce our town with some impact to those who arrive at it! The extension of this (organised by the Town Pride working group) is a competition to design a town entry feature, inspired by Romsey's history. Open to all ages and skill sets, the closing date for submissions is Friday 6th May 2016. Further details are available in this edition of the Romsey Rag, on Facebook and on Romsey Online (www.romsey.org.au)

Meeting with Kyneton District BATA

Recently, RRBATA was invited by the President of the Kyneton District BATA (KDBATA), Ms. Angela Aaltink, to discuss

RRBATA's activity. Jenny Stillman, on behalf of RRBATA's Committee of Management, attended the meeting in Kyneton and spoke of RRBATA's current streetscape project, its desire to increase membership and the excellent working relationship with Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

RRBATA and KDBATA hope to support each other into the future with the potential of collaboration on relevant initiatives.

Romsey and Lancefield Districts Historical Society Collaboration

In the context of the enhancing awareness of Romsey's rich history to both locals and visitors, RRBATA has met with Executive committee members of the Historical Society (Shirley, Brenda and Kylie) to discuss how it can assist with accessibility some of the publications.

RRBATA, in collaboration with the Historical Society, will research funding and design options for historical signage/plaques for Romsey's historic buildings and sites as an extension of the Romsey Streetscape Project.

It was also agreed that RRBATA will organise the Romsey History Trail flyer to be distributed to multiple Romsey locations in hard copy format as well as digitising it to be made available online.

PLEASE NOTE: "Discover Romsey", an informative illustrated book by the Romsey and Lancefield Districts Historical Society is available for purchase (\$10) through Red Door Books (Lancefield) and the Historical Society (Lancefield Court House, Facebook – "Lost Shire of Romsey"). Not too many copies are left so get in fast!!

Light Up The Sky 2016

Light Up The Sky is back this year and will be held at the Lions Reserve (Romsey skate park) from **6pm on Saturday 30th April 2016**. A spectacular fireworks display will again conclude the evening. Games, food, community stalls and musical entertainment will feature. So, put this in the diary now! **RRBATA wishes to acknowledge the Romsey Community Bank branch of the Bendigo Bank as being a major sponsor of the fireworks display.**



Romsey Online

Don't forget, **ANYONE CAN BE A REPORTER!** Whether it is sporting results, photos, reports on events etc, the website is waiting for your "news". Please ensure a note of consent from people featured in any photographs accompanies your submissions. Remember, the website is only as good as the information fed to it at info@romsey.org.au.

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Romsey Uniting Church



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Secretary: Mrs. Jenifer Clampit 54295480

Macedon Ranges Partnership: A really lovely service was held on Sunday 6th March for the Induction of a second Minister in the Partnership - Rev. Peter Cannon. We now have two full time ministers - Rev. Wendy Elson and Rev. Peter Cannon. Judy Rigby is our Supply Minister until we have a third minister. There will be an office for the ministers use at the Riddells Creek Uniting Church.

Mark 12: 28-31

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord your God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."
There was a skilled musician who played the flute. Recently he had a shock. He was to play in a concert and was getting down to serious practice. When he sat down to play nothing happened. No sound. He tried again. He checked the flute. No music. Imagine the shock! Then he began to analyse what he was doing and realised that the flute was all right, but he'd been getting careless. Instead of sitting or standing straight, his arms just so, he'd begun to slump. His hands weren't right, and had gradually twisted the angle at which he held the flute. When he blew over the hole in the mouthpiece, the angle was wrong. The music had gone. As soon as he corrected the stance he was back in business, playing beautiful music.

It's an interesting metaphor on Christian living. It's not that we give up, or reject it. We just get careless. We still go to church, pray, read the Bible, but without the attention we used to have. We live without really thinking, and suddenly we are shocked into the realisation that nothing is happening. We blame the flute, the prayer, the faith, but so often the answer's in our own hands. We need to get back to the discipline of thoughtful, not thoughtless, discipleship. It takes effort, as well as time. It needs singleness of purpose, kept clean and polished against the patina of use.
Jesus answered, "The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength" (Mark 12: 29-30)

And remember he goes on to tell us to love our neighbours as ourselves.

"Don't shoot the pianist, he's doing his best." Not always true, Lord.

It's not always the piano that's wrong.

Nor the flute. Sometimes it's the player. Me.

When there's no music between you and me, when the melody's gone, the harmony shattered, it's not the instrument, it's me.

Not that I've given up totally, Lord.

Not that I've rejected you and your love.

It's just that I'm half asleep, careless, not standing upright in your presence, my dedication dusty and dormant in a dark corner.

Wake me up, Lord, from self-satisfaction.

Rescue me from the trap of complacency.

Don't weaken your demands on me, just help me strengthen my response.

Wash off the grime of long usage and make me sparkle again in newness of purpose.

Open my eyes, Lord.

It's happened before – thank you for your patience – open my eyes to the wonder of life with you, to the joy of life in the community of your church.

Make me a blessing to them, to those I love.

Make me into someone it is good to be around.

Like you. Start the music again Lord.

And put in a few grace notes.

(Written by Eddie Askew. (Deceased)

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Church Services & Activities during April, 2016

3rd	9am.	Worship Service – Wendy Elson
6th	7.30pm	Church Council
10 th	9am.	Worship Service & Holy communion
13th	1.30pm	UCAF meeting
17th	9am	Worship Service
24 th	9am	Worship Service



Dog Walkers Please Note:

It is really disappointing to see that there are a few people who walk their dogs in our streets, at the school and on the sports ovals but do not clean up after their dogs. Dog poo should not be a part of our landscape, especially on footpaths, at the school and on our sporting fields. It is not difficult to carry a couple of plastic bags and clean up! By all means enjoy the fresh air and exercise with your dogs but please show some consideration for others and do the right thing!

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The 2016 Influenza vaccine is now available. The vaccine does not contain any live viruses and therefore cannot cause the illness. It is important to have an influenza vaccine each year because the virus changes from year to year and immunity last only one year. Flu vaccines are the single most effective way of helping fight the spread of flu in the community. Approx. 3,000 Australians die every year, either directly from the flu, complications due to the flu, or pneumonia.

FREE FLU VACCINATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR:

- Everyone 65 years of age and over
- People medically at risk
- Pregnant Women
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Persons

If you are not eligible for a free vaccine, there is a fee of \$18.00 payable on the day of vaccination.

The administration of the vaccine is bulk billed.

For your convenience throughout April and May we provide clinics at the Romsey and Lancefield Medical for the administration of flu vaccination and we invite you to call now and speak to one of our friendly receptionists to book your appointment.

FAREWELL to DR ANDY HUME

The Romsey and Lancefield Medical Centre's would like to congratulate Dr Andy Hume who recently passed his Fellowship exams with the Royal Australian College of General Practice. Dr Hume has spent 10 years completing his General Practice training and has worked at Romsey and Lancefield Medical for the last 2 years, travelling from Melbourne to Romsey daily. Dr Hume has been a valuable member of our team and highly regarded by his patients and the local community.

We wish him well as he follows his dreams and moves on to the next chapter in his life. Andy will finish at Romsey and Lancefield Medical at the end of April 2016.

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FILM SOCIETY MEETS CHARLES

Members of the Macedon Ranges Film Society sat spellbound as actor David Gulpilil in the 2013 film *Charlies Country*, becomes disillusioned and confused at the changes occurring in his country as it is taken over by white people. Gone are the days of living off the land as his sense of self is slowly eroded. Director Rolf de Heer confronts the viewer with stark images as he shows us the impact some decisions have on first Australians. The mood in April is bound to be lighter when the 3D computer-animated comedy-drama *Inside Out* is shown. When 11-year-old Riley moves with her family to San Francisco, maintaining a settled state becomes challenging as Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear and Disgust vie for top position in Riley's emotional life.

The Macedon Ranges Film Society meets on the second Wednesday of every month at the Woodend Community Centre. Film notes and an informal supper are part of the evening. MRFS is a membership-based club so initial enquiries must be made by emailing mrfilmsociety@gmail.com or by phoning Loraine on 5427 0921 or Christine on 5427 1011.

Goldfields Library Corporation | **Australian Red Cross** | **Cancer Council** | **Australia's Biggest Morning Tea**

Romsey Library together with Romsey Red Cross are hosting Australia's Biggest Morning Tea and you're invited!

Please come and join us on
Wednesday 20th April from 11am

A Gold Coin Donation will gain you entry to a fun morning of raffles, door prizes, and a delicious spread of morning tea..

Joining us will be special guest speaker, actress Anne Phelan; Romsey Red Cross will be unveiling their updated signature quilt on the day also... together, we can do our bit to beat cancer!

Please RSVP by Monday 11th April 2016 to the Romsey Library Staff by phoning: (03) 54 293 086 or in person at the Library Desk

If you can't make it on the day we still welcome your donations, visit our fundraising page at: <http://vic.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/RomseyLibrary>

Works Alert: Plan your trips, road works happening at the Calder Freeway- Station

Road interchange.
Gisborne motorists are being advised to plan their travels and allow extra travel time over the coming months as major upgrade works get underway to improve the Calder Freeway-Station Road intersections. The works include a new four lane section of Station Road connected by two new roundabouts, which will significantly improve traffic flow and safety through this busy interchange, by helping to reduce congestion at the exit and entry ramps of the Calder Freeway.

The new shared pedestrian and off-road bicycle path will make it safer and easier for pedestrians and cyclists by separating them from traffic. New 'October Glory' trees will be planted as part of the project's significant landscaping program, which will continue the 'boulevard of trees' theme and provide connections to the entrances to New Gisborne and Gisborne.

In the coming weeks Vic Roads will be coming back to the community to share the latest information about the project, including changes to traffic movements in the area near the works. The upgrade of these intersections are planned to finish by the end of 2016. VicRoads thanks motorists for their patience while we carry out these important road works. Were mind motorists travelling through this area to observe the changed traffic conditions, including work zone speed limits, for their own safety and the safety of workers in the area.

For more information about this project visit www.vicroads.vic.gov.au and search 'Station Road Upgrade'.



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COMBINED PROBUS CLUB of ROMSEY and LANCEFIELD Inc.
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P.O. Box 280, Romsey. Vic. 3434
For Active Retirees.

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

Probus is for people 55 years or over. The Romsey/Lancefield Probus has 34 active members aged between 58 - 90 years. We have all made good friendships and enjoy fellowship with each other whenever we are together.

Monthly meetings
10am on the 4th Thursday of the month
St. Mary's Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey.
April Meeting : 28th April, 2016

Guest Speaker: Paul Kooperman from 'SE3D' (Seed) a personal development group based in Lancefield. Paul will be speaking about "The Field Trip" which is a program for teenagers.

Now you are retired or close to retiring from work come and join the friendly folk in the Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club and learn more about what Probus can offer to assist you in staying active. Or phone the numbers above.

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.

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

For Active Retirees. Probus South Pacific

In 1976 Probus was launched in Australia and clubs began to form all over the country. What else happened in 1976: *Malcolm Fraser is Prime Minister; NASA unveils its first space shuttle, the Enterprise; Random breath testing is introduced in Victoria; Apple Computer Company is formed; Cigarette and tobacco advertising is banned on radio and TV in Australia.*

The secret to maintaining a fulfilling lifestyle following retirement is to stay involved, become an adventurer, and enjoy new experiences with friends.

When you finish work and lose the responsibility of having a job, it is important to develop interests and friendships. You also need to accept the psychological impact that this may have on you, when you realise that your work skills are no longer required. Probus provides fellowship with others in a similar situation, which is vital to the ongoing mental wellbeing of retirees and your work skills could be used to help in another way.

Reasons to join Probus: Enjoy the fellowship of like-minded people - Probus club members meet active retirees in their local areas, across Australia and around the world.

You can check out the Probus South Pacific website to find out more about how Probus was formed 40 years ago and what it has achieved. www.probusouthpacific.org
Phone: 1300 630 488

Great ideas, great communities: grants and funding for 2016

Council's new range of grants and funding opportunities are now open.

New Events & Festivals Grants Program

Council has introduced a new dedicated grant program for groups and organisations seeking funds and other council support for events and festivals.

In the past, Council's main funding for events and festivals was provided through the annual Community Funding Scheme, with additional in-kind support provided by individual departments on an ad-hoc basis. However, from 2016 onwards, all support requests for events & festivals will be handled through the new program.

The Events & Festivals Grants Program will open on Friday 1 April and close on Sunday 1 May 2016 alongside the Community Funding Scheme.

For further information, contact Bridgette on 5421 9521 or via bobrien@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Community Funding Scheme

This is Council's annual grants program for not-for-profit community groups and organisations of all sizes, and offers financial assistance for a variety of projects and activities. Guidelines and application forms are available at mrsc.vic.gov.au/cfs or at a Council service centre in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend.

For more information, contact Trudy on 5422 0320, Kate on 5422 0345 or email grants@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Be a responsible pet owner and renew your registration today

Don't forget to renew your pet's registration by Sunday 10 April 2016.

Mayor, Cr Graham Hackett said there were many benefits of renewing the registration of your pet with Council.

"The registration of dogs and cats from three months of age is not only a legal requirement of being a pet owner, it's the right thing to do," he said.

"If a pet is registered with Council, the owner is accountable. It improves the chances of a missing pet being returned quickly if they become lost because we know where they've come from. "Registration fees also help provide important pet-related services within the shire such as animal control, dog attack prevention programs and other community education initiatives that encourage responsible pet ownership."

There are a number of ways you can renew your pet registration. These include:

- Online via mrsc.vic.gov.au/payment
- BPAY
- Mail
- In person at one of Council's service centres.

For more information on the benefits of registration and how to register your pet with Council, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/pet-registration or call 5422 0333

Dare to try something different at the Romsey Recreation Centre

It's never too late to try something new, and during autumn Romsey Recreation Centre (RRC) is giving you the opportunity to try a range of programs.

This multi-sport facility offers a variety of activities, fitness classes and services suitable for all ages and abilities, as well as facilities for hire.

So, what are you waiting for?

Ti-Ga Karate Self Defence: Why travel out of town for karate classes? Romsey Recreation Centre offers self-defence classes for children and adults designed to develop confidence, focus, respect, fitness, strength and discipline. Classes are held Tuesdays at 6.30pm, Wednesdays at 6.15pm and Saturdays from 9.30am. For more information, call Sensei Ivan Kucera on 0433 174 852 or email tigakarate@yahoo.com.au

Junior and senior netball: Teach your child the benefits of teamwork as they take part in junior netball competition, with games held on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Senior games are played Mondays from 7pm. Competitions are held at RRC and managed by the Romsey and District Netball Association. For more information call Chris on 5429 5582.

Basketball and soccer: Dribble, dunk and bounce your way into our autumn and winter soccer and basketball competitions, starting from Monday 18 April. From development programs through to senior mixed competitions, register now to ensure your place. For more information visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/RRC

Fitness classes: Whether you want to start an exercise program, maintain your current level of fitness or simply challenge yourself, the RRC have a range of group fitness classes suitable to get your moving. Studio circuit classes run Monday to Thursday from 6.30pm and also Saturday at 7am. For further details call Debbie Beltrame on 0412 051 002 or email deborah813@gmail.com

Romsey Occasional Care: Romsey Occasional Care provides quality, affordable care for your children in a safe, fun and relaxed environment. Sessions operate during school term with programs running on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am-2pm. To find out more call Rebecca Wilson 0409 407 696 or email romseyoccasionalcare@hotmail.com

For more information on any of the above, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/RRC, email rrc@mrsc.vic.gov.au or phone 5429 5637.

KTSAC calling for volleyball and basketball players

Expressions of interest are now being taken for senior mixed volleyball and senior men's basketball at Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre.

Bring your friends, family or work colleagues and get involved in a fun and social competition while getting fit!

The new season of senior mixed volleyball will begin on Tuesday 19 April at 7.30pm, with individual and team registrations welcome.

The new season of senior men's basketball will start on Tuesday 19 April at 7.50pm.

The cost is the same for both sports: \$46 per team, with a \$17 registration fee per player (free if you played in last season's competition).

Don't miss your chance to get involved! For more information call 5421 1477 or email ksa-crec@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Fascinating frogs: find out why frogs matter

How important is a single species of frog within an ecosystem? According to ecologist Andrew Hamer of the Australian Research Centre of Urban Ecology, amphibians are essential—the loss of a single species of frog can affect entire networks within nature.

Andrew will discuss the endangered Growling Grass Frog on Saturday 16 April at Council's free talk on the ecological role of frogs.

The event will be held from 2pm-4.30pm at the Gisborne Administration Centre, 40 Robertson Street Gisborne. It will examine the life history, habitat and threats to the Growling Grass Frog.

RSVPs are essential.

To book your place, contact William Terry on 5421 9674 or email environment@mrsc.vic.gov.au

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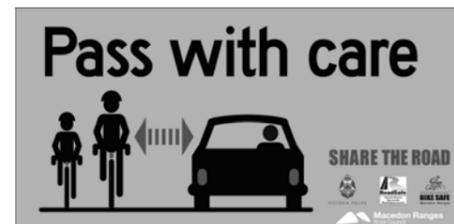
Look but don't see

Recently a local dad, who happens to be an experienced cyclist, was knocked off his bike on Station Rd in New Gisborne. Despite the fact that he was wearing bright clothing and had flashing front and rear lights, the driver claimed that they didn't see him as they were "looking out for trucks". Even the police commented that drivers are not used to looking for cyclists on our local roads. Yes, in 2016, drivers are apparently still not expecting cyclist to be on our local roads. Fortunately, that cyclist will recover from his injuries and his children will continue to have a father.

It's the responsibility of all road users to be vigilant at all times. When you are behind the wheel of any vehicle, and that includes a bike, there is nothing more important at that time than driving that vehicle. As a car driver and a cyclist, I accept my shared responsibility. When I am riding my bike, it is important that I make myself as visible as possible. When I am driving my car, I can't just be on the look out for something that is bigger and more dangerous than me. We all want to come home safely to our families at the end of the day.

Please go to Bike Safe Macedon Ranges Facebook page to show your support.

Jem Richards
Bike SafeMacedon Ranges



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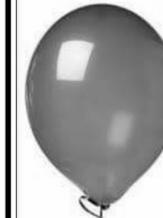
To support Autism Awareness Month and part of Macedon Ranges *Light it up Blue*, a sausage sizzle and family picnic day will be held at the Mechanics Reserve, Mollison Street, Kyneton On SATURDAY 2nd April.....Come along and enjoy face painting, raffles, jumping castle and lots more

EVERYONE WELCOME

11.30am -2pm

Lets raise awareness about autism, the effects on families and individuals, bringing our community together. Proudly supported by Macedon Ranges Autism Network, Romsey Play Connect and Kyneton Lions Club.

Contact: Shantelle Grant
0411 444 447.



supporting families with children with autism

KYNETON

Romsey Golf Club – Women's Report

Wednesday 17th February – The cooler weather encouraged more players to participate in the stableford competition. It was great to see Elaine playing golf again. The fairways had lots of run so players hit the ball further than they expected. As a result players returned excellent scores.

18 hole winner – Lyn (30) 37 pts on a count back from Lorraine (32).

Elaine was very impressed with the improvement shown by Jenny and Noreen.

Wednesday 24th – A hot day but not hot enough to enforce the heat policy. All players battled the heat but managed to come in with good scores.

The winner of the February Monthly Medal was Lorraine 101/32/69 from Leila 108/35/73

Jenny equalled her best gross score for 9 holes 54/23/31 and Bruce flew the flag for the men.

Thursday 25th Feb – Lorraine headed off early in the morning to play in the Alexandra tournament. The course had been well prepared and there was lots of run on the fairway. The greens were friendlier, not lightning fast as they have been in the past. Umbrellas could be seen everywhere, not for protection from the rain but from the hot sun. Congratulations to Sharon from Seymour who won the 3 way playoff for the DD Women's Player of the year from Mary and Chris. Lorraine was happy with her Nett 74.

Tuesday 1st March – On a hot day Denise, Leila and Lorraine played at Kyneton in their Irish Sixes. The dreaded Par 3 with a dam on either side of the fairway was changed. The new challenge – hit the ball over the dry dam. At least if you didn't make it you could still hit your ball from within the dam. A final score of 80 pts put the team in 8th position out of 22 – a pleasing result.

Wednesday 2nd March – We had a Social game of Ambrose together and then after 9 holes we returned to the clubhouse to join our guests for lunch. It was great having Kath back playing golf again. She has recovered well from her hip replacement surgery.

The winning team was Kath and Pam 40/6.88/33.12 from Leila and Jenny 44/9.25/34.75

The men played 18 holes before returning to the clubhouse.

Thursday 3rd March – Gluttons for punishment Leila and Lorraine were off again, this time joined by Pam, to play in the Seymour Bowl. Although an early start wasn't appreciated when getting up, it was appreciated when we were able to finish just as the day was getting hot. We enjoyed the green fairways, although this meant there wasn't as much summer run, we enjoyed the lunch and good company and Lorraine enjoyed receiving one Player of the Year point for her 36 stableford points. We didn't enjoy the sneaky crow that stole a player's pink golf ball on her very first drive of the day.

Monday 7th March – Pam and Lorraine travelled to Kilmore to play in the Dalhousie District Women's Foursomes. On the whole they combined well together, although their score wasn't helped when their ball rolled back down the hill past them on the 9th and 18th fairways. The ball ended up further away from the hole than where they'd hit from previously.

Wednesday 9th March – Players hit off a little earlier on a warm and muggy morning. When the sun came out in the middle of the day it zapped some players' energy.

Doris Chambers Foursomes Stableford winners: Kath/Pam (27) 40 pts from Elaine/Leila (32).
9 hole comp: Lorraine (31) 19 pts from Jenny (39) 15 pts.
Men's comp: Bruce (29) 34 pts from Hugh (23) 33 pts.

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

Wednesday: 9 hole social or competition – 9.15 am for 9.40 hit off. Ring Lorraine 0407 349 144 if you would like to hit off later.

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

Enquiries/ Further information: Elaine 0400 768 040
RGC Secretary

Recipe

Mini Mille feuille

1 sheet frozen puff pastry (thawed)

Whipped cream

Raspberry jam

Icing sugar

Preheat oven to hot, 200 degree celcius

Lightly grease a large oven tray and cover with baking paper.

Cut pastry sheet into 24 even rectangles. Arrange on prepared tray. Bake for 10 to 12 mins until golden and puffed. Cool on trays. Split pastries in half. Spread bottom half with raspberry jam and top with whipped cream. Cover with the remaining pastry half. Dust with icing sugar.

Sunday February 21st - RFL Charity Golf Day - 4 Player, 12 Holes Ambrose

It was a very rambunctious group who assembled for the 2016 Relay For Life (RFL) Charity Golf day at Romsey on Sunday 21st. There was much hilarity as teams checked out each others' uniforms, discussed the unfairness of the handicapping system and enjoyed a cuppa and a biscuit before they hit off. Some members of the field challenged their handicap demanding that their team's be recalculated, alas all to no avail. The shot-gun start got everyone underway just after 10.00 am and shouts of jubilation or anguish echoed across the course and eagles or birdies fell or balls just rolled passed the cup. Romsey captain, Tony Freeman accompanied by wife Trish, made sure everyone had access to a cold drink or a chocolate bar before they finished their round and headed to the rooms for a very relaxed lunch.

The day was run by RFL team "Puddles' team" and all told they raised \$1,718.00 for the 2016 Lancefield/Macedon Ranges RFL. Club President Anthony Lakey and Vice President Kevin Dunn presented the prizes. On a very relaxed and enjoyable day the results were;

Winners; Executives - Andrew Clement, Kevin Dunn, Bruce Robb & Neil Jarman - 41/6.25/34.75 from Flatstick - Shannon Wright, Mick Nicholls Jnr, Daniel Wright & Ethan - 41/6.13/34.87 C/B from Robb & Co - Wayne Robb, Paul Green, Phil & Lorraine Robb - 43/8.13/34.87

Best Uniform; Worm Burners; Jan, Sally, Beryl & Lisa. (Look out Village People!!)

NAGA - Old Farts - Laurie, Robbie, Bob & Glenn

Straightest Drive 4th - Men - Laurie Armistead, Women - Helen Dennett

NTPs - 1st - Daniel Wright, 3rd - Beryl Cole, 8th - Andrew Clement & Pam Drummond, 9th - Liz Johnston, 10th - Don Dennett & Lisa O

2016 RFL Charity Golf Day Winners - The Executives.

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Gentle Exercise: (Mondays 10am-11am) \$5 per class. It's fun and tailored to meet the abilities of each participant! May assist with mobility, balance, bladder control and joint pain. Chair based exercises available. Enquires: Jan on 5428 1223 or 0412 219 900. Join us after class for a cuppa!

Reiki: (Mondays 11am-3.00pm) \$10 per 45min session. Experience the healing stress release and relaxation therapy of Reiki with Oksana. Be pampered for only \$10 and feel revitalised! Bookings essential on 5429 6724.

Yoga for Kids with Special Needs: NEW! (Mondays 5.45pm-6.15pm)

\$10 per child. Yoga can help autistic children get out of the 'fight, flight' freeze' response, and feel more relaxed and less anxious in their bodies. Specific yoga poses can aid digestion and elimination, while deep breathing practices help calm the nervous system. As this is a specialised class numbers are limited. Enquires: Leisa Kirk on 0408 934 656 for questions or bookings.

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

Romsey Walker: (Wednesdays 9.30am) Don't walk alone! Join this casual friendly group and walk at your pace whilst enjoying the company of others. FREE!

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

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

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

Meditation: NEW! (Fridays 9.30am - 11.00am) Meditation is a deep contemplation and awareness of the self. The health benefits from practising regular meditation are enormous. Come along and find out more about how meditation can assist your well-being. Learn to relax, de-stress and renew yourself with simple techniques that you can implement at home. \$10 per class. Register now!

Beginners Pilates: (Mon 10.30am-11.30, Fridays 10.30am-11.30am) \$15 per class or 10% discount if Term Fees are paid in full at the commencement of the term. Bookings: Trish on 0411 447 392. Night class register expressions of interest now!

Let us know what you'd like offered in Romsey!

Let's Get Creative!



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

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

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

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

Learn to Mosaic: NEW! (Wednesdays 10am-12.00 noon) A class for all levels from beginners to those more experienced. Bring along a project you've been wanting to do or learn the art of mosaicking with the help of an experienced tutor. Cost: \$10. Bookings required. Contact House for materials required.

Kidz Fun Crafty Club: NEW! (Wed 3.45-4.45pm) Come have fun exploring your creative side whilst learning life skills as well. Making things out of a variety of materials such as paper/ beads/wool & more...An hour of fun so if your child would like to join us, we would love to see them there! Ages 5-10yrs. Cost \$12

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

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

Vintage & House Signs & Chalk Paint Workshops: NEW! Make your own vintage or unique house sign or revamp your furniture pieces. Register your interest now!

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

Remedial Massage Sessions- NOW AVAILABLE!

(Availability flexible Mon-Fri 9am-3pm)by appointment only. 1hour full body massage \$60, \$5 discount to senior citizens. Angela is a qualified remedial massage therapist with over 3 year's industry experience. Treating massage as more than just providing physical relief, it is also good for the mind and soul. Angela now has the opportunity to offer her services through the Romsey Neighbourhood House. If you would like to discuss your needs or book a time, please contact Angela on 0416 226 466 or book