



Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA)

UPDATE

Romsey Historic Plaques Project Update

The Romsey Historic Plaques Project Team is rapidly progressing the archival research for the initial stage of properties which will feature in the first stage 1 of this digital interface project. The focus for this stage will be Main Street properties. Ultimately, over 50 sites across Romsey will be marked with these innovative plaques which will be complimented by the digital link to Romsey Online.

If you have good quality original images of Main Street historic sites/properties, please contact Jenny Stillman (0412 349849, jennystillman@optusnet.com.au).

The Romsey Historic Plaques Project has been made possible by generous support from Bendigo Bank (Romsey Community Bank) and MRSC (Places for People Program).

Clean Up Romsey Day 2017

A small but enthusiastic band of community members volunteered their time to participate in the second Annual Clean Up Romsey on Sunday 19th March 2017. Focus areas were the Five Mile Creek reserve, Main Street south entry to town and the White Avenue/Station Street precinct. Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club members had, the previous week, cleaned Main Street north of town. The rubbish mix varied a little between zones – abundant lolly/snack food wrappers in White Avenue, lots of plastic and glass bottles in the south Main Street area. This will be an annual event. It is hoped that next year will engage community group teams to be al-



Left: Kate Sergeant with Will and Bethany

Right: Hannah Sutton with Imogen and Trinity

located to particular zones around town. Many thanks to Angus Webb Ware who organized the free sausage sizzle.

Business Kyneton Networking Night

RRBATA President, Jenny Stillman, recently attended the first event for the year organised by Business Kyneton, formerly known as the Kyneton District Business and Tourism Association (KDBATA) at the invitation of its President. This networking event featured a fascinating presentation by Lsa Rundell, of Rundell and Rundell Chairmakers and founder of Kyneton's Lost Trades Fair. She spoke of her "journey" from corporate life to Piper Street and the genesis of the Lost Trades Fair. Business Kyneton and RRBATA have committed to ongoing liaison and support between the two organizations.

Romsey Online

The website upgrade is almost complete! Stay tuned!!

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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These roles may be of interest to persons who are either working or retired. Experience in corporate/financial affairs or business management is an advantage but not essential. The ability to invest your time and energy is a key attribute that we're looking for. Various training options are available for successful candidates.


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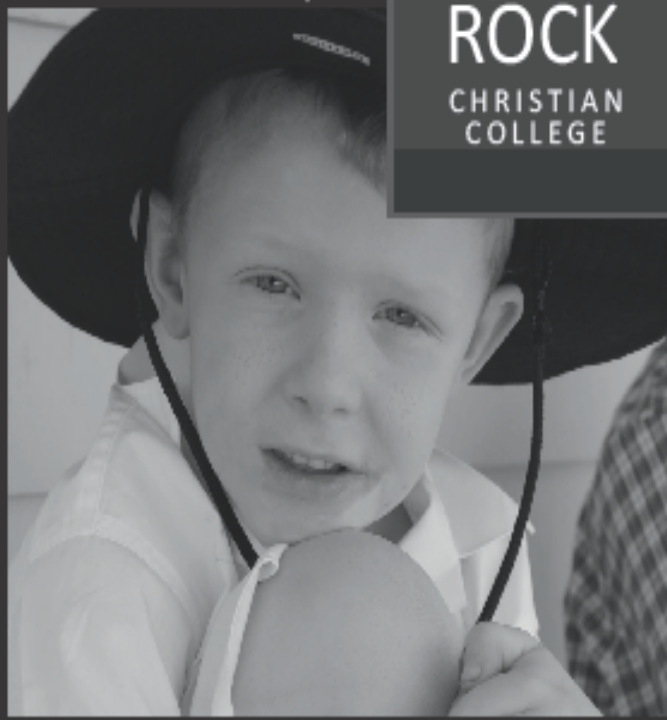
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ANZAC DAY SERVICE

TUESDAY 25 APRIL, 2017

At the
CENOTAPH HIGH STREET LANCEFIELD
The Commemorative Service will commence

At 08:30 AM

MARCHERS ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE IN FRONT OF THE BAKERY IN HIGH STREET AT 08:20 AM.

Following the service tea, coffee and refreshments will be provided for the community by the Lancefield Neighborhood House Committee at the Mechanics Hall. All families, individuals and in particular our school children are welcome to attend this important day in Australia's history.

**A smaller wreath-laying service will be conducted at the Romsey Cenotaph at 07:30 am
ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

ANZAC DAY small commemorative service.

Perhaps of interest to some there will be a small commemorative service following the main ceremony. It will be a service blessing with the addition of a veterans name to the cenotaph after 101 years. The RSL were approached by the family for assistance over a year ago and with a lot of to-ing and fro-ing, it's about to happen in time for this Anzac Day. Having checked the veterans military service records that of Private Herbert Golding, it would appear his name had been accidentally omitted from the cenotaph, despite having enlisted at Lancefield.

Following discussions with MRSC seeking their approval for the addition of Private Golding's name to the cenotaph, the location and the lead lettering was finally given the all clear to proceed.

The MRSC have also generously contributed to the cost of the lead casting of the letters and their installation, by making a donation to share the funding with the RSL and with the family concerned.

Private Herbert Golding is the great uncle of Mrs Jay Brooks of Romsey and the grandfather of Douglas Golding of Queensland,

Who is planning to travel down from Queensland to attend the service.

It was pointed out by Jay that her great uncle had been the proprietor, publisher and printer of The Lancefield Mercury from 1913 to 1915. Selling the newspaper when he enlisted and immediately afterwards his wife and children moved to Cheltenham to be with family.

He was killed at Pozieres on 27th August 1916 aged 36.



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What do you want more of in your life right now? **MAKE A LIST NOW !!!!**

Be realistic and think about what you can change to get it.

Once we become aware then we know what to **FOCUS** on.

Even if the answer is I just want to be happy , well what do you need to do to be happy?

Think about it for a while, SO have you made your list?

And then if you are having a bad day you have the answer ,go to your list and do something that is going to make you happy, you are able to re focus.

Doing one thing a day towards what you want to achieve is a good idea.

If you haven't done anything by now then I guess you may need some help, so what is it you need help with?

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Grandparents Day

On Tuesday the 21st of March, the prep students invited their grandparent come for morning tea. They got to show their grandparents their friends and their new classrooms. They all enjoyed making frames and icing biscuits. The children showed their grandparents their work and showed them around their classrooms. This was a great learning experience for the grandparents to learn and introduce themselves to their grand children's teachers.



Kyneton Secondary day

Kyneton Secondary will be holding a transition day for Primary schools around the Macedon ranges to go to Kyneton Secondary Collage for the day. We will be learning what it is like to do lots of different activities and to have lots of different teachers. We will be doing activities like science and cooking during the day and learning new and fun things. Overall we will be experiencing what it is like in a day at high school.

Athletics:

The children of Romsey Primary school competed in the junior and upper school athletics on Tuesday and Wednesday the 28th and 29th of March. We were involved in a variety of sporting activities which earned points for our houses. Mrs Horton and the house captains worked hard to set the days. Everybody in the school competed and we had a great time. The winning house was Clark House.



Cross country:

On Wednesday 22nd of March, we had our whole school cross country day. The weather was not fantastic but everyone tried his or her hardest and showed great resilience though out the day. At the end of the day, Clement (blue house) were very modest about their win and all of the house captains did a great job running the event.

Car Wash:

Our school hosted a car wash to raise money for the Traill family as they have just experienced a family tragedy. It was held on Romsey Primary Schools North Oval and was run by student councillors and school captains. It cost \$10 to wash each car.

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Secretary:	Robyn Stephens	5789 1457
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Romsey Red Cross

March is Red Cross Calling month. Please look out for our Red Cross Calling volunteers outside IGA during March. Every little bit helps and money raised goes towards the running of programs in Victoria, such as children's breakfast in schools, phone calls to isolated and elderly people and much more.

New members welcome

Meetings – 1.30pm on second Tuesday of month (no meeting in January, June and December) at 'Old Court House/CFA Headquarters.

Thankyou to everyone who supported our recent raffle:

First Prize	-	Teresa Trezise
Second Prize	-	Jean Buist
Third Prize	-	Don Gray

How Red Cross helps...



22,800 elderly and isolated people received social calls and visits

13,000 Australians were helped in emergencies

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71,500 Fijians received disaster relief items after Cyclone Winston

Help Red Cross reach even more people. Visit redcross.org.au or call **1800 811 700** to donate today.

Figures for the 2015/2016 financial year. More information available at redcross.org.au



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Western Water supporting local sport

Western Water is backing sport in the Romsey community, and encouraging players to stay healthy by drinking water.

Western Water has been the major sponsor of the Riddell and District Football Netball League (RDFNL) netball competition for a decade.

This season they are again offering on-field water bottles at cost price to local sports teams through the Choose Tap program.

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Are you ready for the NDIS?

Local charity, PS My Family Matters will host a forum for carers on the 24th May at 5.30pm at Macedon Ranges Health, Neal Street Gisborne. 'May 17th sees the launch of the NDIS In our region. It will be one of the most significant changes to health care we have ever seen' said Tamara Wilson, president of PS My Family Matters. 'We encourage carers all across our region to attend this forum to ensure that they are ready for the opportunities and challenges the NDIS will bring.'

The forum will feature 3 guest speakers who will address the key issues facing carers with the NDIS introduction. 'Whilst there has been a lot of information put out in regard to the NDIS already, this forum will give carers the chance to ensure that they are NDIS ready' said Tamara. 'There will be an open panel discussion, where carers may ask the questions that are relevant to their personal situation'.

For further details please contact 0475 269 965

PS My Family Matters will also be running its regular Coffee for Carers get together at the Kozy Café, Neal Street Gisborne at 10am on the 19th April and 17th May and at the Neighbourhood House in Romsey on the 1st April and the 3rd May . All are welcome.

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Submitted by Mike Hamer- 0411549432.

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Playpod:

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HAVING FUN WITH THE PLAYPOD



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On Friday March 3rd Mary-Anne Thomas, the member for Macedon, visited the RMI to formally announce the \$4,100.00 grant to repair and restore the two WW1 Honour Rolls that have hung in the hall since the early 1920s. Mary-Anne also urged other groups to submit applications for the next round of grants. This project, \$5400.00 in total, will be jointly funded by the Department of Premier & Cabinet (80%) and the RMI CoM (20%). Once Honour Rolls have been repaired and restored to their original condition they will be hung at the back of the main hall. The correct method of hanging the Honour Rolls and appropriate lighting will be put in place of the next few months. We expect the works to be completed by late May/early June.

The CoM would like to thank the organising committee for the **2017 Antiques Fair and the Garden Show**, Diane Irvine, Gail Middleton & Kathy Lakey for all their hard work to get both events up and running. We would also like to thank all those locals who took the time to visit the RMI on one or both days. It is good to see the RMI serving the purpose for which it was intended.

The Mechanics Institute of Victoria (MIV) has recently handed over the RMI's Historical Plaque. The MIV hopes that all Mechanics Institutes across Victoria will participate in this program and that some of the history of these wonderful community buildings will be preserved in these plaques. Our plaque is number 58, hopefully, over the next few years all the remaining (500+) Mechanics Institutes in Victoria will have their own individual plaques.

The CoM is currently looking for an experienced and qualified tradesperson to review the damage to the render within the main hall and supper room and design a program to repair this damage. Once these areas are repaired we will be able to begin planning the staged repainting of sections of the RMI. We will be keeping an eye out for any grants that will be able to assist us with these works.

Now that the building drying out we have also been able to attack the loose paint that has been effected by damp. The peeling paint, cobwebs and much staining has been scraped/brushed/washed away and the foyer, main hall and supper room look much the better. This is also part of the major refurbishment works that the RMI will require to bring this "Grand Old Lady" back to her former glory.

A new program will be starting at the RMI in early May. It will be "Mums & Bubs Yoga". The hour sessions will begin at 9.30 am and the program will commence on Tuesday May 2nd. Cost will be \$15.00 per session, please bring your own yoga mat. Enquiries to Kalma - 0408 170 913

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. 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

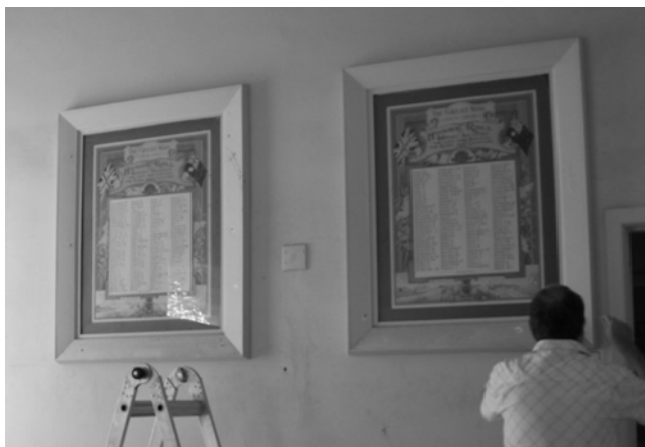
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Conservator, Duncan Rolley, takes the WW1 Honour Rolls off the wall.



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President: Gerard Hanrahan 5429 5630
Secretary: Jenifer Clampit 5429 5480 **Secretary:**

Probus is for people 55 years or over. The Romsey/Lancefield Probus club is a small one. At the beginning of 2016 we had 34 members and then during the year 8 people joined our group which brought our numbers up to 42. All our members are active and aged between 58-90+ years. We enjoy each others company and have made good friendships along the way. Always plenty of chat and laughter whenever we are together. Monthly meetings are at 10am, on the 4th Thursday of the month in St.Mary's Church Hall Main Street, Romsey.

Our next meeting is 10am Thursday 27th April, 2017

Guest Speaker: Paul Brinsden, President of U3A Kilmore. He will give information on the organisation and what it has to offer.

Monthly Outing on Wednesday April 19th is to the 'Stokes Museum' at Mt. Macedon.

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

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.

For Active Retirees. Probus South Pacific

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

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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.

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Around 400 people have raised more than \$68,000 for this year's Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life, with the final sum likely to push the event's 15-year tally to \$1.3 million.

The first weekend in March saw 22 teams relaying for 19 hours amid a party atmosphere interspersed with the traditional ceremonies to remember, celebrate, support and give hope to those who have had, or are being treated for,

cancer, and their carers.

Six teams raised more than \$5000 and are eligible for a Cancer Council Victoria research award, allowing them to direct where their funding goes.

Highest fundraiser: Macedon Ranges Shire Council

Spirit of Relay: Brendan and Florence Meyer

Best dressed team: Malfunction

Best themed campsite: Malfunction

Team passport challenge: Untitled Youth

The organising committee is grateful to sponsors including Bendigo Bank and the many volunteers who donated their time and talents to make this year's 15th anniversary a weekend filled with fun and meaning.

New Gisborne Primary School donated \$834 to the Bristol Night Owls as a result of a Purple Day organized by student Tyson Dale, while the result of a fundraiser held by Lancefield Primary was not available at the time of going to press.

Riddells Creek Hotel has so far donated \$136, and proceeds will be added from a raffle offering tickets to Daryl Braithwaite in concert. The Macedon Railway Hotel and the Telegraph Hotel Gisborne also chipped in for Relay For Life, which is the major fundraiser for Cancer Council Victoria.

The committee congratulates businesses in Romsey, Lancefield and Riddells Creek that participated in Paint the Town Purple. Winners were: Romsey Launderette, Cottage Gifts on High in Lancefield and Charity's Secret Op Shop, Riddells Creek.

Other participants were: Lancefield Pharmacy; Mad Gallery; Lancefield Post Office; Opportunity Knocks; Lancefield Fruit Shed; Town House; Aspy; Laser Skin Boutique; Lancefield Healthy Lifestyle; Lancefield Bakery; Fleur Flowers and Gifts; Lancefield Spa; Lancefield Corner Store and Newsagents; Romsey IGA; Romsey Community Hub; Romsey Amcal Pharmacy; Romsey Post Office; 5 Kings Café; Parkwood Green Medical Centre; Farm Fresh on Main; Romsey Bendigo Bank; PNA Back to Business; Old Mates Café; Butchers @ Romsey; Sapphire Hairdressing; Romsey Charcoal Chicken; Romsey Chinese; James Kelleher Lawyers; Verdure; Essence of Chinese Medicine; Romsey Thrifty Link; Romsey Medical Centre; Romsey NAB; and Riddells Creek Pharmacy.



Check out what's on offer at your local Neighbourhood House.

We are offering nearly 90 courses and activities 6 days a week. Our Term 2 brochure giving loads of details will soon be in your letterbox.

Keep an eye out for our big Sustainability Mural which is coming soon, it will be a knockout.

You can also expand your interests by being a Volunteer at The House.

We have lots happening.

Be part of it!

ROMSEY AND LANCEFIELD MEDICAL CENTRES FLU CLINIC APPOINTMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE END OF APRIL 2017

The government approved vaccines will be available from both Romsey Medical and Lancefield Medical Centres at the end of April 2017.

The following patients are now able to obtain a **FREE** influenza vaccine from the Romsey and Lancefield Medical Centres.
All persons over the age of 65.
All persons under 65 who have a chronic illness that predisposes to complications from influenza such as DIABETES, HEART DISEASE, KIDNEY DISEASE, ASTHMA, CHRONIC RESPIRATORY CONDITIONS.

We encourage all eligible patients to obtain a Flu Vaccination.

You cannot get the flu from the vaccine.

We have multiple dates/times for the Flu Clinics available for your convenience. Please speak to our friendly staff to book your appointment. If you are unsure of your eligibility for the influenza vaccine, please discuss this with your doctor.



Phone: 54295 254
NEW BULK BILLING DOCTOR

**Romsey and Lancefield Medical
Centre welcomes: Dr David BEAINI**



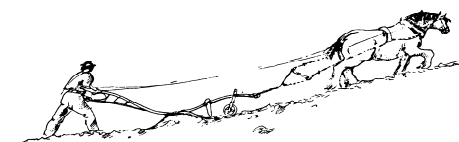
Dr David Beaini has commenced at Romsey Medical Centre and is currently in his second year in the Australian General Practice Training Program. Last year he worked in a busy regional General Practice in Ballarat and comes to us to complete his General Practice Specialist Training. He is a qualified Doctor and has committed to spending the next 12 months working in Romsey and Lancefield. Having spent the past 3 years working in Ballarat, David is excited about joining our team in February 2017. He is passionate about general family practice and in particular travel medicine. Outside of work David is an avid sports fan, particularly when it comes to AFL.

Romsey and Lancefield Medical Centre's are fully accredited training practices' and take pride in providing Doctors who are new to General Practice with the opportunity to live and work in a rural community.

Dr Beaini will be working Monday to Friday (9 day fortnight) from 9am to 5.00pm
(please contact us for exact hours) and 1 Saturday per month.

Health Care / Pension Card Holders and All Children Under 16 are **BULK BILLED by ALL DOCTORS**

Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.



P.O. Box 101
LANCEFIELD 3435

Website: www.lancefieldcourthouse.org

E-mail: lancefieldcourthouse@gmail.com

The Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc. has been part of the community since the 1970's and is dedicated to preserving local history. We are always in need of help, so if you would like to join our small group you would be made most welcome.

The membership of the Society is \$25.00 pa, and \$35.00 a couple per year, which is due 1st July. Our research fee is \$20.00 for a 2 hour search. The membership entitles you to receive 3 newsletters a year and invitations to our by-monthly meeting which usually entails a guest speaker and morning tea or lunch.

The next general meeting will be Tuesday 28th March at 1.30 in the Courthouse, with guest speaker Wendy McDonald, who will give advice on how to do your own Family research with a view to the Society conducting research sessions at a later date utilizing our resources along with other services. Please contact the secretary, Shirley, 0402248540 for more information.

The Heritage listed 'Barton' Cottage in Palmer St. Romsey is open the 4th Sunday of each month where you will be made welcome by Ruth and her team of helpers.



St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey
27-29 Chauncey St, Lancefield & 85 Main Rd, Romsey

Parish Priest: Fr. Vinoth Santiago
Fr. Martin Fleming - Administrator
Parish Secretary: Mrs. Tammie Dagleish
School A/Principal: Ms. Kahli Murtagh
School Website: www.smlancefield.catholic.edu.au

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

MASS TIMES

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month:
8:00am Lancefield and 10:00 am Romsey
2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday of the month:
8:00 am Romsey and 10:00am Lancefield

COMMUNION SERVICES

Tuesday & Thursday
9:00am Romsey Church
Saturday
10:00am Romsey Church

ROSARY

Saturdays 9:45am Romsey

RECONCILIATION

By arrangement.

BAPTISMS

2017 – Romsey Church – May 7th, July 2nd, September 3rd & November 5th.

2017 – Lancefield Church – June 11th, August 13th, October 8th & December 10th.

For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

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.a to register your child.

Eucharist program begins Saturday 29th of April – Registration cut-off is Friday 14th of April.

Confirmation program begins Wednesday 21st of June –



Registration cut-off is Friday 2nd of June.
Keep up to date with parish activities - St. Mary's Parish Lancefield-Romsey

Parish News

Change to Mass times – As of 11th of March, St. Mary's Parish will no longer be offering the 6:00pm Vigil Mass at Lancefield church. Sunday services will remain the same and Fr. Vinoth will continue to celebrate with us at both the Lancefield and Romsey churches. Alternating locations and Mass times between the towns will continue as listed above. We thank Fr. Vinoth for his continued support of our parish.

EASTER MASS TIMES

Holy Thursday	13 th April	7:00pm Lancefield church
Good Friday	14 th April	3:00pm Romsey church
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)	15 th April	7:00pm Lancefield church
Easter Sunday	16 th April	8:00am Lancefield church 10:00am Romsey church



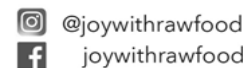
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Join Melissa Keath, the author of the JOY WITH RAW FOOD books for this intimate RAW FOOD WORKSHOP.

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The workshops will be held in her house near Macedon, on Saturdays March 18th, March 25th, April 1st, April 8th, and April 22nd from 11 am - 3 pm. Places are limited to 6 people. Cost per person \$75. Email: editor@ruhanipublishing.com

Be prepared to be indulged!



2017 Kyneton Air Show – 'Spread Your Wings'

On Sunday the 23rd of April the Kyneton Aero Club in conjunction with the Rotary clubs of Kyneton and Woodend will be hosting the Kyneton air show at the Kyneton airfield. Supported by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council this promises to be a great day out for the family.

Tickets can be purchased online via www.trybooking.com/MBCN

Ticket prices are:
Adults: \$25
Children under 5: Free
Students (incl. Children between ages 5 and 16): \$10
Family (2 Adults & 2 Children under 16): \$60
Senior/Pensioner/Concession: \$20

Flying displays commence from 10:30AM and will include vintage and rare aircraft and a visit by the RAAF Roulettes. Gates open to the public at 8:30AM. There will also be entertainment for children, a vintage car display and lots of vendors with great food.

The theme for this air show is 'Spread Your Wings' and there will be information on site about careers in aviation. This is a significant event for the Kyneton Aero Club the Macedon Ranges and for the history of aviation in Australia as the Kyneton Aero Club has just celebrated its 50th anniversary.

People from all over Australia will be visiting the Macedon Ranges and joining with the locals for this fun day of family entertainment and celebration.

If you would like more information about the airshow, please visit www.airshowkyneton.org



FROM THE COTTAGE

20 Palmer Street Romsey

March/April 2017

Barton (Seymour) Cottage c. 1855

Palmer Street – look for the blue Heritage Plaque on the gatepost on the left; open on the last Sunday of the month, from 11-2. Barton (Seymour) Cottage is a heritage listed dwelling built around 1855.)

THE FRIENDS OF THE COTTAGE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WELCOMING VISITORS AGAIN TO THE COTTAGE ON THE LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH THROUGHOUT 2017.

The recent dry spell is evident in the rather dusty garden, but, as always, there is something to be admired. The Lapigeria is again enchanting visitors with lots of lovely pink bells hanging from the vine; we are training it to go right around the veranda.. Some late roses are blooming and the golden tansy is intent on taking over the garden. We have planned some low maintenance plants for particular areas and are becoming ruthless in removing those garden 'thugs' which spread too rapidly. It is the time for the fruits of autumn - the last dark blue Damson Plums are lovely to see and the Euonymous berries are just beginning to show their vivid pink color.

'Barton' remains cool and pleasant even on the hottest days. The low verandahs protect against the sun and the dark Meranti wood panels help retain the cool atmosphere. Join us on the last Sunday of the month and soak up the ageless atmosphere yourself.

WE HAVE SOME OF THE LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR SALE, (\$10 each) INCLUDING:

'Discover Romsey' (information regarding sites around Romsey);
'An Introduction to the Aboriginal Stone Quarry of Mt William, Lancefield' an easy read by authors Carol Moore and Robyn Poletti;
'...he drew his last breath and expired: obituaries taken from papers of the former Romsey Shire 1870 -1879. Vol 1', by Robyn Miller. This is a fascinating glimpse of the customs and hazards of life then, as recorded in the picturesque language of a bygone era. For example, an introduction to the obituary for one young man in '1873 reads, 'Old death has been at work in our midst once more. He has given his hourglass a shake and the last sands of a promising young man have run out, and become still until the last trump shall summons alike the "quick and the dead"...' And in the 1874 section we read, 'Mr W.J.T, Clarke died at his residence, Essendon,...The deceased was a very old colonist having arrived in Tasmania in 1829. He was, perhaps, the wealthiest man in Australia, his property in cash and land being estimated at about four million sterling...'

Looking forward to seeing you at 'Barton'!
Ruth (0411 812 805); jandrgreen@hotmail.com) on behalf of the Cottage Friends

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Badminton

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For more information contact Kevin Roberts 5422 3057.Graham Smith 0411 707 358



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The Mount Players Happenings

At The Mount Players AGM in February, Andrew Hamilton, our long serving stage manager, OH&S officer and general, all round good bloke was presented with a Life Membership Award.

Andrew was introduced to the company about 14 years ago. He started helping out at front of house, then moved on to set building and finally found his real talent was managing backstage. Anyone who has been involved in theatre understands the value of a good stage manager and Andrew has proved to be an incredible asset in this area. For several years he was doing all four shows each year and has now been involved with around 30 productions including Youth Theatre shows. Congratulations Andrew!

There will be an information night at the theatre for our 3rd production, **The Full Monty** on Monday 10th April at 7.00pm. We invite you to come along to find out about the characters' requirements and hear all about this wonderful musical

comedy set in Buffalo, New York. Auditions will be held on Mon 1 May, Wed 3 May with call backs on Sat 6 May.

For all enquiries or to book a time please call

Leo on 0458 582 838.

To book your tickets go to www.themountplayers.com or call our box office on 5426 1892. By Karen Hunt



Romsey Rag— What Does the Future Hold?

The feedback from the community is that you are keen to see the Rag continue. But is the community willing to become more involved in the Rag?

The same group of people has been responsible for producing the Rag now for many years, and they need a break!

Like many volunteers, a few people doing a lot of work become tired and reluctant to continue.

Added to this, the increasing costs of producing the Rag mean that it is becoming more difficult to sustain the Rag in its current form. This situation is not helped by advertisers who do not pay their invoices.

Here is a challenge:

Become involved in a committee to steer the Rag into the future. Contact Robyn Moore on 5429 5099 during school hours to register your interest, so that a meeting can be held to form a management committee for the Rag.

Some thoughts to consider - these points were raised at the public meetings held at the end of last year:

- Reduce the number of printed copies of the Rag and cease home delivery (ie. The Rag would be available from collection points in town)
- Publish the Rag on the internet.
- Upfront payment for all advertising: no payment = no ad.
- Seek an annual donation from local groups that have previously enjoyed free promotion of their organisations and activities.
- Form an incorporated body to run the Rag and therefore qualify for community funding grants.

What are your thoughts?

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SATURDAY 29th APRIL

Encourage Church Hall 7 Mitchell Court Romsey

6PM = DOORS OPEN (BBQ & Drinks to Purchase)

TRIVIA @ 7PM



Cost: \$8 Youth; \$10 (Individual); \$12 (Family=1 Adult+ children 14 & Under)
\$22 (Family=2 Adults + children 14 & Under)

Purchase Tickets through Romsey Post Office & Encourage Church Office

GET A TABLE TOGETHER - MAX 8 PEOPLE PER TABLE

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Details contact: Jodie 0488 770 360 | 5429 6327

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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.

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Pastor Marilyn Hunter - "ENCOURAGE CHURCH" - Church Office Ph 5429 6327



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SEARCHING

Over the years men and women have searched for buried treasures - miners have dug long and hard to find the precious minerals underground, today mining companies do so with great machines. St.Paul prayed fervently that the Christians he had brought to a knowledge of Jesus as their Saviour and Lord would dig deep into the hidden treasures to be found in Him. He writes to the Christians in Ephesus that grace was given to him, "to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ." (Ephesians 3:8). Above all to know God's great love for them, and so his prayer is - "that they might have power to grasp how wide and long, how high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love which surpasses knowledge. (Eph.3:19). Jesus on one occasion instructed his disciples to "Launch out into the deep" for a rich haul of fish but He wants us to leave the shallows and launch out in to the deep of the richer spiritual experience of knowing Him. Too many in our Churches today are content to stay in the shallows instead of reaching out to experience the great love of God for them and His many blessings. This season of Lent is good time to think on these things. John 3.16 reminds us of that great love, - "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son so that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." "It passes knowledge that dear love of Thine, My Jesus, Saviour; yet this soul of mine, Would of Thy love, in all its breadth and length, Its height and depth, its everlasting strength, " Know more and more." Mary Shekelton.

APRIL DIARY

Sunday 2nd April. HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE. Food for Melbourne's needy. Fresh produce welcomed. This is distributed by Anglicare, the social arm of the Anglican Church of Australia.
 Sunday 9th April. PALM SUNDAY—distribution of palm crosses.
 Thursday 13th April 7pm MAUNDY THURSDAY. Holy Communion Service, St.Paul's Romsey. (With traditional foot washing and giving of alms.) NB. A.M.S. members to attend this service in lieu of normal meeting.
 Friday 14th April GOOD FRIDAY 9am SERVICE (Remembering the death of Jesus on the Cross for we sinners) at Christ Church LANCEFIELD.
 Sunday 16th April EASTER DAY 9am. Holy Communion St.Paul's, Romsey 10.30pm Christ Church, Lancefield

"Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
 Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
 Who did once upon the Cross, Alleluia!
 Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!"
 fr. Lyra Davidica 1708.

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

Holy Communion 9am St.Paul's ROMSEY
 10.30am Christ Church LANCEFIELD
Minister Rev. Bill Carroll.
Office 5429-1380. MOB..0427-918-607.

MACEDON RANGES

NATURALLY COOL

Something out of the ordinary. A different side to the Macedon Ranges

While most of us know about all of the wonderful things to see and do in the Macedon Ranges, such as great food and wine, Hanging Rock and the view from Mt Macedon, there are also some extraordinary things to see and do. If you are looking for something really different, take a look at some of the things you can get up to. Go trekking with the llamas <http://hangingrockllama.com.au/>
 Try clay pigeon shooting <http://www.cobaw.com/>
 Cleveland Winery offers an array of fantastic day activities to guests such as segways, laser shooting, paddle boats and archery <http://www.grangecc.com.au/cleveland-winery/activities/>
 Enrol in one, two or a few of the unique workshops held in Kyneton, including cooking classes, furniture making and jewellery making. <http://www.piperstreet.com.au/index.html>
 One more must do activity is to have the Wild Action Zoo come to you. Chris and his team offer an experience with Australian animals that is second to none. <http://www.wildaction.com.au/>
 Explore, look at bit deeper and you will find something that little bit outside the box in the Macedon Ranges.

For more details about what's on in the Macedon Ranges, visit <http://www.visitmacedonranges.com/>



Media Contact: Tourism Macedon Ranges Committee Member Jill Dalton daltonj72@bigpond.com or 0400171721 <http://www.visitmacedonranges.com/>

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BOOST FOR EMERGENCY VOLUNTEERS IN ROMSEY

Victorian emergency management volunteers are getting a well-deserved funding boost thanks to the Victorian Government's \$15 million Emergency Services Volunteer Sustainability Grants program.

Hundreds of grant applications for equipment, communications, facility upgrades and community engagement and training have already been received from volunteer organisations across the state.

In early March Labor Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas visited the Romsey brigade to congratulate them on their successful grant application for \$15,882 for storage and workbench improvements as well as IT and AV equipment.

"This is an important investment in the CFA volunteers they do in keeping the community safe." Ms Thomas said. Other beneficiaries of the grant included:

- Lancefield CFA received \$2,300 for a mobile signal booster**
- Woodend CFA received \$6,818 for shelving and lockers**
- Gisborne VICSES received 12,974 for lighting and equipment**
- Woodend VICSES received \$24,300 for bitumen works at the station**



This is a total contribution of \$62,274 for emergency volunteers in the Macedon electorate.

These grants will assist emergency volunteers in Macedon in the crucial work they do in keeping the community safe. Ms Thomas said, "I encourage all volunteer brigades and units in Macedon to visit the Emergency Management Victoria website and apply for a grant." Organisations are eligible to apply for multiple grants.

To find out more about the ESVS Grants Program and to download the application form

visit <https://www.emv.vic.gov.au/esvsgrants>.



Skill up in mental health first aid and help teens in crisis

Do you want to learn how to help young people?

Council is offering parents, guardians and teachers in the Macedon Ranges the opportunity to take part in fully accredited Youth Mental Health First Aid courses for those interested in learning how to assist young people experiencing mental health problems.

This award-winning course teaches adults first aid skills to give initial help to young people who are in a mental health crisis situation or in the early stages of a mental illness. The 14-hour course covers topics such as anxiety, depression, psychosis, alcohol abuse and other drug issues and eating disorders.

The program of dates for 2017 are:

- Dates:** 4, 11, 18 and 27 April, 6pm–9.30pm
- Where:** Gisborne Administration Centre, 40 Robertson Street
- Dates:** 27 May and 3 June, 9am–5pm
- Where:** Lancefield Neighbourhood House, 78 High Street, Lancefield
- Dates:** 1, 8, 15 and 22 August, 6pm–9.30pm (Men's only course)
- Where:** Leadlight Room, Holgates, High Street, Woodend
- Dates:** 14 October, 9am–5pm and 17 and 24 October, 6pm-9.30pm
- Where:** Newman Room, Kyneton Town Hall, 129 Mollison Street

To find out more information or book your place, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/live4life, call Loren Polzot on 5422 0275 or email lpolzot@mrsc.vic.gov.au



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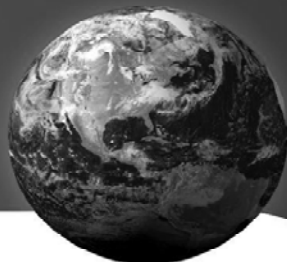
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Macedon Ranges Uniting Church Partnership

Romsey Uniting Church



25 Pohlman Street, Romsey. 3434 (P.O Box 264)

Chairperson: Mr. Noel Shaw 5429 5509

Secretary: Mrs. Jenifer Clampit 5429 5480



The Macedon Ranges Uniting Church Partnership

has an office at the Riddells Creek Uniting Church.
 Phone: 5428 6920.

Ministers: Rev. Deacon Wendy Elson
 Rev. Peter Cannon
 Pastor Annette Buckley

Easter Church Services & Activities during April, 2017

- 2nd 9am. Worship Service.
- 5th 6pm Church Council Dinner Meeting at the home of David & Sandra Strack
- 9th 9am Worship and Holy Communion led by Pastor Annette Buckley
- 13th 9.30am Maundy Thursday Services at Kyneton and Gisborne.
- 14th 9.30am Good Friday - Service led by Rev Peter Cannon followed by Walk at 10.30am.
- 16th 10.45am Easter Sunday Service at Lancefield Uniting Church
 6pm Romsey @ 6 Service conducted by Rev. Deacon Wendy Elson
- 23rd 9am. Worship Service and AGM
- 30th Joint Macedon Ranges Partnership service TBA

Future Notice: Sunday 28th May, 1.30pm.

Singularity Choir concert featuring music from The Merry Widow in the Romsey Uniting Church. Cost \$20.00; Concession \$15.00. Afternoon tea will be served after the concert in the church hall. There will also be a trading table. This function will replace the Annual Winter Luncheon which will not be held this year.

The Hope of the World

An empty tomb... a stone rolled away
 Speak of the Saviour who rose Easter Day.
 But that was centuries and centuries ago,
 and we ask today, was it really so?

Did he walk on earth and live and die
 and return to His Father to dwell on High?
 We were not there to hear or see,
 But our hopes and dreams of eternity
 Are all centered on the Easter story
 When CHRIST ascended and rose in glory...

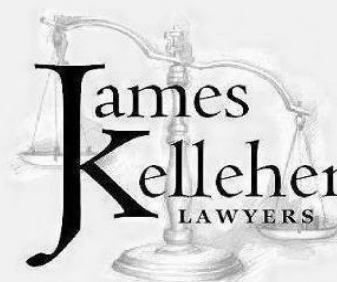
And life on earth has not been the same,
 Regardless of what the skeptics claim...
 For, after the LORD was crucified,
 Even the ones who had scoffed and denied knew
 that something had taken place
 That nothing could ever remove or erase...

For hope was born in the soul of man,
 And faith to believe in God's master plan
 Stirred in the hearts to dispel doubt and fear,
 And that faith has grown with each passing year...

For the hope of man is the Easter story,
 For life is robbed of all meaning and glory
 Unless man knows that he has a goal
 And a resting Place for his searching soul.

*"blessed are those who have not seen
 and yet have believed."*
 John 20: 29.

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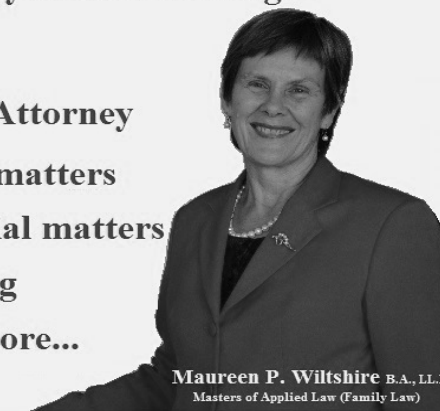


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Saturday March 11th - Algie Mitchell 1/4 finals & Stroke

Coring the greens earlier in the week made for a very challenging round. Some greens had soaked up almost all the sand while others still have large desert like patches that players had to negotiate. The Little Corellas seem to have decided that really only the 16th green needs their attention and they had done quite a job digging up old and new holes and chewing the cup almost out of the ground. Still the field took this all in their stride, what else could they do? The day was one of many wind changes first from the south, then the east then finally the north and plenty of sunshine. There were a few very unusual bounces as balls caught a crack on the fairway or died where the birds had dug up the ground. Some of Algie Mitchell Shield also benefited from ortuitous rebounds off trees that saw their ball end up in the centre of the fairway. Those who putted firmly, directly at the hole general got a good reward. On a very interesting day the results were;

Winner; Anthony Lakey - 90/21/69 from Chris vanDerVliet - 96/25/71, Andrew Clement - 83/11/72 & Peter Scanlon - 102/30/72

NTPs; 15th - Les Gaunt

Algie Mitchell 1/4 Finals

Scott Williams (6) **L** John Moody (0) - 19th

John Freestone (7) **D** Neil Munro (0) - 2 up

Bob Dwyer (22) **L** Mal Mottram (0) 6/4

Anthony Freeman (8) **D** Bob McLennan (0) W/O

Next week's semi finals will be;

Anthony Freeman (0) **Vs** John Freestone (2)

John Moody (2) **Vs** Mal Mottram (0)

Saturday March 4th - Qualifying Rd Algie Mitchell Shield - Stableford.

The qualifying round of the 47th Algie Mitchell Shield saw a strong field tee off in hot, dry conditions. The temperature rose to the low 30s before inconsistent cloud cover and a slight southerly breeze saw things cool a little. The dry conditions meant all players got good value for their drives and long iron shots however accuracy was paramount when approaching the greens. A few metres short or long required very difficult chips to get "up and down" in regulation. Again a number of players had excellent front nines only to fall away over the closing holes. One remarkable performance came from octogenarian Bob Dwyer who

returned an excellent 38 pts however only one player was able to put together 18 high quality holes to card the top score. The day's results were;

Winner; Scott Williams (19) - 41 from John Freestone (22) & Bob Dwyer (33) - 38 pts, Anthony Freeman (20) - 37 pts, Bob McLennan (12), Mal Mottram (11), Neil Munro (15) & John Moody (13) - 36 pts.

NTPs; 15th - John Moody & 16th - Scott Williams.

The Quarter Finals of the Algie Mitchell will be:

Scott Williams (6) **Vs** John Moody (0)

John Freestone (7) **Vs** Neil Munro (0)

Bob Dwyer (22) **Vs** Mal Mottram (0)

Anthony Freeman (8) **Vs** Bob McLennan (0)

Wednesday March 1st - Foursomes - Doris Chambers Qualifying Rd

Another hot, dry day in a week of hot, dry days. A slightly smaller, yet very enthusiastic, field took to the course to attempt to qualify for the annual, state-wide Doris Chambers final to be played at Sanctuary Lakes and Keysborough Golf Clubs in October. With the temperature quickly climbing to the mid 30C it was a challenge to maintain a good standard of play. At least four-

some allowed players to have a break. On another hot, dusty day the results were;

Winner; Darlene Baker/Wendy Gosden (29) - 35 pts from Beryl Cole/Kath Jekabsons

Saturday February 25 - February Monthly Medal - Stroke & Putts

Flatstick Summer Cup Part 2 of 4th and final round

A strong field of both men and women teed off in the February Medal and the last round of the 2017 Summer Cup. There was a gusting wind from the SE at the beginning of the day, this changed to the SW for the latter half of the round. Most players had great difficulty controlling drives and high approach shots as the wind played havoc with any ball that was not "straight down the middle". A few felt they had blown their chances with a poor front nine only to card an excellent score down the back nine to bring them back into contention. In the end it down to one of the club's classy veterans and one of the club young guns to fight it out. Among the women it was also a close race with the winner getting up by one shot. On a warm, windy day the results were;

Men's February Medalist; Shannon Wright - 84/15/69 from Les Gaunt - 77/5/72 and John Moody - 86/13/73

Women's February Medalist; Darlene Baker - 101/25/76 from Elaine Scanlon - 110/33/77

NTPs; 15th - Darlene Baker, 16th - Mal Mottram

Least Putts; Peter Scanlon - 24, Kath Jekabsons - 29

Thursday February 23rd - Alexandra Tournament

After a slow trip up to Alexandra due to the numerous road works, Kath, Wendy and Beryl arrived just in time to assemble and head out to our starting tees. The warm start heated up to be a hot day with only an occasional breeze. Kath played the best of the Romsey girls with a 73 net. Lunch was enjoyed before the slow return trip home. A long day.

Wednesday February 22nd - Stroke

Flatstick Summer Cup Part 1 of 4th and final round

The morning dawned very hot and very windy so golf was going to be a challenge. Under these conditions it did not seem to matter just how much water had been put on the greens, they dried out and hardened considerably during the round. With the wind gusting from the NE at between 30 and 40 Kph it was a battle to keep the ball under control and the wiser, older heads who had played Romsey in these circumstances many times before brought all their experience to bear. On another tough day on the course the results were;

Women's Winner; Kath Jekabsons - 102/27/75.

Least Putts; Beryl Cole - 30

Men's Winner; John Laing - 103/31/72.

Least Putts; Hugh Williams - 27

Nine-hole winner; Jan Harver - 54/21/33 C/B from Jenny Hartley - 53/20/33.

Least Putts; Jan Harver - 16

Many people will be aware of the annual problem the Golf Club has had with the Little Corellas. These birds arrive in large numbers in late December and spend the next two months digging up Romsey Park and the Golf Club Greens. Over the past few years the club has tried rubber snakes, cut-out cats, holographic tape, whistling tape, "Deter" spray, chili spray & mustard spray; all to no avail. Recently representatives from The Department of Environment, Water, Land & Planning (DEWLP) visited Romsey Park to see first hand the damage these birds cause. The club was very pleased with the response from DEWLP and we will be applying for a "Permit To Control Wildlife". We will have to wait and see just what restrictions, if any, are placed on this permit.

On Friday night March 3rd vandals attacked the eastern end of Romsey Park. Four golf flags were stolen. On Saturday night March 4th there was another visit, this time to the western end of the Park. Six flags were stolen, irrigation taps were turned on and there was some damage to the sprinkler system. The police visited the Park to record the vandalism and to take finger prints from tee markers and sand buckets that had been thrown around or damaged. The damage to the irrigation system meant the pump was continually on pumping water to four locations along the western end of the Park. No other sections of the course received water that night. All told, well over \$1,000 worth of damage was done. If anyone has information on one or both of these incidents of vandalism please contact the Romsey Police on 5429 5461