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News from the Romsey Recreation Centre

It's been a busy few months at multi-sport facility, the Romsey Recreation Centre, with stadium roof works taking place over the holiday period. The works include repairs to the internal ceiling and external roof which will provide a safer playing surface for stadium users. Thank you to all our users for your cooperation during this period.

In March, competitors for the summer soccer and basketball season went head-to-head in the grand finals. Congratulations to all who participated, those that supported the players and all who were involved.

The results are:

Senior Soccer Grand Final, Tuesday 22 March 2016

Draught United (6) def. the Devils Lettuce (2)

MVP (most valued player) Stephen Grech

U12 Soccer, Friday 18 March

3v4 playoff: Jets (2) vs. Phoenix (1)

Grand final: Heart (5) def. Victory (2)

U15 Soccer, Friday 18 March

3v4 playoff: Green Queens (8) vs. The Blue Crew (4)

Grand final: Maroon Ramones (11) def. Red Sheds (8)

MVP Josh Squire

U10 Basketball, Wednesday 23 March

3v4 playoff: Kings (22) vs. Bobcats (10)

Grand final: Clippers (22) def. Bulls (16)

U12 Basketball, Monday 21 March

3v4 playoff: Spurs (27) vs. Mavericks (37)

Grand final: Hornets (27) def. Cavaliers (14)

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To formulate a Town Entry Feature concept design inspired by Romsey's HISTORY (events, people, buildings, industry, culture)

The CHALLENGE:

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The PROVISIO:

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To INCLUDE:

Sketch
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Description of construction material/medium

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Friday 13th May 2016

For further information: www.romsey.org.au, Facebook, Jenny Stillman Ph. 0412 349849



Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA)

UPDATE

Light Up The Sky 2016

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Light Up The Sky 2016 has again been rescheduled to **Saturday 4th June 2016 from 6pm at the Romsey Lions Reserve (Skate Park)**. A spectacular fireworks display will 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.** There are still opportunities for community groups wishing to use this event as a fundraiser by providing food/refreshment stalls (contact Jenny Stillman jennystillman@optusnet.com.au).



Romsey Streetscape Project – Main Street Gardens



You will have noticed MRSC Gardens staff commencing work in the Main Street as part of the Romsey Streetscape Project. The Main Street Trees and Gardens Working Group has worked hard over the last year in dialogue with MRSC officers to devise and enhancement plan for this element of the streetscape. Signage designed by RRBATA working group members will be on display when streetscape-related works are underway.

Town Entry Feature Competition

As indicated in the last Romsey Rag, RRBATA is addressing the desire (as indicated at last year's Community Forums) for a significant 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 from the north, south, east and west entry points. The extension of this (organised by the Romsey Streetscape Project's 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 13th May 2016**. Further details are available in this edition of the Romsey Rag, on Facebook and on Romsey Online (www.romsey.org.au).

Christmas in Romsey 2016

There will be a real sense of Christmas in Romsey this year with Romsey Streetscape Project's Arts Culture and Events Working Group already formulating a program to ensure the spirit of Christmas will be alive and well in our town. Competitions for shop front and house decorations will be complimented by a Christmas Carol event in December. **Watch out for more information to come in forthcoming Romsey Rags, Romsey Online and Facebook.**

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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Thursday April 7th - Romsey Challenge Bowl

It was a wonderful day for golf, still, clear and sunny with a temperature in the low 20s and the course in excellent condition. It is mid autumn and when you combine a few heavy dews, some good rain on Wednesday and regular irrigation using re-cycled water any golf course should be looking pretty good. The fairways generally had good cover and the greens and surrounds were in top nick; all players knew they would usually get a good lie on the fairways and that the greens would hold and putt very true. Sixteen teams from thirteen clubs contested the 23rd Romsey Challenge Cup, a team stableford event.



A number of players found their "chip and run" game, so important on dry courses, was not going to help card a quality score and had to quickly reappraise how they were going to play the round. A few others who had played some of the nine-hole "Chicken Run" social golf on Friday nights at Romsey knew the course well and were better able to handle the conditions and come in with a good score. As the round progressed it grew tighter and tighter at the top of the leaderboard.

In the end a number of count-backs were required to separate various team and grade winners. On a beautiful day the results were;

2016 Romsey Challenge Cup Winners; Trentham - 96 pts; Mary Bysouth (33) - 30 pts, Mary Campbell (17) - 33 pts & Rhonda Bradley (23) 33 pts C/B from Seymour; Ricky Rickman (12) 29 pts, Sue McCall (14) 33 pts & Glenda Woods (12) 34 pts

A Grade Winner; Glenda Woods (12) 34 ps

B Grade Winner; Rhonda Bradley (23) 33 pts

C Grade Winner; Margaret Blair (Marysville - 35) 32 pts C/B from Carole Mee (Lancefield - 30)

NTPs; 3rd - Sonja Schuerman (Woodlands), 15th - Vicky Clements (Yea)

RGC women's captain Lorraine Robb thanked all who had worked so hard to get the course to such a high standard, those who had prepared and served lunch and the sponsors of the event Beau Warrener from MTM Golf Clubs, Blooming Produce and Romsey Pharmacy. Club events would not be able to go ahead without the very generous support of these local companies.

Virginia Newell and Beau Warrener with the 2016 winners - Mary Bysouth, Mary Campbell & Rhonda Bradley

Romsey Primary School News

Cross Country at Hanging Rock ,Tuesday April 19

Each year a large group of our students participates in the cross country at Hanging Rock and we heard a lovely story about one of our first time Hanging Rock runners. This student was not interested in winning; she was just so excited to participate and told her Mum that she had the best day! She had done her very best and this was all that mattered to her and her Mum. What a wonderfully positive mindset. A number of our students ran very well and are now through to the regional levels of cross county and we wish them all the best as they compete in Bendigo and we congratulate all of our runners on their efforts.



Peer Mediators

On Friday April 22, 40 Yr 5/6 children were trained by Mrs Wood and Mr Monrose as peer mediators. On this day the children's skills to help others who need assistance with small issues in the yard during playtimes were built and developed. The Peer Mediators will now be rostered on to fulfill their peer mediation roles during recess and lunchtimes. When rostered on these children wear high visibility vests so that all students can find them easily in the yard if they require assistance. These children volunteer for this role and should all be commended on their willingness to be helpers in our school community. They are true ambassadors of our school values. The new peer mediators will be introduced to the school at a whole school assembly on Monday May 2

ANZAC Day.

We began the week with a stirring ANZAC service which saw our school captains Tahlia and Cooper and our choir lead us in the service. We were again treated to having the Last Post and Reveille played on the bugle by Mr Rob Smithies and our service was also attended by members of the local RSL. Our school was also very well represented again at the local service on ANZAC Day in Lancefield on Monday, with many families attending and gathering together at the service.



Karren Baker

It is on a sad yet proud note that we let the community know that Mrs Karren Baker who has taught at RPS for 16 years has been successful in gaining a promotion to Macedon Primary School. Her first day as the leading teacher at MPS was on Tuesday April 26. The school community is farewelling Karren on Thursday April 28 at an afternoon tea at the school. Karren has been a valuable member of the staff at RPS and she will be greatly missed. Farewell and congratulations Karren




Blue Day,

Wednesday April 20

Our Student Council "Blue Day" for Autism awareness provided an opportunity for students to demonstrate their understandings of acceptance, tolerance and getting along. Thank you to the student councillors for their hard work and great leadership skills. They assisted Shantelle Grant and Calli Withey with organising goodies for each class to make Blue Day biscuits with their buddies.

Secondary School Transition Days


Our Year 5/6 children attended a transition day last Thursday April 21 at Kyneton Secondary College and they will attend a 2 hour session at Gisborne Secondary College on Tuesday May 3. We are extremely fortunate to be able to offer these wonderful opportunities to our students. Our 5/6 transition program is a vital part of preparing our senior students for the next step in their education journey.



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Sunday April 16th - Pennant Rd 1 - Mt Macedon

Trentham V Woodend Woodend - 4.5/2.5
Romsey V Mt Macedon Mt Macedon - 4/3

The 2nd successive week where we played the home team, another tough assignment. The day was warm but a wind blew up by mid round causing more than a few problems for all players and the hard fairways saw many players through the corner facing a difficult approach shot to get "up and down" in regulation. Good wins to Dave Muller 2/1, Mick Nicholls (Jnr) 1 up and Ron Walker 5/3

Saturday April 16th - 4B Aggregate Stableford

With a bowls competition on the golfers were out in the "Green Shed". A bit of work moving things around, sweeping up and then sorting out chairs and tables and all was OK, a little reminiscent of the "Old Days" when the golfers spent all summer in the "Green Shed". The round began under still, clear skies but after a few holes the weather changed and mizzle blew across the course from the south-west. Players also had to contend with gusting winds that blew up suddenly then fell back to just strong enough to move the mist. The cold air, the mist and the winds saw all players revising their club selection and those who got it right were able to score well. The 4B Aggregate Stableford format allows both team and individual scores to count and with randomly selected teams there were no favourites expected to take out the day. As the last teams came in everyone was in the "shed" enjoying a quiet drink and a warm snag. A generator and a fluorescent light made sure everyone could find their way around. On a very enjoyable, if cold and damp day, the results were:

Team Winners; Les Gaunt (6)/Keith Hocking (27) - 75 pts

Individuals; Michael McCarten (16) - 38 pts, Keith Hocking (27) - 38 pts &

Les Gaunt (6) - 37 pts

NTPs - 1st - Darren Newnham, 15th - Les Gaunt

Sunday April 10th - Pennant Rd 2 - Woodend

Mt Macedon V Trentham Mt Macedon - 4.5/2.5
Romsey V Woodend Woodend - 5/2

Another spanking day for golf, only a slight breeze, clear, sunny skies and the Woodend course in top condition. Still, it was always going to be a tough challenge playing Woodend at Woodend. Good wins to Dave Muller 1 up and Steve Wilkins 2/1

Saturday April 9th - Stroke

The stroke field teed off in top conditions; clear sunny skies, only the occasional zephyr from the south-west, soft fairways and excellent greens. We welcomed back 2005 & 2009 RGC Club Champion Mat Thornton for his first round at Romsey for over four years, it was also great to hear his comments on the course after a four year absence. Recent improvement to the greens mower have seen the greens more true and quicker so a number of players found themselves rolling well passed the cup or even putting off the green, the day's winner five putted the 7th! Despite the good conditions it was difficult to return a good score; many players found themselves short with their approach shots leaving difficult chips or pitches to "get up and down". On a beautiful autumn day the results were;

Winner; Steve Wilkins - 84/17/67 from Mick Nicholls Jnr - 96/24/72,

Andrew Laing - 90/17/73 & Mat Thornton - 79/6/73

NTPs; 15th - Mat Thornton & 16th - Andrew Laing

Sunday April 3rd - Pennant Rd 3 - Romsey

Mt Macedon V Woodend All square - 3.5/3.5
Romsey V Trentham Romsey - 4/3

A really tough day, conditions were good and the course was in top condition. The Trentham boys got away to good starts and it was up to RGC to claw back as best they could. It was a real challenge but we were able to pull out a great 4/3 win. Good wins to Les Gaunt; 1 up, Dave Muller; 2 up, Rob Rea; 2/1 up and Ron Walker; 7/6 up.

Saturday April 2nd - Algie Mitchell Final & Par

The round began with a gusting south-westerly wind, this quickly moved back to the south and caused problems for the whole field for the remainder of the competition; balls veered violently off course in the air, dropped well short and some even deviated on the greens. The cooler weather and some heavy dews had produced more growth on the fairways but the ongoing effects of the hot, dry summer still saw many bare patches so relief, on the fairway played, was given. Whilst many players had runs of good holes few could hold it together for the full 18. In the end it was again down to two of



the club's veterans to fight it out for the day's honours. The club also welcomed two new juniors, Jack Evans and Luke Newnham.

On a windy day the results were;

Winner; Les Gaunt (7) +2 C/B from Peter Scanlon (28), John Laing (29) +1, Ron Walker (23) & Michael McCarten (16) Square.

NTPs; 1st Peter Scanlon, 15th - John Moody & 16th - Jack Evans

Algie Mitchell Final Results;

Scott Williams - Walkover

RGC Captain Tony Freeman with 2016 Algie Mitchell Shield winner Scott Williams

Saturday March 26th - Monthly Medal - Stroke & Putts

Heavy mist verging on drizzle surrounded the rooms as the field gathered for the March Medal. The very recent death of member, Steve Poulton, made for a very somber mood in the rooms. As the players took to the course, the mist/drizzle dried, the sun poked out every now and then and there was a steady breeze from the south-south west. The results of the recent rains and heavy dews could be seen across the whole course with large green areas on every fairway and plenty of new shoots showing on the barer patches. The cool air, breeze and soft fairways meant all players lost distance off the tee and approach shots had to be accurate, no landing short and bouncing on to the green. During the round the low markers really came to the fore, consistent driving and top quality short games saved many a par. In the end it was a battle between two of the club's best golfers with one claiming his 1st Monthly Medal at Romsey in over 25 years. The day also saw 2015 Dalhousie District Golf Association Junior I. P. Mein winner Michael McCarten presented with his award. On a very sad day the results were;

Winner & March Medalist; Dean Jones - 71/3/68 from Les Gaunt - 77/7/70, Mal Mottram - 84/13/71, Mick Nicholls (Jnr) - 96/25/71, John Moody - 85/13/72, Scott Williams - 90/18/72 & Pat Chisholm - 82/10/72

NTPs; 1st - Dean Jones, 15th - Scott Williams, 16th - Dave Muller

Least Putts; Daniel Wright 25. Daniel's round was 74/7/67.

RGC Captain Tony Freeman with extremely happy March Medalist Dean Jones.



Saturday March 19th - Semi-finals Algie Mitchell & Stroke

Another interesting week, beginning with hot dry days and ending with cooler, quite wet weather over Friday and Saturday morning. The remaining semi-final of the Algie Mitchell and the stroke field found it tough going with soft, wet fairways and greens where balls landed and stayed put. To add to challenges of the round a strong wind blew up, initially from the north-west before moving around to the north-east. The cold air and blustery wind effected all players to the point where only two of the field actually hit one of the three par threes. In the end the Algie Mitchell semi-final went right down to the last hole where a slightly off-line putt brought a smile to one face and frown of chargin to another. The stroke field found also difficult to post a good score with only one player breaking his handicap. On another testing day the results were;

Winner; Scott Williams - 90/19/71 from John Moody - 86/13/73

NTPs; 1st - Scott Williams

Algie Mitchell Semi-final results

Scott Williams (0) D Bruce Robb (10) 2 up (Played earlier in the week)

Steve Poulton (1) D Mick Nicholls Jnr (0) 1 up

The Algie Mitchell Final will be played on Saturday April 2nd

Steve Poulton (7) Vs Scott Williams (0)

With the many new trees now gaining height and width we are beginning to see more insects, native birds and small mammals. To assist these creature we are working to put up 30 nesting boxes. There will be 15 for small birds such as tree creepers and orange rumped parrots and 15 for small mammals such as phascogales and antechinus. Our thanks to Dave Richardson who is making many of the boxes and to William Terry from MRSC who is assisting us with all facets of this project.

After a full 12 months of irrigation we now have a much better idea of how much water we need and when to apply it. While the course and the Park has done well we know that we need more water to do the job properly. The club will be meeting with Western Water in late April to see what can be done about increasing our annual allocation of water



Coffee shop Conversations

Hi everyone and now we are into May 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 **Action**.

This month it is all about RESILIENCE.

The definition of resilience. Resilience is that ineffable quality that allows people to be knocked down and come back stronger than ever, rather than letting the negatives overwhelm them. People generally adapt well over time to life's changing situations and stressful situations and everyone reacts in a different way. Relationships that create love and trust, provide role models and offer encouragement and reassurance to help bolster up resilience.

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Following their outstanding sellout performances in Ballarat and Woodend of Karl Jenkins Armed Man-A Mass for Peace,

the Gisborne Singers have been invited to New Yorks Carnegie Hall to join with choirs from around the world to sing his latest work in January 2017.

An opportunity exists to hear the Gisborne Singers beautiful harmonious voices during their current season. Esteemed conductor Stephen Brockman will lead The Gisborne Singers in performances of Beethoven's Mass in C Major and Handel's Coronation Anthems. Supported by a full orchestra, the concerts will feature soloists Lee Abrahmsen, Karen Van Spall, Robert Barbaro and Timothy Newton.

Performances will be at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Ebden Street, Kyneton at 3pm Sunday May 15 and at Barcham Theatre, Gisborne Secondary College at 3pm Sunday May 22. Afternoon Tea is included with a ticket of \$40, \$35 concession, \$20 students, Under 12 free.

Bookings:

www.gisbornesingers.org.au or 0413 003 254.

Marjorie Tangey



FILM SOCIETY IS OUTSIDE LOOKING IN
Important changes in the life of a young girl was the topic of the film at the April screening of Inside Out. As i moving house isn't enough, Riley has a new school and neighbourhood to cope with. Joy, fear and anger are just a few of the emotions that assault our heroine as she navigates her way into her changed situation.

This is a smart and compassionate film and won the Academy Award for the Best Animated Film for 2015. In May, hold on to your hat for stellar performances from Meryl Streep and Julia Roberts as Director John Wells puts high drama in the Weston family on the screen in the 2013 film, August: Osage County. A rural area outside Pawhuska, Oklahoma is the setting for cat fights and unrest and much, much more.

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

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FROM THE COTTAGE...

April-May 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 April 24th and May 29th - and the last Sunday of each month throughout 2016.

Our Easter Open Day was a rather quiet affair. Many folk were catching up with family and of course many others took the opportunity to travel over the break. The quieter day gave us a good opportunity to spend more time with those who did attend. One interesting visitor (though our visitors are *all* interesting, really!) volunteers at the Melbourne Fire Brigade Museum, so we were able to exchange ideas regarding attracting visitors. The Fire Brigade Museum sounds like a very interesting place to visit for both individuals and groups. *We are grateful to the Macedon Ranges Shire for recommending the Cottage as part of 'Museums Australia' and we look forward to working towards valid Museum status.*

The Cottage grounds are looking dry and we are hoping that a damp autumn will freshen them up. As the early settlers did not have spare water for garden maintenance



The Romsey Uniting Church Adult Fellowship

Invites you to join us for our Annual Winter Luncheon
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Our speaker this year will be **Marcia Harkins**
Representing Kildonan UnitingCare -and the Horses for Hope program

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When: **Wednesday 8th June, 2016**
Where: Romsey Uniting Church
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Romsey

Cost: \$12.50
Trading Table and Door Prize.

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Jeni Clampit 5429 5480
Or mail to P.O. Box 264, Romsey. 3434

(apart from food and medicinal necessities) they generally planted bulbs and perennials hardy enough to flourish in their own good time. The committee who accepted and maintained the Cottage from the 1980's onward, also planted to this regime; so there is always some little horticultural treasure either flowering, seeding or budding...At present, the Hellebores, donated and planted last year, are just emerging, the Arums (*palaestinus*) leaves are unfurling, the Winter Iris 'Moses-in-the-Basket' (*I. stylosa*) and the wonderful shrub Garrya elliptica is forming catkins. Greg Boldiston, (Longinomos Rare Plants) has just donated – and planted- some autumn flowering crocus; they will be another lovely feature in the years to come. *Don't forget that Greg brings an excellent selection of rare plants to each of our open days. It is a good chance to buy rare plants that are grown and therefore acclimatised for local conditions.*

Warm regards,
Ruth (0415 256 911) on behalf of the Cottage Friends

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Species available include River Bottlebrush, Swamp gum, Bushy Needlewood and Woolly Tea Tree.

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Myna birds : 45 birds were trapped in Lancefield area for March.

Traps are still available Lancefield : Pat Danko :

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Romsey: Cathy Phelps : cathy.phelps@bigpond.com

Missed the RHD Boost and Rabbit control information sessions?

If you missed the recent RHD Boost and Rabbit control information sessions you can still access information on RHD

Boost at the Agriculture Victoria website: <http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/pests-diseases-and-weeds/pest-animals/invasive-animal-management/established-invasive-animals/rhd-boost> :More information on rabbits and their control

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Victorian Landcare Program review

The Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water, Hon. Lisa Neville MP thanks everyone who participated in the review of the Victorian Government's support for Landcare. The review was an important opportunity for the community to provide their views on Landcare and it provided a wealth of ideas to inform future government support for Landcare. Out of the review it was clear that the Landcare community strongly supports and values the government's Victorian Landcare Program.

The review found overall that the Victorian Landcare Program has been effective in supporting Landcare and that the Landcare Facilitators and the Victorian Landcare Grants are the most valued components of the program. They are fundamentally important to the viability and operation of many groups and networks across the state. The review also identified a number of ways to help shape the Victorian Government's future support for Landcare.

To read the Minister's update on the review go to <http://www.landcarevic.net.au/resources/landcare-policy/victorian-landcare-program-review/ministers-update/view>

Biodiversity plan – Community Info sessions

13 community information sessions on the draft Biodiversity Plan are being held between 11 April and 2 May at 13 locations across the state. These sessions will provide people with a better understanding of the Plan and its aims and objective.

You can register to attend an information session via this link <http://haveyoursay.delwp.vic.gov.au/biodiversity-plan>
Ken Allender
Hon Secretary



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SOWING. AND. REAPING **

Last month we celebrated our Harvest Thanksgiving when we thanked God, our Heavenly Father, for all His bounty showered on us.

When a farmer plants wheat seed or apple seed he expects to reap a harvest of golden wheat or ripe juicy apples - the season being good.

As it is in the physical realm so it is in the spiritual. What a mess we as a nation are in today as we have moved slowly away from our Christian roots.

When Jesus Christ is known and followed, His Holy Spirit, is there to guide, teach and empower us to grow like Him and bear fruit in our lives. The Spirit's fruit is, - as St. Paul writes to the people of Galatia 5:22, "The fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-control", - qualities desperately needed in our communities today. By contrast, the life lived by our own desires and knowledge is under the control, not of the Holy Spirit, but of our own fallen, sinful human natures, under Satan's control. The fruit borne here is, - "Sexual Immorality; Impurity and Debauchery; Idolatry and Witchcraft; Hatred; Discord; Jealousy; Fits of Rage; Selfish Ambitions; Dissensions; Factions; Envy; Drunkenness; Orgies; and the like. I warn you, as I did before that those who live like this, will not inherit the Kingdom of God." (Galatians 5.19-21).

Sound familiar? Just as the earthly fruits are harvested when the time is ripe so it is in the spiritual realm, God has set a day of Judgment when we all must stand before His Judgment Seat. Let us pray that all who know the Lord Jesus will pray that our Nation will turn to Him and be saved and live lives controlled and governed by His Holy Spirit to His praise and glory.

"For we know that You will come, And You will take Your people home,
And from Your field will purge away, All that does offend that day." H. Alford.

In April, the Men's Breakfast was enjoyed and the address by Mr Greg. Gibson was appreciated by all present. \$120 was raised for the A.M.S. Welfare Fund which benefits a

number of good causes.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving resulted in a car load of food being taken to Anglicare for those in need by Max and Betty Dansey.

We were saddened by the sudden death of Mrs. Verna Johnston, a member of our sister Church, the Uniting Church Romsey. She faithfully supported all the functions we held.

MAY 2016. DIARY

Thurs. 5th May ASCENSION DAY-We remember Jesus' return to the glory of Heaven.

Thurs. 12th May 7.30pm..A.M.S. SNOOKER NIGHT..

At Mrs. F. Carter's home, Monegetta.

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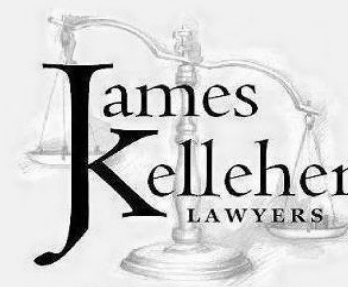


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Over the past few months we have been working to clear the south side of the hall, there were clumps of blackberry and ivy clogging the area making it difficult to keep grass down and virtually stopping all air flow. The blackberry and the ivy will be cleared away. The old wood shed is also in disrepair, it will be removed as well. Once this side of the hall is clear it will allow much better access to the doors and the storage space on the southern side of the hall as well as allowing much improved movement of air. This air flow and the recently replaced spouting will help dry the southern side of the building.

Two new users are hoping to run sessions at the RMI.

The 1st is "Kanga Training". This is a post natal exercise program for mums and their babies. Currently the program is still in the planning stage, as soon as things are finalised as poster with days, times and costs will be put up at the RMI

The 2nd is "Learn To Knit". This will be an eight-week program and all needles and wool will be provided. At the end of the program participants will be able to read and follow any knitting pattern. Sessions will be in the Supper Room on Tuesdays, 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm beginning on May 3rd. The program will cost \$30.00 per week. Please phone Christine on 0412 758 215. A poster for this activity will be up at the RMI in the very near future.

One of our long term regular users, **Cowboys and Angels** are off to the Australian Cup Championships in May. They have won this event for the past three years and have a tremendous record in both Australian and international dance championships. We wish them all the very best for the 2016 event.

If you are planning something, a birthday, an anniversary, an engagement or any other function please consider the RMI. Bookings and inquiries can be made at; rmibookings@gmail.com. We are very happy to discuss your function, show you through the hall or supper room and explain costs.

ROMSEY COMMUNITY BENEFIT FROM NEW CROSSING

The Andrews Labor Government has delivered on its commitment to boost pedestrian safety in Romsey with a new pedestrian crossing on Main Street.

Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas welcomed the new crossing on Main Street/Melbourne-Lancefield Road in Romsey, which will make it safer for people to move around the community.

"The community was concerned about pedestrian safety on Main Street. We've listened and taken action." Ms Thomas said.

The \$300,000 project, which has incorporated pedestrian operated signals, provides a safer location for people to cross Main Street, particularly students making their way to school and local sporting areas.

Main Street is one of the small community's busiest roads in a growing area, and local residents were included in the development of the project to ensure the location of the crossing would best meet the needs of the community.

Ms Thomas added, "This new pedestrian operated crossing mean locals, especially school kids, can now make their way around the community safely."



Mary-Anne Thomas MP with Principal of Romsey Primary School, Loren Peavey and Victorian Roads Minister, Luke Donnellan when funding for the crossing was announced following last year's state budget.



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Macedon Ranges Running group

Start Running Groups Celebrate Achievement

Gisborne hosted the Macedon Ranges Running Club's popular milestone 5km run on March 10. The celebratory event at Dixon's reserve saw over 75 participants from all club branches, including Romsey & Lancefield, enjoy their run in ideal weather conditions. On finishing the run, each Start Running Group (SRG) member received a well-earned certificate acknowledging their completion of the club's 8 week start running program. Congratulations and well done to all our runners. Thank you to all the club's volunteers for making the day success, Western Water for use of their water filtration system and Cobaw Community Health for their support.

The club's Start Running Groups are now continuing their running, with many extending the 8 week program into completing the club's full 13 week structured program. The program will be completed with a celebratory non-stop 10km run at Lions Park, Riddells Creek on May 15 at 8am. The club wishes to extend an invitation to family, friends and local community to come down and support the club's runners.

Other club news

Hanging Rock Reserve provided a picturesque backdrop for Sole Motive's Run the Rock event on April 16. The event saw a good number of the club's running groups from branches across the Macedon Ranges Shire take part in either the 12km or 20km. A great effort made by everyone, well done.

Sizzling success - The club's funding officer, Gary Plummer and his team of wonderful volunteers, cooked up a "snagastic" time at Sunbury Bunnings on Saturday April 26. The sausage sizzle saw a brisk trade and much needed funds for the club's storage and equipment projects. The club wishes to thank community support and all those involved, including Sunbury Bunnings for the use of their equipment.

Want to get involved with Macedon Ranges Running Club?

Want to be part of a community led, friendly and non-competitive running club? Whether you are someone who has never run before or a seasoned runner we have start running, intermediate and advanced running groups to meet your needs. So why not come along and have a run

with our club, we have groups meeting at locations including Gisborne, Kyneton, Macedon, Lancefield/Romsey, Riddells Creek and Woodend. For further information and details of times visit our website www.macedonrangesrunningclub.com.

Article author: Stephen Ingram



Title: 2016 5km milestone celebration at Gisborne
Photograph 1 caption: Starting the 2014 5km milestone celebrations



Photograph 2 Caption: Running through Gisborne's Botanical Gardens
Photographer: Kevin Thomas

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MASS TIMES

Saturday:
6.00 p.m. Lancefield
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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. Confirmation – Yr 6.

Marc's Message

Well, here we are in the middle of the Easter season in the Church. Saw a great cartoon the other day with a young child reminding his parents that Easter lasts for 50 days – and so, therefore, should the supply of Easter eggs! The Christian belief in the Resurrection is an act of faith. It challenges us to believe, in the face of 'reality' that there is more to what we see going on: there is a bigger picture, a larger context. This is not all there is to LIFE. It is in some ways an attitudinal thing that is meant to give us hope and to bolster our courage to live life to the full. Our Quaker brothers and sisters call faith 'convincement' – that is, being convinced above and beyond the normal criteria we use to make final conclusions. We all do this – for example, marriages last or crumble because those involved are convinced that love is there to stay despite everything to the contrary or was either never really there or disappeared while they were busy keeping the system happy. Let's all have the courage to exist from the heart and to believe that like pieces of a jigsaw we are sometimes prevented from seeing the bigger picture and to joyfully embrace the chaos and the not knowing because we are convinced that we will look back one day and see the jigsaw completed and go 'Wow! How cool!' Marc

Subbie visits Heskett

The winner of the 1992 Melbourne Cup, Subzero and his handlers (Kerrie, Nicki and Graham) visited Heskett Primary School last week. The whole school enjoyed listening to the winners exploits and what he does now in his retirement. The children got to ask questions of SubZero. On enquiry, when asked by Jayden, Subzero answered that he did have girlfriends (although we're not sure how many or where they are).

Kerrie also spoke to the children about how to look after horses and care for their needs.



C.W.A. ROMSEY BRANCH



Our monthly meeting is on the 1st Thursday of the month from 10.00am and our Craft, coffee and chat days are on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 10.00. Both usually held at the Romsey Mechanics Institute Hall.

Our Craft day in March was spent making lap quilts and table runners, some of which will be sold at our annual stall or donated to the local nursing homes. Last month our Branch participated and entered many articles into our CWA Central Highlands Group Art and Crafts Exhibition this year held at the Lancefield Mechanics Institute Hall. Some of our members also attended the 90th Birthday for the Macedon CWA. What a wonderful achievement. May is the month for our State Conference, this year held at the Melbourne City Conference Centre. This is held over 3 days and involves the AGM, General resolutions and various speakers. Many of our members will be in attendance.

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Pastor Marilyn Hunter - "**ENCOURAGE CHURCH**"



A man, filled with romantic notions, decided to write a love letter to his wife. He became so caught up in writing on how unbearable life would be without her that he didn't notice she had arrived home. While he

continued to write page after page, listing how he was his wife's undying servant, she cleaned the house, did the washing and cooked in the kitchen. So involved was he in composing poetic words of his wife's incomparable beauty, he didn't notice she had dressed-up and changed her hair. When she invited him to walk in the park and watch the sunset, her husband declined; he was far too busy writing about how he loved to spend every minute in her wonderful company.



On her return, he eagerly presented her with the passionate love letter. His wife read it, gave a half smile and politely thanked him. Her husband was disappointed. He expected her to respond with romantic joy. Baffled, he asked: 'Doesn't my letter please you? Haven't I written every loving thing a woman likes to hear?'

'Yes, it's lovely, darling,' she replied quietly. 'I do appreciate your thoughts, but I would rather see your love than read about it.'

Many Mothers devote their whole life to their families only to get some nice sentiments on Mother's day. Perhaps given gifts and even told how wonderful they are. But are these just love letters for the day and not actions for the rest of the year? Do we rightfully recognise how awful our lives would be without them or are our lives a living love letter to them? Ask your Mum what she would prefer.

Words or seeing your love? Likewise Jesus gave His whole Life on earth to give us an eternal ABUNDANT life. (John 3:16)

He loved us first and longs for us to enter into a loving relationship with Him. However, some people totally ignore Him. Some sing songs to Him at Christmas and Easter. Some tell God how wonderful and glorious He is. But are we just 'writing love-letters', or is our life a living-love-letter to Him?

Ask God what he would prefer. Words or relationship with you?

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News from St Mary's Lancefield

Easter Hat Parade

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Front Row
Coco Portelli, Chelsea McCarthy, Eve Keogh, Ryan Sankey, Lachlan
Middle Row
Isabelle Lahtinen, Samuel Haslett, Kobe Lingard, Harry Wilson, Jack Turner, Aidan Abboushi
Back Row
Charlie Zoch, Lulu McTrusty, Heidi Snow, Lucas Cichy, Joshua Weigerink, Occy Cuthbert, Dermot Hanaphy

Crazy Hair Day

1/2Green 5/6Green going crazy on Crazy Hair Day



The students at St Mary's raised money for Caritas during Lent. This money helps out disadvantaged people around the world by teaching skills such as farming, money management and education. As part of our fundraising efforts the SRC decided to hold a 'Crazy Hair Day' where students made a gold coin donation which was added to our Caritas money.

Footy Clinic

The Year 1/2 students were lucky enough to participate in a Footy Clinic ran by the Essendon Football Club. Students were shown and taught some new skills by Essendon footballers - Matthew Stokes and Yestin Eades.



Opportunities for Prayer

Throughout Term 1 the students at St Mary's were lucky to participate in a number of different prayer opportunities. Three Year 6 girls helped celebrate World Day of Prayer at St Mary's in Romsey with other Churches in our area. This year the prayer service was organised by women in Cuba. The Year 3 students celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the 16th March. To help celebrate St Patrick's Day the Year 6 school leaders attended the annual St Patrick's Day Mass in at the Cathedral, the Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart.



Photo right
Madeline Smith,
Tahlia Binney &
Montana Goritchan

Photo below
Montana Goritchan,
Tom O'Sullivan,
Daniel Azzopardi,
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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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Romsey Uniting Church

Macedon Ranges Uniting Church Partnership
25 Pohlman Street, Romsey. 3434 (P.O Box 264)



Chairperson: Mr. Noel Shaw 5429 5509

Secretary: Mrs. Jenifer Clampit 54295480

Vale: Our church members and the whole community were saddened by the very sudden death of our very dear friend Verna Johnston.

She was very well known in Romsey and in the surrounding areas. Verna had been a member of the Methodist Church and later the Uniting Church all her life. She was Treasurer of the Uniting Church Adult Fellowship for 25 years a great achievement. Her funeral was truly Ecumenical.

As the poem said "I am only a whisper away". Sympathy is expressed to her family and friends.

Activities happening at Romsey Uniting Church

Sunday 15th May - 'Sunday@6' a relaxed meal and worship suitable for all ages. 6-7:30pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Sunday 29th May - 5th Sunday Partnership wide combined service. Church crawl commencing at Lancefield Uniting church at 9:30am, stopping at Romsey Uniting Church and finishing at Riddells Creek Uniting Church with a meal.

The following Bible reading and commentary is taken from 'A daily Bible reading guide based on the Revised Common Lectionary as adapted for use in the Uniting Church in Australia called - With Love to the World.'

Psalm 23:

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

Commentary:

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want?

Really?

Our whole culture is built on indoctrinating people to say "I want". I want a new car, a bigger house, a better life-style, a holiday, a new phone, the latest TV, better opportunities for my children, better health care, free education. All this wanting seems somewhat ironic when one thinks about how wealthy and free we are in Australia. Consider, for example, our current access to housing, food, education, and healthcare, and our freedom to worship.

One would think we would have realized that we do not really want for much.

But we still want. It brings to my mind that great Rolling Stones song, "I can't get no satisfaction".

This cost of saying "I want" is great not just to our culture but also to those places around the world where our Western materialism is propped up by people who earn next to nothing, some of whom could even be considered slaves - all to provide us with the things that we want. Psalm 23 redirects us to the source of our life and being as the remedy for the emptiness in our lives that we so often try to fill with stuff.

Questions: How do you temper your desire for new things? What experiences have you had of off-loading material possessions? How did it go?
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Church Services and activities during May, 2016

1st	9am.	Worship Service – conducted by Rev. Darcy Wood.
Congregational AGM after the service.		
4th	7.30pm	Church Council meeting
8th	9am	Worship Service and Communion
11th	1.30pm	UCAF meeting.
15th	9am	Worship Service - Rev. Wendy Elson
	6pm	'Sunday@6'
22nd	9am	Worship service - Rev. Wendy Elson

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WHAT IS YOUR INHERITANCE REALLY WORTH?

Great grandma's china, the silver tea service, old jewellery or the statue that was always in the hallway...are they genuine antiques or copies and what is their value? Warren Joel is the antiques valuation expert who can give you all the answers.

Coming from three generations of auctioneers, beginning in 1919 with his grandfather Leonard Joel, Warren brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise in the valuation of all aspects of fine arts.

The Zonta Club of Kyneton members are excited to once again have Warren Joel as the valuation expert at their Antiques Valuation Day on Sunday 22 May at St Mary's Hall, 24 Hutton St Kyneton.

"In 2015, Warren Joel entertained visitors from all over Central Victoria and some even came from as far as South Yarra to hear him," commented organiser Kath Breen. "Not only does he value your



treasures, but he passes on so much of his knowledge about the preservation, storage and insurance of your valuables, in a light-hearted and entertaining way that holds everyone's attention," she said.

This year, Kyneton resident Joan, is eager to hear Warren Joel's opinion of the silver jug and tray she inherited from her mother, believed to be more than 100 years old.

This is a great opportunity to find out if those family heirlooms stashed away in the back room have more than just sentimental value.

"There will be plenty to interest people who just want to come along and watch the valuations, even if they don't have anything to be valued. It's going to be a fun day." Mrs Breen encourages you to contact her to reserve your spot for a valuation so that you don't miss this rare opportunity.

Valuation Day is a fundraiser organised by Zonta Club Kyneton. Money raised on the day will support Zonta's community projects and the assembly of birthing Kits for Birthing Kits Australia.

About Zonta: Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy at local, district and international levels.

Event Specifics: Entry: \$5 per person,
Valuations: \$5 per item (maximum 3 items per person)
Refreshments: \$5 Devonshire Tea,
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Out-of-control burn-offs prompt warning!!!!



CFA is urging Victorians to take extreme care when burning off after responding to a high volume of out-of-control private burn-offs since the end of fire restrictions in the majority of municipalities.

CFA State Duty Officer James Dullard said dryer than normal conditions for this time of year have caught many residents by surprise.

CFA has responded to more than 40 burn-offs on private property in the northeast of the state alone in the past week.

"We understand residents want to take advantage of milder conditions to clean up their properties, but the effects of an out-of-control fire can be devastating," Mr Dullard said.

"It is vital people do the right thing by checking conditions, complying with local by-laws and registering their burn offs.

"Some parts of the state tomorrow will be warm and windy. If a fire is left unattended in windy conditions it can spread quickly and put neighbouring properties, homes and bushland in danger.

"It is absolutely essential that you have enough water on hand to put out a fire. There isn't enough time to run back to your house if your fire gets out of control. You also need to leave a three-metre fire break, free of flammable materials around any burn-off."

Burning off undergrowth and other vegetation is generally permitted outside of the Fire Danger Period, however landowners should register their burn-off with the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) by calling 1800 668 511.

Property owners must be aware they have legal obligations when burning off and failing to comply with local council by-laws may lead to a fine.

Mr Dullard said registering burn-offs with ESTA on 1800 668 511 would ensure the burn could be added to the state wide register.

"All calls to Triple Zero about smoke sightings are cross-checked with that register, and fire fighters are called out if nothing is listed for that location," Mr Dullard said.

"False alarm calls to unregistered burn-offs take volunteer fire fighters away from workplaces, families and other emergencies."

Keep burn-offs safe:

- Check regulations set down by your local council
- Register your burn with the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA)
- Notify neighbours at least two hours before starting the burn
- Check the weather forecast for the day of the burn and the days afterwards
- Establish a fire break of no less than three metres cleared of all flammable material
- Make sure there are enough people to monitor, contain and extinguish the burn safely



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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.
May Meeting : 26th May, 2016

Guest Speaker: Don Gray 'A Fortunate Life'

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 rprobuss.org.au

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.probussouthpacific.org Phone: 1300 630 488

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

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Bolinda Primary School Open Days



Bolinda Primary School has a friendly, welcoming environment. We like to see happy, interested learners who enjoy coming to school and who want to take advantage of the wide range of opportunities available to them. Parents are welcomed, and are welcoming at our school. In partnership with the staff, they make an enormous, appreciated contribution to the learning journey.

We aim to include our students in the learning process by making sure the purpose of learning is clear, giving them opportunities for input, encouraging their opinions, fostering the notion of responsibility for the choices they make and encouraging them to keep improving what they do. We have a strong emphasis on student welfare including school values and encouraging students to take responsibility for their own learning and behaviour. We have three classes, Prep – year 2, Year 3/4 & Year 5/6. All classes are under 13 students which allow for individual instruction addressing student needs and explicit teaching.

For a small school we are extremely well resourced with computers, art room, library, performing arts classroom, physical education storage shed, rebound wall, two sports courts, five electronic whiteboards - one in each learning space, playground, vegie garden, chicken coop and walking track. We are also active in participating in inter school sport.

We offer specialist programs in visual arts, performing arts & physical education.

We welcome visitors to our school and invite you to a tour on our open days on Thursday 12th or Tuesday 17th May 10.00 am—12.00 or by appointment at a mutually convenient time.

John Mackintosh
Principal Phone 54 285 317



Another Year, Another ANZAC Day

Last Monday was the 101st anniversary of the landing of allied forces at Gallipoli, and with it ANZAC Day services right around the country. Romsey commemorated the day with a small wreath laying service at the memorial in Main Street, and a longer, very well attended service was held at Lancefield. It was great to see so many people from all generations attending the ceremony, which seems to gather momentum each year. The involvement of local school choirs was wonderful to see and the flyover by 4 small aircraft was an unexpected addition to the event. Well done to everyone from the Romsey and Lancefield and surrounding communities for showing past and present service personnel the respect they deserve. And well done to the RSL and local groups for organising such a moving event.

BIKE SAFETY Happy Reminders

An interesting thing has been happening on the streets of Melbourne recently. A number of cyclist from Macedon Ranges who commute to Melbourne on a bike have noticed stencils of cyclist appearing on numerous back streets. These are not as a result of some guerrilla action by cycling campaigners but a concerted effort by local councils to reminder car drivers that people are out and about riding their bikes to work, to school and to the local shops. It's a simple message that we can all listen to and an initiative to be commended.

It sometimes surprises non-cyclists that the majority of cyclist out on our shared roads are using a bicycle as a form of transport and not just as a leisure activity. Perhaps in the Macedon Ranges, we are all need to remember that around each corner, particularly in our towns, there may be a mum or dad and their kids cycling to school or someone walking their dog on the side of the road. It's something we all need to think about when we are behind the wheel and anything that can help to remind us all in our busy lives, such as the stencils, is a welcome addition in my book.

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Vale Lorna Turner and Verna Johnston

The Romsey community has been saddened by the recent passing of two of its most senior citizens, Lorna Turner and Verna Johnston. Less than a year ago both of these ladies played important roles in the celebrations of Romsey Primary School's 150th anniversary. Verna was a member of the organising committee and contributed greatly with her knowledge of people, places and events, helping to develop the framework and context of many aspects of the celebrations. Lorna honoured the school by stepping in at short notice to help with the planting of the tree at the school to commemorate the 150th anniversary. The school was very grateful to have these two wonderful ladies involved in its celebrations, and would like to express its condolences to the families and many friends of Lorna and Verna.

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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-Friday by appointment) \$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. **FREE!**

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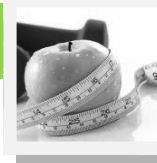
Zumba GOLD: (Thursday 9.30am-10.30am) Come join in the fun dance fitness program suitable for all ages. Low impact, move at your own pace, learn a variety of dance steps, easy to pick up. Bookings: at the House on 5429 6724 Enquiries: Karen on 0432 807 682. Offsite location: Romsey Mechanics Institute.

Equilibrium Pilates: (Mon 6.30pm-7.30pm, Tues –EOI, Thurs 9.30am-11.30am) \$15 per class Want to get more out of life? Want to increase flexibility and strength? Want to build long, lean muscle rather than bulk? Bookings: Kirsty 0419 296 555. Tuesday Night class register expressions of interest now!

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!

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.

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Let's Get Informed!

Italian lessons for Beginners-Inters:

Learn Italian with a tutor passionate about all things Italian. Contact Anita on 54270262 or 0447 249 709.

First Aid for Parents: NEW! Covers, CPR, choking, drowning, convulsions, injuries, allergies and anaphylaxis, fractures, bleeding, burns, bites and stings. Taking expressions of interest. Need a min. of 6

First Aid Level 1 & 2: NEW! (Sat 14th May, 11th June 9am-3.30pm) Cost: \$95. HLTAID003 -Update your First Aid with this Nationally Accredited Course which includes HLTAID001- Provide CPR. Complete the theory component online and then complete the accelerated 1 day practical component. Or undertake your annual refresher \$70 Bookings essential: 5429 6724.

Boat Licence: NEW! Register now to book in for a boat licence course \$95 or combined jet ski \$135. **Next Date: 1st June.**

Health & Wellbeing: NEW! Register your interest in the following workshops: **Workshop 1: Understanding Trauma, Loss and Grief.**

Date TBA: 7.00pm-9.30pm, **Workshop 2: Supporting Your Children through Loss and Grief. Monday 25th April 7.00pm-9.30pm. Cost: \$25.** For more details enquire and book at the House, limited places available!

Creating the Best You! From Crap to Happy! NEW! Up and coming workshops. Be empowered to live the life you deserve! Do you want to get more out of Life? Do you feel things are ok but could be better? Are you suffering physically or emotionally? Book into these workshops with Gillian enquiries 0409 801082.

Cambridge Weight Plan FREE Tasting and Information

Session NEW! (Tuesday 21st June 7pm-8.30pm) Beat the winter blues! Make winter all about you and find out why Cambridge Weight Plan was voted the Best Weight Management Program for 2015. Cost: FREE! Enquiries and booking Christine on 0413 399 786 or the House.

Ipad, Android and Iphone for Beginners: Book in now with Sara at the Romsey library and learn those handy basics. 5429 3086 or sarab@ncgrl.vic.gov.au. Free!

Let's Get Together!

Morning Tea Group: Come along every 3rd

Friday of month for a cuppa, chat and a great morning tea. Meet with others in your community and enjoy great company, conversation, and food. All welcome! \$Gold Coin donation.

Garden Club: (3rd Tuesday of month) \$2 per meeting. This vibrant club with over 75 members visits gardens and nurseries, shares gardening knowledge, swaps cuttings, and assists members with gardening dilemmas! Now having visited over 45 gardens. Enquires: Allan on 5429 5427 or John on 5429 5990 for exciting excursions coming up....this year!



Let's Get Cooking!

Cooking for All Seasons Series: Back

by popular demand! Join us each term in tantalising our tastebuds with this delicious seasonal cooking series. 3 hour workshops using local and in-season produce to create a delicious 3 course Italian and Mediterranean meals. Join us for the next series learning to cook easy meals the whole family will love, then enjoy the meal over a glass of wine. **Workshop 1 - Autumn Mediterranean Cuisine** (Sunday 1pm - 4pm. Date to be confirmed) Cost: \$45 Bookings essential. Limited places.

Gluten Free & Traditional Bread Making Made Easy:

NEW! (Sat 21st May 9.30am-1.30pm) Learn how to make healthy, gluten free breads including sourdough, olive & herb bread, soaked fruit bread & pizza dough simply and easy enough to cook everyday. Cost \$80 Enquiries: Emily on 0408 857 659 or register your interest at the House. Includes all these breads to sample as well as take-home sour dough starter & recipe book. Also 2hr course avail for \$40 register your interest now for both



Let's Get Involved!

Romseyhouse Book Club: NEW! Seek-

ing expressions of interest to join a casual book club during the day. Monthly get together to share and discuss reading of the month. Donations going towards local school libraries to encourage the joy of reading amongst our youth. All welcome, light refreshments provided. Contact the House to register. 4th Friday of Month 11.00am.

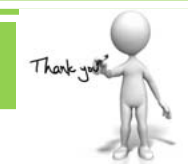
Romsey Community Mural Project : NEW! Yay! We've been successful in applying for grants to go ahead! Contact us if you'd like to be involved in this all ages community initiative! Commencing this term!

Romsey Village Vegie Tubs & Karinya Garden Mentor Project- Incredible Edibles Initiative NEW! We need helpers to get this initiative up and running, particularly those with a green thumb! Help create a community garden at the RNH and beyond at Karinya.

Days for Girls International - NEW! Interested in joining this initiative to help get washable feminine hygiene kits to girls across the globe? Range of ways to participate as well as monthly kit making sessions! 1st Monday of Month 11.30am-3.30pm.

Knitting Knockers Community Knit Up & Twiddlemuffs NEW! Are you a knitter? Romsey join us in these community initiatives to support those with breast cancer and dementia. Help us to knit prosthetic breasts and aids for those with dementia. Free kits available at the House as well as knockers available for **FREE for those in need of them. Help spread the word!**

Bus Trips This Term: Via Romsey/Lancefield Social Club: 1st Wed of the Month: 4th May - The Mill Market Daylesford, 1st June- Ruffy "The Old Jug" Seymour Club & lunch Puckapunyal Army Museum. \$40 includes trip, entry, morning tea. Bookings 5429 1602 Rae Hooke.



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