

**Romsey Golf Club –  
Men's & Women's Reports**  
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### Tuesday September 13<sup>th</sup>

After another heavy downpour on Monday and Tuesday the Match Committee decided to "Close The Course" until further notice. The course is so soft that any golfer would have great difficulty walking the 18 holes and serious damage would be done to the surfaces. It looks like we will have to wait for the course to dry out before we can get mowers out to cut the expected burst of spring growth. With a bit of luck the men's and women's 2016 Club Championships will be concluded in November.

### Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup> 2nd Rd Club Championships

For six days, no rain, good sun and wind and the course really beginning to dry out and firm up, mowers and club members were again at work and the whole of Romsey Park was looking good, then came Friday with 20 - 30 mm of rain that soon had all fairways and greens hosting casual water. Playing would not only have been extremely difficult but would have cut the course up so the 2nd Rd of the 2016 Championship was postponed until Sat Sept 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup> - 2nd Rd Club Championships

It was the second round of the 2016 women's championships and you could not have asked for a better day for golf, clear sunny skies, almost no wind and not the slightest hint of rain. The course was steadily coming out of its rain induced "sloppy period" and the greens had firmed considerably. Players found the warmer air allowed them extra distance off the tee but there was little run on the fairways. Players witnessed a few balls "skipping" off casual water and the occasional "gobbler" helped keep the scoring down. On a beautiful day, on an improving course the results were;

**18 Hole Winner;** Darlene Baker - 102/28/74

**Nine Hole Winner;** Jenny Hartley - 69/21/48

**Least Putts;** Leila Beasley - 31

**Rd 2 - 2016 Club Championships**  
**Stroke;** Darlene Baker - 205 from Kath Jekabsons - 226

### Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup> - 1st Rd Club Championships

The 1st round of the Club Championships got underway with the sun shining and barely a breath of wind. The course had soaked up an enormous amount of rain during July and August but was looking good on Friday, unfortunately steady rain early on Saturday morning put casual water back on to almost every fairway. Again the eastern end of the the park was very wet with sheets of water just off the 6th fairway and along the boundary fence. Conditions were tough but a number of players took that in their stride and

recorded excellent scores, given the state of the course. On a beautiful, sunny early spring day, on an extremely wet course the results were;

**Winner;** Andrew Clement - 82/11/71 C/B from Daniel Wright - 77/6/71 & Anthony Lakey - 92/21/71 with Les Gaunt - 77/4/73 & Rob Rea - 91/18/73

**NTPs;** 15<sup>th</sup> - Sherif Abdel-Sayed & 16<sup>th</sup> - Mal Mottram

**Rd 1 - 2016 Club Championships**  
**A Grade** **Stroke;** Les Gaunt - 77, Daniel Wright - 77

**Handicap;** Andrew Clement - 82/11/71, Daniel Wright - 77/6/71  
**B Grade**  
**Stroke;** Rob Rea - 91, Anthony Lakey - 92  
**Handicap;** Anthony Lakey - 92/21/71, Rob Rea - 91/18/73

### Wednesday August 31<sup>st</sup> - 1st Rd Club Championships & August Medal

For the 2nd week there was no rain and a little sun at the beginning of the round. The warmer air saw all players gain more distance off the tee however, the soft fairways soon pulled balls up. The dryer weather of recent days had allowed members on to the course for general maintenance and mowing; Romsey Park looked wonderful. It will be a challenge to maintain this once the rapid growth of spring really hits. On a warmer day the results were;

**Winner & August Medalist;** Darlene Baker - 103/30/73 from Kath Jekabsons - 106/26/77

**Least Putts;** Kath Jekabsons - 31

### Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> - Monthly Medal - Stroke & Putts

The round began under overcast skies with a gusting northerly wind. The course was still very wet so "Relief Through The Green" was again given. Two fairways in particular were very soft but almost all casual water had receded except along the eastern boundary and the edge of the 6th fairway where water still lay in large sheets. The sun shone through for a few hours during the middle of the round but once it disappeared behind the clouds the cold really settled in. The inconsistent wind, the soft course and the cold air all conspired to make it a very difficult day on which to post a good score. On another tough day the results were;

**Winner and August Medallist;** Chris vanDerVliet - 102/25/77 C/B from Scott Williams - 95/18/77

**NTPs;** 15<sup>th</sup> Sherif Abdel-Sayed **Least Putts;** Rob Rea - 28

### Wednesday August 24<sup>th</sup> - Stableford, Secret Nine

For the second week running there were clear skies and some warmth from the sun. The course was still very heavy; plugging balls as they landed and sapping the legs as the field wound its way through the 18 holes. A couple of players managed to grab a "gobbler" but generally it was very difficult to post a good score. The day's

results were;

**Winner;** Darlene Baker (31) - 32 pts  
**Secret Nine Winner;** Elaine Scanlon (30) - 13 pts, C/B from Kath Jekabsons (27)

### Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup> - Guest Day - 4BBB Pairs - Stableford

After a week of strong, drying winds and good sunshine the course was put right back by steady rain during Friday morning so "relief Through The Green" was again given. A good field had gathered for the event and there was plenty of amicable stirring before the hit-off. A number of guests were pleasantly surprised by how well the course had handled the ongoing wet, there was casual water on many fairways but really only two were badly effected. The 4BBB Stableford format was perfect for the day. The Relative Pairs, a RGC Shield event was tightly contested however, after a few holes it was clear that there were really only two teams with a chance of winning. The men's pairs fought out a tight competition and the result was only decided after a three-way count-back. The round took its toll with one player heading off for stitches after a ball ricocheted off a tree, another hobbling off at the 16<sup>th</sup> with a wrenched knee and a third pulling the pin as his buggy's batteries wound down; it was a very weary field that trudged in between 4.45 pm and 5.15 pm. On a tough day the results were;

**Relative Pairs**  
**Winners;** John



In July Brian Meldrum, a journalist with the GolfVic Magazine visited Kilmore, Romsey and Woodend Golf Courses. Brian has been running a series on country golf clubs and it as the turn of our area to be represented. The three page article gave a good run-down of each club and was very positive about both the clubs and their courses. Lets hope many golfers read it and all three clubs receive more visitors and see an increase in both memberships and green fees.

The heavy rain of July, August and September have seen large sheets of water accumulate on the eastern boundary of Romsey Park. The club has discussed this problem with the Shire and there was an on-site meeting to see just how serious the pooling was and to decide how best to get this water away. Plans are being drawn up for a drain along much of the eastern boundary. Hopefully this will solve the problem.

In recent days the golf club has been working to assist the Football/Netball club prepared for the RDFL Grand Final. Drains have been cleared and expanded allowing water to flow more freely from the oval across the golf course and out to

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Some groups play cards, others sit and chat or play indoor bowls. For those who don't drive, we have a council bus that will pick you up and drop you off in the afternoon.

**Once a month** we have professional cooks who come in and give us a 2 course lunch. This meal is \$10.  
We also have a **Bus Trip** to some very interesting places on the first Wednesday of the month with a 2 course meal and morning tea. Trips are \$40 which includes your lunch.  
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**@7.30 PM**  
To be held at the Romsey Community Hub  
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Enquiries: Joanne Cooper (Secretary)



### Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA) UPDATE

#### Romsey Streetscape Project Update

Following the public display of the Romsey Streetscape Project concept plans, a report has been submitted from RRBATA to Macedon Ranges Shire Council to facilitate the application process for Regional Development Victoria funding. Meanwhile, St Mary's Romsey has contacted RRBATA to commence a collaborative approach to some landscape garden works fronting Main Street Romsey on the church site so that there is some "dovetailing" into the overall streetscape "look". RRBATA is excited about this. Although the concept plan has been drafted, working groups continue to meet and refine the details of concept ideas for inclusion in the project.

#### RRBATA Membership Package

RRBATA is currently formulating a new membership package aimed at attracting more local businesses as financial members. This will assist RRBATA to become a stronger advocacy body for business and tourism in the Romsey region as well as facilitate the ongoing relationship of mutual support between business and local community.

#### Light Up The Sky 2016 – RESCHEDULED TO SATURDAY OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup> 2016

**DON'T FORGET** : This event has been reconvened to **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016 from 6pm at the Romsey Lions Reserve (Skate Park).**

The inaugural CFA Tug of War Cup promises to be a highlight, along with all the usual activities, entertainment and grand finale Fireworks display.

Community groups or sporting clubs wishing to conduct a food-focussed stall on the night should contact Jenny Stillman [jennys-tillman@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jennys-tillman@optusnet.com.au) Ph. 0412 349849.



RRBATA wishes to acknowledge the Romsey Community Bank branch of the Bendigo Bank as being a major sponsor of the

#### planned fireworks display.

#### Romsey Town Pride

Following the success of the inaugural **Clean Up Romsey Day** earlier this year, the Town Pride working group has decided to build on it for next year, setting a date for next year of *Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017*. In addition, RRBATA's Town Pride working group is calling for expressions of interest from Romsey residents who would like to be involved in the Tidiest Street category of the Australian Tidy Towns competition for 2017. This would hopefully be a forerunner for a whole town entry in following years.

#### Christmas In Romsey 2016

This will be exciting. The Arts Culture Events (ACE) working group has exciting activities planned including the Christmas Decorations and Lights Competition for individual houses, streets and businesses to be involved in. For more information, see Romsey Online and RRBATA Facebook.

And then there is the Romsey Christmas Tree installation and Community Carols Event (10<sup>th</sup> December). It's all happening in Romsey this Christmas!!!




#### 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](mailto:info@romsey.org.au).

#### Membership Enquiries:

Sharyn Ede (Secretary)  
Phone: 0403 429161



  
**Wartime mysteries in Woodend.**  
Macedon Ranges Film Society's September screening featured the compelling drama **'The Imitation Game'**.


Based loosely on Andrew Hodges biography of Alan Turing, the film stars Benedict Cumberbatch as the real life cryptanalyst Alan Turing. Turing worked for British military during WW2 designing and building a 'computer-like' decoding machine to decrypt German military messages. In so doing, helped shorten the war saving many lives.

The film, also starring Kiera Knightley as Joan Clark, Turing's assistant and faux love interest, touches on attitudes to, and vilification of, homosexuality. Turing, a homosexual, was prosecuted as such in 1952. He committed suicide in 1954.

Another contentious issue addressed in the film was that having cracked the code, the British kept this a secret so the Germans would not be alerted to the fact that their information was known; as a result some acts of war were allowed to be committed against the British, costing many lives.

The Macedon Ranges Film Society meets on the second Wednesday each month at Woodend Community Centre. Film notes and an informal supper are part of the evening. MRFS is a membership-based club; initial enquiries by email to [mrfilmsociety@gmail.com](mailto:mrfilmsociety@gmail.com) or call Lorraine 5427 0921 or Christine 5429 5452

Right: Film Society members decoding "Imitation Game" film notes.





# THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH, LANCEFIELD AND ST. PAUL'S ROMSEY



News - October 2016  
FORSAKEN

*FORSAKEN - what a sad and lonely word that is, speaking of desolation, loneliness, abandonment - yet there are many in our society today experiencing this feeling, not knowing which way to turn, leading many to suicide, especially the young. We question what has gone wrong within our nation that we are seeing so much discord and discontent in the lives of our people young and old, displayed in many acts of violence, the need for drugs and angry demonstrations. We are a nation which has lost its way. Jesus Christ, the Lover of Souls, said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life....Follow Me.." God has promised never to leave us nor forsake us but it is we ourselves who have forsaken Him. He has given us free will to chose our own way but longs for us to CHOOSE His way and will. When we choose our own path, He leaves us with the consequences of our choices and bitter they can be as evidenced in our society today. Jesus knew what it was like to be forsaken when He cried out on the Cross, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me." (Mark 15:34.) It was the load of mankind's sin He was bearing that cut Him off from His Heavenly Father for the first time since the beginning of time. Sin separates! We are separated from God until we put our trust in Jesus as our Saviour and acknowledge our sinful state and seek His forgiveness and restoration. We then have One Who loves us and walks with us to guide, strengthen and hearten us in our daily round. God Who made us, loves us and in Christ, died for us, says, "Come to Me"! Why don't you? Thy way, not mine, O Lord, however dark it be;*

*Lead me by Thine own Hand, .Choose out the path for me. Not mine, not mine the choice, In things or great or small; Be Thou my Guide, my Strength, My Wisdom, and my All. H. Bonar*

*Last month a happy snooker night was enjoyed by AMS members at Marj. Davis' home, especially the lamingtons she made. At the Bush Church Aid lunch St.John's Highton, the Rev. Neville Naden, minister of the Indigenous Church, Broken Hill, spoke of his desire that his people should know Jesus as their Saviour and Lord. His son, Nathaniel, is studying for a Bachelor of Divinity Degree at Moore Theological College, Sydney and is only the third Aboriginal to do so in its 160 years.*

**OCTOBER 2016**  
Thurs. 13th 7.30pm.AMS meets. Annual Meeting. Christ Church Hall Lancefield. Enq. Tom 5429-6060  
Sun.16th..5pm..HEALING SERVICE. Christ Church. Lancefield.. Rev. W. Carroll

Diary Date. Special DAVID HOBSON CONCERT at "NARDOO" Monegeetta. Sun.27th Nov.5.30pm.  
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**SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES - HOLY COMMUNION**  
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Rev.W. Carroll 5429-138 0427-918-607



## Romsey Primary School News

This month's reporters are from 5/6LS – the whole class! We hope you enjoy reading all about the activities that have occurred throughout our school this past month. We have enjoyed talking to teachers and students to provide this information for you.

### Breakfast Club Cheque

Romsey Primary School was recently presented with a cheque f\$420 by Lion Pam Amezdorz, on behalf of the Romsey—Lancefield Lions Club, to support our Breakfast Club. We thank the Lions for this generous donation.



### DISTRICT / DIVISION ATHLETICS

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August saw 46 very enthusiastic Romsey Primary School competitors travel to Bendigo to participate in the Cobaw District Athletics event. We had a very successful day, with many of our students coming away with ribbons. Our students displayed the great sportsmanship and amazing effort that Romsey students are renowned for. Congratulations to the following 11 students who placed 1st in their events and progressed to the Division Championships on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

**Billy S - Discus, Judd R - 800m, Relay, Hurdles, Shot Put, Emily M - Hurdles, Leroy R – Hurdles, Jonah E - Hurdles, Long Jump, Harry B - Long Jump, Relay, 100m, Emma Mc - High Jump, Jesse H - High Jump, Noah E - High Jump, Triple Jump, Matthew M - Relay and Matthew H - Relay.**

They all had a very successful day at the Division Athletics and again all students showed great sportsmanship. The following students were very successful and will be representing the district at the Regional Athletics competition in term 4. Congratulations to - Judd R, Harry B, Noah E and Jonah E.

### Father's Day Raffle Winners



This year Romsey Primary School had a Father's Day Raffle – this was well received by the school community and hundreds of tickets were purchased. Everyone was trying to win the at least one of the fabulous prizes on offer for Dad – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Webber BBQ., 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Large Toblerone., 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Dad Pamper Pack. Below are photos of our lucky winners.

Above: Grace accepted first prize on behalf of her dad at our raffle draw on Monday. Second prize was collected by Maddie and Sarah and Bailey took home third prize for his dad.

### Mary-Anne Thomas' Visit to Romsey Primary School

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August Romsey Primary School had our local member of Parliament, Mary-Anne Thomas, visit the school to present three books to us as a gift for our participation in the Premiers Reading Challenge. Ms Thomas read the book "Big Fat Cows" by Andy Griffiths to 2/3ND and then presented the books to Taylor, the class Student Council representative.



### THE ROMSEY BOYS HAVE DONE IT AGAIN



Congratulations to our boys basketball team who won the Division Basketball Championships in Bendigo on Friday the 2nd and are now progressing to the Regional Championships in Swan Hill on October 28th. We were not only very proud of the boy's outstanding performance but also the wonderful sportsmanship and encouragement they showed each other and their opposition. Good luck next term boys! They seem to be following in the path of our Girls Netball team success J

### Festival of Nations!

To culminate the end of Education Week all classes chose a country that was represented at the recent Rio Olympic Games and celebrated 'Festival of the Nations'. During the weeks prior students were involved in learning about their country and made items to sell at mini-markets during our 'Festival of the Nations' open day. On the afternoon of Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September Romsey Primary School invited parents and siblings to attend help us celebrate. Classes were timetabled to explore all atriums throughout the school and purchase items (10c each) from each class's mini-market). The day was a wonderful opportunity for students to expand their knowledge of the wider world. Their work and displays were outstanding. Everybody loved preparing for Festival of the Nations and on the day it was even better! We raised \$251 on the day for our sponsor child Latifatou in Niger.



The Babushka Doll Stall - Russia  
Niagra Falls Display - Canada  
Mini Market - Brazil



Enrolments for 2017  
If you are planning to enrol your child at Romsey primary School for the 2017 school year please contact the school on 5429 5099 for an enrolment and information pack. Planning is now under way for next so enrolments need to be lodged as soon as possible. If you would like a tour of the school or have any queries please phone Mrs Loren Peavey, Principal, on 5429 5099.



## Yes – There is a NEW DATE!

# LIGHT UP THE SKY

## Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2016

from 6 pm

### Lions Reserve (Skate Park), Romsey

## CFA Tug of War Cup

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**2016 COUNCIL ELECTIONS  
MACEDON RANGES SHIRE  
EAST WARD**

RE-ELECT  
**GRAHAM HACKETT**

**VOTE 1**

**LOCAL INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE  
FOR LOCAL SUPPORT & DECISIONS**

Dear Residents,

Having been elected as one of the East Ward Councillor representatives for the past Four Years has been a rewarding and truly marvellous experience. "THANKYOU"!

One of the many highlights enjoyed was being voted as the Mayor for the past 12 months.

Councillors need to be committed, both working for the Community and advocating for the population. Something I have really enjoyed is being able to "make a difference".

I have represented Council at Local, State, Federal and International Functions and have always held the Macedon Ranges Shire and in particular my local community in the highest of regard.

I would like your consent to continue to work with and represent the following: Tourism Macedon Ranges; The Agri-Business Forum; REIN the Equine Industry Forum; Sport and Recreation; Maternal and Child Health; Aged Care Health & Welfare; Youth Mental Health and Peer support, Community Open Space, Alternate Energies and Sustainability etc...

Candidates must be independent. Local Government does not accommodate for party alignment or faction affiliations. Candidates need to adjudicate as individuals and be independent decision makers.

I would like your support to finish what we have started so, Let's get the job DONE... TOGETHER!!

Please contact me to pledge support & discuss any issues or ideas to enhance our community, and Shire.

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**Barton (Seymour) Cottage is a division of  
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(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 JULY 31<sup>ST</sup> - AND THE LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH THROUGH-OUT 2016.

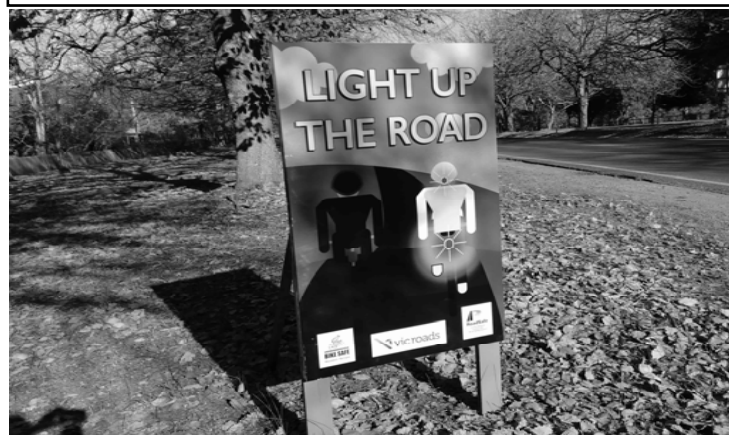
*The opening of the Cottage on the last Sunday in August saw the grounds looking at their best; the spring flowers – daffodils, jonquils, hellebores, pink flowering currants - were looking a delight. There is a lovely tranquil atmosphere around the Cottage and it is always a privilege to see the birds making it their feeding station. The Eastern Spinebills and the New Holland Honeyeaters adopt the currants; there are often 4 or 5 on the same bush. October will see the roses starting to bloom and we hope to be able to identify some of them. If you have any knowledge of the older varieties of roses, do come along and help us put a name to the rose!*

Mini working bees on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in the month are working well. Just an hour's work - from 10 to 11 - and then a coffee at one of the great cafes Romsey has to offer. Just phone to check if you are coming along for the first time, in case we've had to change plans. The grounds are looking trimmer, (though rose pruning was not done) and we are slowly rejuvenating some compacted areas. The end purpose is to make the upkeep as simple as possible. The 'inside staff' are busily working through the display items and are trialling a program to be used for all our items.

Our October open day will again be a celebration of the United Nations accredited CHILDREN'S DAY.

Last year we had great fun with old fashioned (and simple) favourites such as Apple Bobbing, Hopscotch, Egg 'n Spoon Race, Butterfly Catching (a providential number of butterflies were out and about, though none were caught!) etc. Do come along and enjoy the day! That's OCTOBER 30<sup>th</sup>, 11 TO 2.

Warm regards,  
Ruth (0415 256 911; jandrgreen@hotmail.com) on behalf of the Cottage Friends



The Kyneton Badminton Association's summer season begins on 3rd October. New players of all ages and abilities are always welcome. Competition is held on Monday nights from 7:00pm at the Kyneton Toyota Sports Centre. For more details contact Kevin Roberts on 5422 3057.



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## SPRING LECTURE AT NEWHAM SURE TO DRAW A CROWD 'TUNING INTO TEENS' HELP FOR PARENTS OF TEENS FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER AT 7.30PM

For a number of years, Newham Mechanics Institute has been hosting Friday night lectures through the winter months on a range of diverse topics. Inviting speakers from a seemingly endless pool of locals with fascinating career histories and highly specialised expertise, the lectures have proven extremely popular, attracting large audiences to hear anecdotes and advice on prisons, jewellery, food fermentation, coal mining, dementia, and much more.

Now, the Institute's lectures are moving out of winter and into spring with a new event coming soon in October. Laura Spencer is a social worker who specialises in families. She currently works in a local secondary school supporting teenagers and their parents through the joys and challenges of adolescence. With her presentation entitled 'Tuning Into Teens' and a Q&A session afterwards, the evening promises to offer some brilliant insights for parents of teens. Laura says, "I see it as picking up some detective skills I use to decipher the often baffling choices and actions of Generation Z."

President of the Newham Mechanics Institute, Stephen Mitchell, is excited about the expansion of the lecture series program. "Many people are not aware that Victoria's Mechanics Institutes were originally established to provide adult education, particularly in technical subjects, to working men. Our lectures are held in the spirit of these early ideals and draw on an incredible breadth of talent within our local community."

"In the past, we've had Atholl Guy of The Seekers and Olympic gold medallist Tom King. The evenings are friendly, entertaining and informative. We have the bar open an hour before the talk and offer a range of snacks. There's always a great atmosphere and plenty of discussion and debate. They are very lively evenings!"

Laura Spencer's 'Tune Into Teens' will be held at 7.30pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at the Newham Mechanics Institute. Entry is a gold coin donation on the night.

Free bookings can be made at [www.trybooking.com/NDCH](http://www.trybooking.com/NDCH) or calling the Newham General Store on 5427 0766 or [kayemontebello@hotmail.com](mailto:kayemontebello@hotmail.com)

### Romsey Rag Review

**Calling everyone who has a view on the future of the Romsey Rag!**

We are conducting a long-overdue review of the Romsey Rag, which has been published continuously since 1984. Come along and put forward your views at a public meeting and shape the future of the Rag as our town's local newsletter.

We invite local residents, representatives of clubs and other organisations, current Rag volunteers, businesses and anyone else with an interest in the Rag.

Meetings will be held at the Romsey Neighbourhood House on

**Tuesday November 8th at 10.30am and  
Thursday November 10th at 6.30pm**

At these meetings we will be seeking ideas and suggestions for how the Rag will:

Look in the future  
Be delivered in the future  
The frequency of publication  
And a host of other issues.

Please come along and share your thoughts!  
RSVP to 5429 5099 (ask for Robyn) or the Romsey Rag  
email address: [romseyrag@romsey.ps.vic.edu.au](mailto:romseyrag@romsey.ps.vic.edu.au)



**Macedon Ranges**  
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**Term 4 news from Romsey Recreation Centre**

With activities, fitness classes and services, as well as facilities for hire, Romsey Recreation Centre is ready and waiting for you to come and pay us a visit!

**Junior Volleyball:** Romsey Recreation Centre is excited to offer volleyball for girls and boys aged 8–14 years of age. The only junior volleyball program in the area, games will be held Wednesday from 4.50pm. Register your child now!

**Shooting Hoops and Goal Kick:** Come along and enjoy our popular pre-competition basketball program, Shooting Hoops, which is held on Tuesdays from 4pm–4.45pm. Shooting Hoops is aimed at children aged 5–10 years and a great way for beginners to learn the basic skills and rules of basketball. Goal Kick is held Fridays, from 4pm–4.45pm.

**Junior basketball and soccer skills:** Expressions of interest are now sought from parents for both boys and girls basketball and soccer skills starting in October. Available for beginners and experienced basketball players.

U13 basketball games are held Mondays from 4.50pm, U11 games are held Thursdays from 4pm.

U12 soccer games are held on Fridays from 4.50pm, with U15 soccer games from 6.30pm Fridays.

**Senior soccer:** Registrations are now open for teams and individuals for our indoor summer soccer competition, with games held Tuesdays from 6pm.

**Strength for Health:** Increase your muscle strength and power, and your ability to perform the tasks of daily living at this progressive strength training program for older adults. Suitable for mature adults returning from injury. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10.30am.

**Staying Strong:** Keep up your health and fitness regimes with this group circuit class for the mature adult. Our qualified instructor Debbie takes participants through a range of exercises designed to build muscle and cardiovascular strength. Bookings are not required. Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at 10.30am. For more information, call Debbie Beltrame 0412 051 002.

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For more information call Debbie Beltrame on 0412 051 002.

**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](mailto:tigakarate@yahoo.com.au)

**Women's netball:** Expressions of interest are now being sought from Romsey District Netball Association for their summer competition. Call Christine on 5429 5582 or email [romseydistrictnetball@hotmail.com](mailto:romseydistrictnetball@hotmail.com) for more information.

**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 Tuesdays from 9am–1pm, and Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am–2pm. To find out more call Rebecca Wilson 0409 407 696 or email [romseyoccasionalcare@hotmail.com](mailto:romseyoccasionalcare@hotmail.com)

**Looking to play squash?** Two squash courts are available for casual or regular hire, with racquets and also balls available. Bookings are essential.

Informal squash matches, organised by the Macedon Ranges Squash Club are also held at the centre Tuesday's from 7.30pm. There's also the opportunity to join more formal competitions run from the Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre on Mondays and Thursdays from 7pm, as well as practice on Tuesday evenings from 7pm.

To find out more call Bruce from the Macedon Ranges Squash Club on 0402 595 358 or [sohmorgan@yahoo.com](mailto:sohmorgan@yahoo.com).

For more information on Romsey Recreation Centre programs, classes, services or facilities for hire, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/RRC](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/RRC), email [rrc@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:rrc@mrsc.vic.gov.au) or phone 5429 5637.

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## Notice of Annual General Meeting

### **AMENDED DATE**

The 2016 Annual General Meeting for the **Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association Incorporated** will be held on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016**, commencing at 7.30pm at Romsey Community Hub, Romsey.

**Members and Guests WELCOME.**

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## MACEDON RANGES WINE AND FOOD Budburst FESTIVAL

The Macedon Ranges Wine and Food BUDBURST Festival is on again, and growing!

Thanks to the support of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council's new Festivals and Events program, the annual Macedon Ranges Wine and Food "Budburst" Festival will be on again on 12 and 13 November, showcasing the superb wine and food that is on offer in the region.

With the grant from Council the Macedon Ranges Vignerons Association has redeveloped the festival website, **budburst.com** and has a great social media presence that celebrates the region's wine and food offerings. You have the entire weekend to take in the stunning vistas and taste the best wine and food that the Macedon Ranges has to offer. With 32 wineries holding tastings at over 19 venues in some of our most spectacular countryside, it's the perfect time to gather your friends and plan a fun-filled springtime weekend.

Working in collaboration with Organs Coaches, the festival organisers have arranged buses to take people around to various venues over the festival weekend. The buses will leave from Woodend and Kyneton train stations and you can choose from a selection of itineraries on both the Saturday and Sunday. At only \$35 a seat the buses are an ideal way for festival-loving locals and groups to visit the wineries.

There are also special festival dinners held at some of Macedon Ranges' best and award winning local restaurants.



Visit the website for a full program of wineries and events and to book your Week-end Wineries Pass for just \$20, which includes a tasting glass.



# Romsey Christmas Lights & Decorations Competition 2016



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### Lions Changeover

On Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of August 2016 Lancefield/Romsey Lions had their change over at the Lancefield Hotel.

The night was bright and cheery with the induction of Milos Starec as president for 2016/2017 and three extra events for the night. One was the induction of a new member Shantelle Grant by 3rd VDG Murray Bau

The second was the handing over of 2 cheques to Murray Bau the Chairman for ALF & LCIF by Past President Werner Ladzik.

The third was Werner Ladzik & Sharyn Ede presenting a cheque to Rebecca Day Chairman for Aust. Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation.





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I suppose everyone is sick of the recent heavy rain but every time it rains the CoM smile as we know the building is now weather proof; no more rushing down to the hall to put out buckets or to mop up.

With the RMI moving towards the end of our Development Plan process, there has been good feedback from regular and casual users as well as discussions with a variety of MRSC and DELWP representatives. The CoM will meet with the consultant to discuss a draft report with a final report due by early November.

This October we will be awaiting the results of two applications for funds, the first for stage one of our heater upgrade and the second for the repair and restoration of the two WW1 Honour Rolls, fingers crossed.

Over the past months we have hosted a number of birthday parties, a wedding and some business events. It is an excellent opportunity for so many of the community to get inside the RMI to see its potential and to recognise what refurbishments works are needed.

It is very pleasing when members of the community comment of the success of our recent works, the freshly painted and rendered façade, the new lace curtains in all front windows and the success of the modifications to the hall heaters. It is good to know that we are on the right track and that our work is appreciated.

Plans for the 2017 Antiques Fair, Sat 18<sup>th</sup> & Sun 19<sup>th</sup> of March, are well in hand; this time the fair will be only on the Saturday. A number of stallholders have already committed with few others still deciding. We will have an antiques appraiser at the hall on the Sunday; valuations will cost \$5.00 per item or \$12.00 for three. More information of this event in the next few reports.

If you are planning something, a birthday, an anniversary, an engagement or any other function please consider the RMI our web site gives a good idea as to what we have to offer. Bookings and all inquiries can be made at; [rmibookings@gmail.com](mailto:rmibookings@gmail.com). We are very happy to discuss your function, show you through the hall or supper room and explain the hire process.  
Anthony Lakey - Chair - RMI - CoM

### ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB NEWS

With the bowls season fast approaching, it has been great to see so many of our established members back on the bowling green looking forward to a successful season both on and off the green. The Club has gained new members however we are always on the lookout for increased numbers as several players have departed. In addition, a couple of players who for various reasons were not available last season look likely to return.

To date we have had a practice match against Kilmore and it was a great hit out. The Kilmore members did us proud by putting on a marvellous spread following the game. The social side of bowls is what helps to make the game so enjoyable. Further practice matches have been arranged against Wallan and Broadford Bowling Clubs.

The official opening of the Club for the coming 2016/17 season was held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 12.30 p.m. which coincided with the Wallan practice match.

During the off season major works were carried out to our barbecue area. This will be a real asset to the Club and its members. We are looking forward to spending many happy hours sitting in this area on the balmy summer evenings.

As previously mentioned we are always on the lookout for new members whether they be experienced or novice bowlers. From now until the conclusion of the season in March, practice will take place of a Thursday and Friday evenings. If you would like to have a go or learn more about the game then feel free to drop in from around 4.30 p.m. onwards. Bowls and tuition are available. You will be warmly welcomed.

The initial membership fee for all new players is \$80 or half of the annual full membership. Saturday Pennant commences on 8th October and Midweek Pennant commences on Tuesday 4th October. For further information regarding the Romsey Bowling Club please contact either Andrew Laing (Chairman) 0417 358

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The Romsey/Lancefield Probuss has 40 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, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month**  
**St. Mary's Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey.**  
**October Meeting : 27th October, 2016**

**Guest Speaker:** William Terry from Macedon Ranges Shire Council, talking on bio-diversity - what Council is doing, and how the community can get involved.

\*Outing on Wednesday 19th October, Bus Trip to Healesville and Yarra Glen.

\*Ten Pin Bowling dates are:- 14th & 28th October, meet at AMF Bowling at Watergardens at 10am.

\*Coffee Mornings at 10am - 7th & 23rd October at Old Mates Cafe Romsey.

Now you are retired or close to retiring from work come and join the friendly folk in the Romsey & Lancefield Probuss Club and learn more about what Probuss 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 Probuss Club [rprobuss.org.au](http://rprobuss.org.au)

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

You can check out the Probuss South Pacific website to find out more about how Probuss was formed 40 years ago and what it has achieved. [www.probussouthpacific.org](http://www.probussouthpacific.org)

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

#### MASS TIMES

**Saturday:**  
 6.00 p.m. Lancefield  
**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month:**  
 8.00 a.m. Lancefield and 10.00 a.m. Romsey  
**2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month:**  
 8.00 a.m. Romsey and 10.00 a.m. Lancefield

#### ROSARY

Saturdays 9:45am Romsey

#### RECONCILIATION

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

#### BAPTISMS

2016 – By request  
 For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

#### REGULAR EVENTS

**Christian Meditation Group:** Each Monday evening  
 6:00 p.m. Romsey Church – all welcome  
 Enquiries: Barry 5429 3311

**St. Mary's Drop-In:** First Thursday of each month,  
 10:00 a.m. Healing 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.

**St. Mary's Parish Youth Group** - "Children for Jesus"  
 Saturday mornings 10:30a.m.-12:00p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month)  
 October 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, November 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.  
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 Activities, Prayers, Bible Stories & Singing  
 Enquiries: Eileen French – 0412 787 213

#### SACRAMENTS

Parents with children not attending St. Mary's School who are

scheduled to receive Sacraments in 2017 are requested to contact the secretary by phone: 5429 2130 or by email at [lancefield@cam.org.au](mailto:lancefield@cam.org.au) to register your child. Reconciliation is generally scheduled quite early in the year so if we have your details we can ensure you receive the information in time to participate.

Keep up to date with parish activities -  
 St. Mary's Parish Lancefield-Romsey



#### Marc's Message

The bishops of Australia have asked us to celebrate the four Sundays of September as a new season of the Church – The Season of Creation. As new life burgeons all around us, we have been urged to stand back and look at how we are all totally and irrevocably connected with each other and with the environment in which we live.

The Catholic Church has never expected any of its adherents to believe that 'creation' means that the world started 4,500 years ago. The stories in Genesis were meant to 'correct' a belief that what ultimately rules is not conflict but goodness, beauty and truth.

In fact, it was a Belgian priest, George Lemaitre who first proposed a scientific understanding of the universe. The 'creation' stories are stories of faith, not historical or scientific documents. It is up to science to 'discover' how our beautiful world came about. It is up to faith to 'show' that we believe that our world is a beautiful place that has God as its 'creator'.

And, 'creation' is not something that happened all that long, long, long time ago. It is something that happens every single moment of every day, and we are the ones who continue to bring something good and beautiful and true out of the chaos that seems to reign.

Marc



## Go after your goals at Romsey Recreation Centre

Register now for one of our soccer programs, kicking off 4 Oct:

- Mixed seniors: Tuesday, 6pm
- Goal kick: Friday, 4pm
- U12 competition: Friday, 4.50pm & 5.40pm
- U15 competition: Friday, 6.30pm & 7.20pm

Join or register a team!

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### Coffee shop Conversations

Hi everyone and now we are into October 2016 the year is certainly moving at an inspiring pace. And now its spring time for a spring clean. The last time we talked about **PARTICIPATION** and **This month it is all about PERSISTENCE**

The definition of PERSISTENCE is continuing in an opinion or course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition.

Do you ever sit around and complain about something: if I did this I could have .....I 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.

So don't give up! We only have one life, let's live it to the fullest. So persist, keep going, don't give up. You may have read these words in April edition so now I ask you how are you going, where are you up to with those things you want or want to change. Spring has sprung and everything is growing, it's a time of renewed energy, a spring in your step, renewed motivation because it feels extra good.

Yes I know, life throws us curve balls all the time, so I guess what I am really saying is don't lose 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 just two I can think of at this point in time.

Define your passion, work out 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](http://www.lifecirclessolutions.com)**  
 Have a great month Kind regards Gillian and  
**Be Empowered to live the life you deserve!!!**





## Pastor's Parables

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### We are what we believe.

**As a rule, decisions we make are based on what we believe to be true – thus there will always be consequences as a result of our beliefs. If we do not believe in the laws of gravity, will our beliefs stop us from the consequences of falling?**



We should really consider what we believe. If our beliefs are based on a scientific theory like evolution (lack of supportable evidence means it is a theory, not a fact) we believe we are cosmic accidents with no high purpose - born simply to breed, suffer and die.

Sadly this is the grim message being taught as fact to our children in schools. They quickly learn the irony that the ultimate point of evolution is that all existence is ultimately pointless. As a society we are now reaping the consequences - in high suicides rates, depression, lack of direction, lack of hope, break-down of family, rampant crime and a mass dependency on drugs. If, as a society, we believe and teach that our existence is ultimately pointless, do we think there will be no repercussions? The Bible states, "The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God" (Psalm 14:1); even though God's handiwork is plainly seen in creation (Psalm 19:1). If we reject the biblical claim of God and Jesus Christ, what are the consequences if we are wrong? John 3:36 says, "He who believes in the Son (Jesus Christ) has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see

life, but the wrath of God abides on him." There are always repercussions to our beliefs. Even if we fence-sit or say we believe in nothing, all our decisions will be based accordingly and we should consider the cost - both individually and collectively as a nation. So what are the consequences of a belief in Christianity? It offers everlasting salvation, a code of integrity, a sense of purpose, a hope for the future and a meaning to all existence. (John 3:16)

### Operation Christmas Child 2016

**This Year Encourage Church is a Drop Off Centre – 7 Mitchell Court Romsey**

**Drop Off Times: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 10am- 3pm at Encourage Church**

**and Wednesday & Friday 5:30 – 6:30pm at Kidzone Shoeboxes are available for purchase at 50c each Please drop off boxes no later than 10am on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>**

### October

If you would like to learn more about the Christian faith, please don't hesitate to call our Church Office on (03) 54296327 or perhaps come and join us for one of our relevant, modern, contemporary Sunday Services.

We would be happy to help you find true peace and joy in life. Encourage Church: "Encouraging one another to be ALL we can be in life and in God".

You are invited to join us at our regular Sunday Service: **10am at 7 Mitchell Court Romsey** or one of our fortnightly Life Groups. Fortnightly Youth Events and Weekly Children's Programs.



### Nominations for 2017 Australia Day Awards now open

Is there an individual in your community achieving amazing things? Nominate them now in the 2017 Australia Day Awards. These awards provide the opportunity for Council and our community to recognise and celebrate inspirational people who make ongoing contributions to the shire.

Nominations are open in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Achievement
- Community Event
- Arts Ambassador

Entry is open to all people who live, work or study in the Macedon Ranges Shire at the time of nomination.

For more information about the award categories and nominations forms, visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/australiaday](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/australiaday) or pick up a hard copy nomination form one of Council's customer service centres, or by contacting Council's Governance Administration Officer on 5422 0320.

Nominations close on Monday 7 November 2016.

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## Trivia Arvo for Relay

Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life is preparing to celebrate 15 years of outstanding fundraising for the Cancer Council Victoria in 2017.

The volunteer organising committee, which includes several long serving local residents, has set a fundraising goal of \$80,000. If achieved this will take the total amount raised by the event to \$1.3 million.

So far 13 teams have signed up for the Relay on March 4 & 5, which will be officially launched next month in conjunction with a Sunday trivia afternoon open to everyone.

Tables of 10 will be challenged with general knowledge questions, and ticket proceeds will either go towards a team's fundraising total or added to the event's banking in the case of non-Relay participants supporting the cause.

A tentative date of November 20 from 2pm to 5.30pm has been set. Table bookings are \$100 or individuals can secure a seat for \$15. There will be plenty of healthy competition and fun activities aimed at building funds for cancer research, education, advocacy and support services.

The afternoon also offers a chance to learn more about Relay For Life, and prospective teams and individuals will be able to register for what has become a wonderful community event that brings families, friends and workmates to Lancefield Park on the first weekend in March.

Next year's 15<sup>th</sup> birthday will dictate a party theme for the 2017 Relay weekend. In addition to excellent live entertainment and off-stage activities, the committee is focusing on creating a fun and festive atmosphere in addition to the traditional ceremonies highlighting the event's inspiration and purpose.

Relay For Life teams that raise more than \$5000 can choose to direct their money to a currently funded cancer research project. Teams are also given the opportunity to name the research award, perhaps in memory of a loved one.

Full details regarding the Trivia event will be in the next edition and on the Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life Facebook page but anybody interested in attending is asked to register now by emailing Kathy [jakalake57@gmail.com](mailto:jakalake57@gmail.com) or phoning Nadine on 0439 399 838. Information can also be found at [www.relayforlife.org.au](http://www.relayforlife.org.au).

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## News from St Mary's Lancefield

Term 3 has been go, go, go at St Mary's with many exciting events and learning taking place. There were plenty of opportunities for students to experience new things. Some of the happenings this term included Cobaw Basketball and Athletics, a visit from Melbourne Cup winning horse Subzero, Year 5 students visited Sacred Heart College, 1/2 excursion to Healesville, the school disco and finished the Term with our awesome Art Exhibition and Music Concert. Here are some of the amazing adventure we had at St Mary's this term.

### Chinese Exchange

At the beginning of Term 3, for the first three weeks, St Mary's was lucky to host 10 visiting students from China and Hong Kong. The students all settled in well and enjoyed their time with us. The students shared some of their cultural experiences – like Mooncake – with some of the classes.

Both the visitors and the St Mary's students gained a lot for this experience.



### Book Week – Australia: Story Country

In August the students and staff dressed as their favourite book character and took part in the parade. It is encouraging to see the children and staff celebrate the concept of reading and learning. Throughout the week classes spoke about the books which were nominated Book of Year and discuss which they thought should win. After the parade students took part in an activity day where students were put in multi-age groupings and completed a variety of activities related to reading and Book Week.



### Discovery Learning

The P-2 students have embarked on their Discovery Learning journey this term. There have been a variety of Learning Intentions and Success Criteria the students have worked towards during Discovery time. Many have related to team work and respect. Here is an example of one of the Discovery Learning Intentions: We treat our Discovery Learning areas with respect. Our success criteria included: Learners carefully using equipment, Learners speaking politely with each other. After Discovery sessions students write about what they have learnt. Students are thoroughly engaged in their self-led learning.



### Year 3/4 – Urban Camp

The Year 3/4s experienced life in the city this term. They had an overnight camp in Melbourne. Students went to Scienceworks, MCG Sports Museum, Queen Victoria Market and walked around the city. Students had a wonderful time and saw how different life can be!



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## The Mount Players Happenings October



Well, after a very successful season of the production 'Falling From Grace' the final production for 2016 is now in full rehearsal.

This is a show you won't want to miss..... **'Whose Wives Are They Anyway?'** by Michael Parker is being Directed by Frank Harvey. It's an action packed, hilarious comedy/farce that will have you giggling from the moment the curtain goes up! The scene is set at a golf weekend where David & John (who have packed their wives off on a shopping weekend) intend to 'golf their brains out' before they meet their new CEO on Monday morning. Little do they know, the CEO has also checked in to the same golf club and on running into them insists on meeting them for dinner that evening ....including their wives. She informs them that "any man who goes off for a weekend of golf and leaves his wife behind will have no place in her organisation." Panic & mayhem develops into a downward spiral of total chaos as our intrepid executives have one hour in which to find substitute wives or it's "curtains" come Monday morning!!

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## ROMSEY PRIMARY ROCKS THE PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

Students from Romsey Primary School have successfully completed the 2016 Premiers' Reading Challenge.

Labor Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas MP said the Challenge aimed to encourage local kids and young people to read more books, more often.

Over a six month period, participating students in Prep to Year 2 need to read 30 books, while students in Years 3 to 10 are encouraged to read 15 books. In 2015, more than 204,100 participants from 2800 schools, early childhood settings and homes took up the Challenge, reading nearly four million books. 17 schools in the Macedon area are participating in the Challenge including Romsey Primary school and Lancefield Primary School.

"It's great to see the enthusiasm that Romsey and Lancefield Primary School students have for taking up the challenge to read more." Ms Thomas said.



## Council seeks relief school crossing supervisors

Council would like to hear from enthusiastic, independent and community-minded people interested in becoming casual School Crossing Supervisors.

Council manages 20 school crossings across the shire and employs 36 school crossing supervisors. School crossing supervisors wear reflective fluorescent uniforms and work during peak periods from 8am to 9.30am and 3pm to 4pm.

Aspiring school crossing supervisors need to be punctual and comfortable in all traffic and weather conditions. They must hold a current drivers' licence and a Working with Children Check (or be able to obtain one) and will need to complete a pre-employment medical examination.

If you are interested in becoming a school crossing supervisor, contact Local Laws Coordinator Robert Muscat on 5422 0333 for more information or to obtain an application form.



# 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

## Activities happening at Romsey Uniting Church

The Macedon Ranges Uniting Church Partnership now has three full time Ministers:- Rev. Peter Cannon; Rev. Deacon Wendy Elson; Pastor Annette Buckley. There is an official office at the Riddells Creek Church, 3 Sutherlands Road, Riddells Creek.  
Email: macedon.ranges.partnership@hotmail.com  
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## The Stamp Story goes on -

This story, "Foreign Mission Stamp Department" comes from the PWMU Missionary Chronicle in 1934, issued as the Centenary Souvenir of Women's Work 1934.

It is nearly 11.30am on Thursday morning. Up Collins Street comes an important volunteer with a suit case in one hand. A few minutes later the door of the Upper Foreign Mission Office opens, and she enters, followed by three or four stamp collectors or dealers.

A small table, which is leaning against the wall, is hastily put up, the suit case is opened, and the contents displayed. All eyes are upon the volunteer as she brings forth the stamps, but she has been selling stamps for a number of years, and knows how to deal with her customers.

"I've sorted them all out - I've put some for each of you in the different packets - No! No! You cannot have those, they belong to Mr. X. Here is your packet. It will be 2/6d., please, and yours will be 5/- . I cannot let you men have all that I have brought in; I must keep some for the later customers.

Stamp buyers keep coming in, and from 11.30am until after 1pm, there is a constant stream coming and going. Of course this selling of stamps means hours of work on the part of many friends of Foreign Missions who collect and send in the stamps to the office.

At 2pm the members of the stamp team come in, and for the next hour and half we see stamps being sorted - the 1d. Green and 1½d. and 2d. Red King George Vth being put on one side to be sold later at 3d. per lb. weight. 3.30pm is afternoon tea time.

After this is over the takings of the day are handed over - £1, £2, or even £3 or £4, as the result of a fortnights work. The amount is written in the book which shows that £1,658 has been received from the sale of used stamps since the Department commenced 15 years ago.

In September 2016 Sammy Stamp continues under the heading Uniting Church Adult Fellowship Stamp Fund.

In the September UCAF Network magazine it is reported that Sammy Stamp up to and including 4th August, sales have reached about \$20,549.62 for the year 2016 (same week last year \$16,374.75) A very pleasing result.

Grants totaling \$31,560 have been approved so far this year. Grants are given to many different organisations - Frontier Services towards purchase of outdoor furniture for an aged care facility.; Uniting Care Lentara - money goes towards their Communal Justice Programme.; Asylum Seekers Program Winter Appeal; Share Uniting World; Mission Liaison Group; Uniting World - to assist in clean safe water program and many more.

## Church Services & activities during October 2016

2nd	9am.	Worship Service conducted by Rev. Peter Cannon
5th	7.30pm	Church Council meeting
9th	9am	Worship Service & Holy Communion conducted by Worship Team
12th	1.30pm	UCAF meeting
16th	9am	Worship Service conducted by Rev. Peter Cannon.
	6pm	Sunday @ 6 meal & service with Annette Buckley
23rd	9am	Worship Service conducted by the Worship Team
30th		Joint Macedon Ranges Partnership service at Gisborne. To recognize Rev. Dr. D'Arcy Wood's 50 years in ordained ministry.

## Western Water celebrates National Water Week

It makes up 60% of our bodies, we drink it, cook with it, bathe and swim in it, irrigate our gardens and sports grounds with it – in fact we couldn't live without it. Now is the time to celebrate it, with October 16-22 marking National Water Week.

This year's theme is "Water – life – growth", aimed at encouraging people to use water wisely to ensure there is enough to meet the needs of future generations. Western Water is supporting this goal through the State Government's voluntary Target 155 program, which asks people to use no more than 155 litres of water each per day.

Customers in the Western Water region used around 185 litres per person per day during 2015-16, up almost 10 litres on the previous year. With summer approaching and the region switched over to the Melbourne supply system after local reservoirs dropped to low levels, it's a good time to be using water wisely.

There are lots of simple measures to save water, such as taking a four-minute shower, only running dishwashers and washing machines with a full load, and scraping dirty dishes instead of rinsing. Outside, you can reduce water use by choosing plants with low water needs, mulching to keep water in the soil and using a pool cover to prevent evaporation.

For water saving tips, or to find out more about Target 155, go to [www.target155.vic.gov.au](http://www.target155.vic.gov.au)



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Over the past 15 years, our **Community Bank**® branches and our parent company, Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial

Services Ltd, have contributed more than \$1 million to local projects and initiatives that have helped improve and grow our community.

Due to the large number of funding requests this year, we will unfortunately not be in a position to fund all of them. We appreciate the time and effort from all the volunteers of local organisations in preparing and submitting their applications.

Please keep in mind that any project we are unable to fund this year is largely a result of our finite Community Investment Program budget, rather than a reflection on the worth or merit of any particular application.

We'd encourage any group that does not receive funding support to submit another application next year.

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**Ensure your property is fire ready**  
Macedon Ranges Shire Council is encouraging residents to start cleaning up their properties in preparation for the fire season. With summer just around the corner, now's the time to undertake necessary measures to ensure that you, your family and your property are fire ready.

Preparations to make sure you are fire ready include:

- Slash grass and keep it under 75mm high
- Rake up and remove dry grass, leaves, twigs and loose bark
- Remove any rubbish or material that is likely to cause, maintain or promote a fire
- Keep gutters clean of leaf litter
- Remove all noxious weeds from your land.

To assist residents in the clean-up, Council will lift burning off restrictions for the month of October for those residents living on land less than 4,000 square metres (one acre).

When burning off, please note the following:

- You must not cause a nuisance to neighbours
- Register your burn by calling 1800 668 511
- Burn-offs should not be left unattended.

Council urges residents to monitor weather conditions prior to the commencement of any burning off on their property.

Council's Chief Executive Officer, Peter Johnston said it was important that everyone started their preparations early given the unpredictable nature of the weather. "It's never too soon to start preparations when it comes to bushfires", he said. "You can significantly help to reduce the risk of fire by cleaning up around your property and removing fine fuels such as long grass, weeds, twigs and leaves."

Council's Fire Management Officer will begin inspecting private properties for fire risk throughout November and December. Fire Prevention Notices will be issued to any properties which pose a serious fire risk to their neighbourhood.

Council has also put together a useful planner which outlines

the preparation activities that you should undertake to adequately prepare your property and household in the event of an emergency.

The *Macedon Ranges Community Emergency Preparation Planner* can be picked up from one of Council's customer service centres in Kyneton, Gisborne, Romsey and Woodend. The planner also provides information on what to do on high fire risk days, and encourages community members to share information about emergencies.

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This year at Lancefield Show there will be 2 things of interest plus the usual information and help available



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**Landcare Rabbit Campaign**  
Now that we have gotten the political campaign out of the way there is another campaign on the horizon – but **this one can deliver a clear result.** Are you keen to ensure you gain the most from future growing seasons for your gardens and pastures and not feeding a real pest? Early next year a new rabbit virus will be released Australia wide to help control these pests. As a part of the release program other steps can be taken to maximise its effectiveness.. Keep a half hour spare when you're at the Lancefield Show to **learn how you can join the effort.** See you there.

Other things of interest in mid September a working bee was held to further clean up the roadside between Lancefield and Doggett's Bridge and to re mulch and weed the Landcare garden at Lancefield. Grants have been applied for the threatened species of Dianella amoena project and the plants have been ordered so there will be a planting day. The Christmas function will be on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2016, further details to follow. Keep the day free. Life memberships will be presented at the luncheon.

Next meeting Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016.  
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Kyneton District Health – Acute Ward has been named Business of the Year at the 2016 Bendigo Bank Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards. They also took out the Excellence in Professional Services category. Due to the high calibre of finalists, judges recommended a runner-up be named for the 2016 awards. The runner-up was Woodend eatery Colenso, which also won the Excellence in Food and Beverage category.

The awards recognise businesses which provide an outstanding service to the shire and beyond, who are of great value to the community as they provide local jobs, services and supplies.

The 2016 winners, announced at a Gala Dinner at Kyneton Town Hall last night, were:  
**Business of the Year winner**  
Kyneton District Health – Acute Ward (Kyneton)

**Business of the Year runner-up**  
Colenso (Woodend)

**Excellence in Customer Service**  
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**Trainee/Apprentice of the Year**  
Kate Bonanno – Simplex Insurance Solutions (Kyneton)

**Young Business Person of the Year**  
Chantel Gilbert – Bluegum Electrical Solutions (Gisborne)

Finalists were identified by a judging panel comprised of 10 independent business professionals who do not work or live in the Macedon Ranges. The judges reviewed each submission and compiled a shortlist for site visits before deciding on the finalists. 400 individual businesses were nominated by the public for this year's business awards, many in multiple categories.

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### 2016 Seniors Festival: let's dance!

Music and dancing will be the focus of the 2016 Seniors Festival events in Macedon Ranges Shire.

The annual Grey Light Dance will kick off the celebrations on Wednesday 12 October at Kyneton Town Hall from 1.30pm, with music from the 50s, 60s and 70s by local band Growing Up Is Optional.

This dance is run by Council in partnership with Kyneton Police and has been moved from its usual date in May in order to coincide with the Seniors Festival. Transport to the dance will be available but must be requested when booking.

Just to make sure residents in the north of the shire don't have all the fun, Council will hold an inaugural Riddells Creek dance on Sunday 30 October at 1.30pm. It will be one of the first community events to take place at the newly refurbished Riddells Creek Community Centre (incorporating the Riddells Creek Senior Citizens). Once again, local band Growing Up Is Optional will provide entertainment.

Both events are free but bookings are essential. Call Stephanie on 5422 0258 or email [sharper@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:sharper@mrsc.vic.gov.au) to RSVP.

A range of other Seniors Festival events and activities will take place across the shire during October, including the following events at Goldfields Libraries:

*Worried About Your Memory, Friday 7 October, 2pm–3.30pm (Gisborne library) and Wednesday 12 October, 1.30pm–3.30pm (Woodend Library)*  
Information about improving your memory and when you need to investigate changes.

*Facebook for Seniors, Thursday 6 October, 2pm–3pm (Woodend library) and Monday 10 October, 2pm–3pm (Romsey Library).*

An introduction to this not-so-new but very popular way of connecting with friends and family.

Bookings are essential and can be made online at [ncgrl.vic.gov.au/events](http://ncgrl.vic.gov.au/events), in person at your local library or call 5449 2700.

Our aquatic and leisure centres will offer seniors the opportunity to try a variety of activities for free. These include:

- Aqua Aerobics, Monday 10 October, 9.15am  
Gisborne Aquatic Centre
- Zumba Gold, Tuesday 11 October, 1pm (followed by afternoon tea)  
Buffalo Sports Stadium
- Tai Chi, Wednesday 12 October, 10.30am (followed by afternoon tea)  
Romsey Recreation Centre
- Strength for Health, Thursday 13 October, 10am (followed by morning tea)  
Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre
- Staying Strong, Friday 14 October, 10.30am  
Gisborne Fitness Centre

Contact your local sports and fitness centre or visit



## FOLLOW THE STAR

It seems a long way until Christmas but once September is over it is just around the corner.

**Follow the Star** will be held again this year on Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st December.

Follow the Star first happened in December 2014, and was put together by members of the Uniting Church in Romsey and Christian Education teachers. A small group. We again put on this event in 2015, when we had the services of the Kyneton Brass Band on the second night. It was again a very small group that carried out the organising. Now we are hoping that the whole community will become involved with helping to put this event together not just the Uniting Church people but representatives from the other churches and members from the community.

We had our first meeting on Monday 29th August, in the Uniting Church meeting room, to work out the dates, the animals, catering, music etc. Another very small group!!

If you are able to help in any way, please come to the next meeting at the Romsey Uniting Church meeting room at 10am on Monday 24th October, 2016. If you have any ideas but are unable to attend the meeting on 24th October, please contact -



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### OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS START HERE

Little Athletics is a uniquely Australian activity for children from 5 to 15 years. The emphasis is on fun, participation, personal performance, technique and getting involved with your family in physical and healthy activity. The motto of Little Athletics is **"Family, Fun and Fitness"**.

**Competition Days**  
Saturday Morning 8.45am start (approx. 2 hours depending on events)

**FAMILY FUN DAY & REGISTRATION**  
**SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**  
**9am-11am**

**COMPETITION KICK-OFF**  
**SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 8.45am**  
**At Romsey Athletics Track, Romsey Primary School**

Contact: Phone or Text Adrienne Janky 0414 307165 or Kari Males 0417 104 821  
Facebook Page - @Lancefield Romsey Little Athletics Centre



**Macedon Ranges Shire Council**

## Introduction to apprenticeships & traineeships

**Monday 17 October, 5.30pm–7.30pm**  
**Romsey Community Hub**  
**96–100 Main Street, Romsey**  
**Cost: Free**

Find out about the benefits of offering an apprenticeship or traineeship program and how your business can get involved.

### Bookings

- Online: [mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-events](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/business-events)
- Phone: (03) 5421 9616



### Connecting young parents in the shire

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is encouraging young parents aged 25 and under to participate in the Young Parent Connection Project.

The initiative supports young parents throughout the Macedon Ranges to:

- meet with other young parents
- link into community activities and services
- be part of a welcoming online community.

The project aims to improve the social inclusion of young parents and engagement with Maternal and Child Health services using a flexible and innovative approach.

As well as participating in face-to-face activities, parents are invited to join an inclusive online community via Facebook.

The 'Young Parent Connections – Macedon Ranges' closed Facebook group is an online space specifically for young parents in the region.

To join, visit [facebook.com/groups/MRSCYoungParents](https://www.facebook.com/groups/MRSCYoungParents)

The Young Parent Connection Project has been funded through the Victorian Government's Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Service Innovation Fund, through the Department of Education and Training and will run until April 2017.

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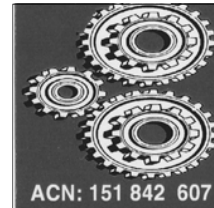
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### Celebrate our feathered friends during National Bird Week

Did you know that there are more than 40 woodland bird species are at risk of extinction in the Macedon Ranges?

Find out more about the challenges faced by local woodland birds and how you can take steps to help protect them at a free panel discussion on Saturday 15 October from 2-3.30pm at the Newham Mechanics Institute, 1292 Rochford Road.

National renowned editor of Australian Bird Life magazine, Sean Dooley will join Connecting Country's Birds Coordinator Tanya Loos to discuss what woodland species are most at risk and why.

Bookings are essential.

Register your interest at [mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events) or call

The free discussion is being held to coincide with Birdlife Australia's inaugural Aussie Backyard Bird Count (17-23 October).

The Aussie Backyard Bird Count invites people from across the country to spend 20 minutes outdoors during the nominated week counting sighted birds.

To participate, sign up at [aussiebirdcount.org.au](http://aussiebirdcount.org.au) or download

## Greylight Olde Time Dance

Kyneton Town Hall  
Wed 12th of October, 2016  
Time: 1:30 until 4:00 pm  
FREE



Music from the 50s, 60s & 70s from

**'Growing Up is Optional'**

For over 55's and their carers  
Light refreshments provided

Booking essential by Monday 3rd October 2016  
Transport available but must be requested when booking

Contact Stephanie Harper  
Macedon Ranges Shire Council  
Call (03) 5422 0258 or email: [sharper@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:sharper@mrsc.vic.gov.au)



# A NIGHT ON THE FARM WITH David Hobson

SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER, 2016, 5.30pm  
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The RSL invites any Lancefield or Romsey district resident or organisation to nominate a local adult, youth, child or community group that, within the last twelve months, has carried out a voluntary deed with exceptional commitment, unselfishness and enthusiasm to the benefit of any section of the local community.

An annual event, the Award is represented by a 20 cm-high bronze statue held on permanent display at the Romsey Community Centre. The 2016 winner's name will inscribed on a plaque on the base of the statue.




The RSL selection panel will decide the winner and its decision will be final.

The winner of the Award will receive a medal and a cheque for \$150.00 donated by RSL member Mr Wayne Smith.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the Romsey and Lancefield Neighbourhood House and the Romsey Post Office. Forms can also be obtained from our Secretary, Trish Vowles, on 54293456

**Nominations close on Friday 7 October, 2016**

The Award presentation night will be held Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30 PM with refreshments to follow.



**Romsey Lancefield RSL Sub-Branch**  
**NOMINATION FORM**  
**ROMSEY LANCEFIELD RSL ANZAC SPIRIT AWARD**  
Nominations close Friday 7 October 2016. Please post forms to Trish Vowles

Name of Nominee

Name and Telephone Number of Person Nominating

The Deed for whom you think the candidate is a most suitable Nominee for the Award. Please use no more than 200 words (You may attach a separate page if space is insufficient)