



Private Herbert Golding – Lancefield Memorial

Herbert (Bert) Golding, the second of 10 children, was born in June 1880 in England. He was only 2 ½ when he, his older brother William, and parents, Alfred and Kate, arrived in Australia. The family settled in Canterbury, Victoria where his father set up a boot factory.

Although other members of the family went into the factory, Herbert became a journalist. He worked with a number of Victorian and South Australian newspapers.

Herbert married Annie Florence (Flo) James in 1905. Two sons, Herbert Victor and Donald James were born in 1905 and 1912 respectively.

In 1913 Herbert became the proprietor of the Lancefield Mercury. The newspaper was published and printed at the office in High St, Lancefield in a building which is now the Costume Hire shop.

On Thursday 25th February 1915 Herbert, 34 years old, enlisted in Lancefield, and took his oath before Enlistment Officer Councillor Robert Hemphill.

Herbert sold the paper to Murray A White, the man he had originally purchased it from in 1913. Flo and the boys moved to Cheltenham to live with her family until Herbert returned.

Herbert joined the 23rd Battalion which was raised in March 1915 and after training at Broadmeadows

embarked on Saturday 8th May on the troopship Euripides for further training in Egypt. In early September the 23rd Battalion transferred to Gallipoli. They held positions at Lone Pine, only a few metres from enemy lines, until December when they were among the last troops to leave the peninsula on the night of 19/20th December 1915.

The 23rd Battalion arrived in France in March 1916. In July they were transferred to the Somme. The Battalion suffered horrendous casualties during the battles at Pozieres and Moquet Farm where Herbert was seriously injured on 26th Aug 1916 with wounds to his right arm and thighs and a broken hip and was admitted to the 49th Australian Casualty Clearing Station. He died the next day. Herbert is buried in the British Military Cemetery at

Contay, a few kilometres away from where he was wounded.



His name was never added to the local memorial at Lancefield when it was constructed, most likely due to his widow leaving the area after his enlistment.

That omission is being rectified over the coming weeks and his name will be added to the Lancefield memorial in time for this ANZAC Day. More than a dozen family members including a number of direct descendants, some from interstate, will be

present at the service.

The family treasures the letters he wrote from the front, reassuring them that he was well, and in good spirits, and was strong in the Christian faith which had led him to enlist. This is an extract from one of his letters to his wife from the Gallipoli trenches:

Dear Flo,

I have been at the front about a week. . . . I soon spent a night in the trenches; at our part we were 5 or 6 yards only from the Turks, and our chaps threw bombs by hand over into the Turks' trenches, they must have shaken the soul-cases off them. My job was to wait with a blanket to smother the bombs the enemy threw at us. An officer laughed when he asked what I was doing and I said: "Back—stop!"

It is a striking comment on the futility of war, and the supremacy of human nature, that we slept all our time off, in a traverse a few yards back, though it sounded as if all the fiends of Hell were pounding and tearing at the walls to get at us and tear our viscera out. It is no use being frightened, because Kingdom Come is just round the corner day and night. . . .

There is plenty of hard work here especially carrying kero tins of water up, but the air is fresher than Egypt so we should get strong. We have Turk prisoners working, they are strong men. They fight fair. We will be all right till we have to make a big charge, then some will be lost, but I am sure we have the Turks licked, though it is hard to dislodge them. . . .

We are all well. I do pray you will not be left lonely, but God has been with me and is still. I am glad we came to relieve the weary chaps who have held the fort here so long. Give my love to them all and tell them I am happy because I am doing my duty and just thanking God for all you know I have to thank Him for in bringing me so far. I want you to know I don't mind being here, nor dreaded the front. . . .

Bless you and our dear little boys. Your loving husband,



Bert

Compiled by
Jay Brooks,
Herbert's
great niece,
Romsey

Golding Family – Herbert is the only person in uniform. Annie Florence (Flo) Golding, Herbert's wife, is kneeling at his left shoulder. Herbert Victor (Vic) Golding their elder son is in the middle of the photo with his head outlined by the baby's dress. Donald (Don) James Golding their younger son is standing just behind Herbert's right shoulder in front of his grandmother.

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A Metre Really Does Matter

You may have seen the recent announcement from the Victorian government to not introduce a minimum safe passing distance, even as a trial. Victoria is now the only state or territory in Australia that doesn't have at least a trial in place. The decision was made despite the recommendation of a parliamentary inquiry, at which we were fortunate to be invited



to offer evidence in support of such a law. It makes you wonder why the government went through the expense of an inquiry, not to mention everyone's unpaid time?

Where we are disappointed is the message that this sends. It segregates road users and offers no advice or help that can allow all users of our roads to interact more safely. Unfortunately, it encourages the culture that some road users believe that they have a higher status than others despite the most vulnerable – walkers, cyclists, horse riders – the ones that are likely to come off worse in any incident.

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 And how good does it feel when we achieve success?*

Action: *Make a list of all the things you have achieved in your life.
 Now make a list of all the things you want to achieve in your future.
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Social Issues Focus: Homelessness and affordable housing
Thanksgiving Fund: Crohn's and Colitis Australia

Our friendly monthly meeting occurs on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 10.00 am to approx. 12.00 noon.

Our fun craft days occur on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 10.00 am to approx. 2.00 pm, both meetings are held in the supper room (side entrance) of the Romsey Mechanics Institute, Main Rd, Romsey.

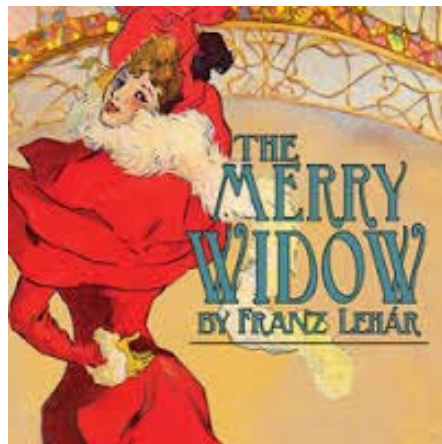
During May, our branch members participate and enter many articles of hand crafts, cookery, plant & flower entries into our CWA Central Highlands Group Art and Craft Exhibition. The weekend Exhibition is open to members and the community to browse and enjoy. The 2017 Exhibition is being held in Sunbury, Memorial Hall Barkly St. on

Friday 5th May 10.00 am to 4.00 pm and Saturday 6th May 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. Come along to witness the amazing and talented work our members achieve.

Each year around May/June, our Members attend and enjoy the annual CWA State Conference for 3 days, each year in a different location around the State. Information from the many speakers & presentations is in turn shared within our Branch. There are many initiatives that the CWA are involved in from State to International level.

Our Romsey Branch participates in various community activities, and we welcome new members. Come and join us, please call:

Secretary	Wendy Foster	0409 175 667	Craft Leader	Shirley Jones	5428 6280
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The Romsey Uniting Church

Invites you to join us for an afternoon of music from
The Merry Widow
 performed by the Singularity Choir
Sunday, 28th May, 2017 at 1.30pm
 the Romsey Uniting Church
 25 Pohlman Street Romsey
 followed by afternoon tea in the church hall.

Cost: \$20.00 Concession \$15.00

T here will be a trading table in the hall during afternoon tea.

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The Romsey Red Cross Branch would like to thank the very generous community of Romsey. This year we raised \$1045.80 for the annual Red Cross Calling Appeal. This was an excellent effort from a very generous community.

Money raised will go towards helping the most vulnerable members in our community. Some of the programs that Red Cross Victoria are involved in
 #helping people who are homeless find suitable accommodation
 #companionship and social support for older Australians
 #a phone call each day to check on the welfare of the elderly
 #transport services to appointments
 # youth programs such as Save A Mate to name just a few.

Thank you once again.



Romsey Primary School News

Romsey Primary New Staff

It is with pleasure that I introduce Mrs Kimberley Nicholls as the new Assistant Principal at Romsey Primary. Mrs Nicholls comes to us from Roxburgh Park Primary School. We also welcome Miss Danica Murphy to grade 5/6 and Mr Eric Penny to the new Year 4/5 class. Our enrolments exceeded our predicted numbers and with the growth we have created a new grade to keep class numbers down. (insert photos of teachers)

New School Vision, Motto and Values

The school has developed and adopted new vision, motto and values for the new strategic plan for the school.

New vision- RPS strives to be a creative, inclusive and stimulating learning community where we all “dare to be excellent”.

New Motto- Dare to be excellent.

New Values-

- **Respect:** Be co-operative, honest and tolerant.
- **Integrity:** Being honest, sincere, truthful and trustworthy
- **Responsibility:** Make responsible choices, care for our school environment and the safety and wellbeing of yourself and others.

Our new vision, motto and values have been created by the whole school community and reflect how we aim to work together to create future citizens who aim for excellence and have strong values for their lives and the life of their community.

Insert photo of our triangle

PlayPod

Over the last few weeks we have introduced the Playpod concept to the school. Current research and practice tells us that students learn best in an environment which is rich in opportunities for experiential learning and caters for consideration of developmental factors.

The Playpod concept involves the children playing with all sorts of factory off-cuts including wooden, plastic and materials (all quality controlled for safety purposes) with which children can let their imaginations run wild. The children build all manner of things, rocket ships stages, cars, beds, swings, slides; you name it they build it! This then leads to all sorts of imaginative games and role play. The Playpod concept provides endless opportunities for our students to interact in ways that are limited in the traditional yard. The other benefits are building the children's problem solving skills, resilience and persistence.

Please visit the following link to view a Playpod in action. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nqi1KyJJJeKg>

A number of schools in Victoria and across the world have introduced Playpods to their schools leading to children engaged in their play, extending learning out into the yard. We are hoping that the playpod is as beneficial for us at Romsey Primary School. Please enjoy the photos of the children engaged in play.

If community members know of businesses who could support in keeping the playpod stocked with factory off cuts etc could they please contact the school. We are also presently trying to acquire a tidy container which we can install a roller door in to house the playpod. Currently we are using an unused classroom. We are hoping someone in the community may be able to help us. If you can help in any way could you please contact the school on 54 295 099.

Vandalism

Over the holidays we had some vandalism around the toilets near the portables and on the roof of the school. The number of visitors in the school grounds over the weekends and breaks is increasing and we are experiencing more damage to the school which takes valuable money away from the teaching and learning programs in the school. I encourage members of the community to responsibly use playgrounds and courts out of school hours as the presence of more adults with their children may dissuade irresponsible use of our grounds. I also ask that parents remind children that playing in the school grounds without parental supervision is not encouraged. Riding bikes and scooters through the school at any time is not allowed. If you see inappropriate activity at the school out of hours please notify the police immediately. It does take a community to make sure we all have a safe and well kept environment.



Fire danger period to end

The Fire Danger Period (FDP) will finish at 1am on Tuesday, 18 April 2017 in the following municipalities in CFA District 2:

- Greater Bendigo City Council
- Mount Alexander Shire Council
- Macedon Ranges Shire Council



CFA Acting Operations Manager Chris Jacobsen said that rainfall in early 2017 had resulted in a significant amount of vegetation growth which would translate into a lot of private burn offs in coming weeks. He urged people to do the right thing by checking conditions, registering their burn-offs and adhering to all of your local council requirements.

“Every year our brigades get more and more frustrated at the number of false alarm calls they have to respond to as a result of people not doing the right thing,” he said.

“Be aware that any calls to Triple Zero about smoke in the air at particular locations are cross-checked with the burn-off register. When nothing listed firefighters are required to attend.

“Calls to unregistered burn-offs take volunteer firefighters away from workplaces, families and potentially genuine emergencies.

“So if you haven't registered your burn you can expect some disgruntled fireys arriving at your property asking you to 'please explain.

Landowners can register their burn-off with the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) by calling 1800 668 511 or emailing burnoffs@esta.vic.gov.au

Mr Jacobsen said that whether registering by phone or email, people should be prepared to give some basic information including location, date, expected start and finish times, estimated size, and what they intended to burn.

“The burn off line is very easy to use – the operators are friendly, and prompt you by asking the key questions,” he said.

Keep your burn off safe and legal:

- Check fire restrictions in your area and always register your burn
- Check and monitor weather conditions - particularly wind
- Warn your neighbours beforehand that there will be smoke in the air.
- Stay in attendance the whole time your burn is going
- Have sufficient equipment and water to stop the fire spreading.



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Be part of it!



May is for musical experiences at Duneira

Now that the weather is cooler, it's time to get indoors and enjoy some fantastic musical offerings at Duneira during May.

Three midday concerts are scheduled, and are FREE on a first-come, first-served basis. These concerts feature the Masters performance students from Monash University, and generally showcase a mix of piano, wind and string instruments, and voice. It's a wonderful way to spend an hour and a great opportunity for talented young musicians to gain performance experience. Bookings are essential and must be made through the website.

Spoil your mum (or yourself) on Sunday 14 May with our Mother's Day Concert & Afternoon Tea. We commence with afternoon tea at 3.30 pm in the elegant dining room and then move into the music room for a concert featuring classical chamber music. One lucky mum will receive a door prize at the end of the event. Tickets are \$25 per adult and \$15 per child under 16. All children must have a paid ticket.

Enjoy a sublime musical experience on Sunday 21 May when Accademia Arcadia present a repeat performance of their sell-out Melbourne Recital Centre performance "Music for a Prussian King". Featuring trio sonatas of CPE Bach, Quantz and Benda, this music was written for the music-loving Frederick the Great and will be played on baroque-style instruments.

Tickets for all events available online www.duneira.com.au

Submitted by Duneira, Mt Macedon



FROM THE COTTAGE... 'BARTON'

April/May 2017

(Palmer Street, ROMSEY – 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.

**Barton (Seymour) Cottage c. 1855
20 Palmer Street, ROMSEY**

The recent most welcome rains have made our garden maintenance/upgrade a much more pleasant task. We are trying to make the garden easier to care for and are grouping plants into designated areas. Over the years, the original plantings have become a bit muddled, with self-sown seedlings taken over in some areas. The front (South) now has Winter Iris, Granny's Bonnets (Columbines/Aquilegias) Forget-Me-Nots and Calla Lillies, so there should be something in bloom throughout the year. We'll add Nerines to this section – when we find gardeners who have some of these to spare! If you would like to thin yours out, we would love to have some.

The changing seasons are bringing cooler weather and it will soon be time to light the fires again. 'Barton' warms up very quickly with just the two fires. It is always a pleasant place to linger and have a cuppa and a chat about the history of the house and of Romsey.

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. Another example from this wonderful glimpse into the language and customs of the past reads: "... The deceased gentleman was a member of the Order of Rechabites and also M.U. Order of Oddfellows. The members of these two orders attended in considerable numbers, and leading the way, in full morning regalia, had a most imposing appearance and tended to greatly swell the dimensions of the procession. The Rechabites, thirteen in number, led the way, walking, followed by the Oddfellows, thirty in number, on horseback, then came the hearse, followed by the relatives of the deceased, and a long string of vehicles and horsemen. In this order the melancholy cortege proceeded to the Melbourne Hill Cemetery..."

Looking forward to seeing you at 'Barton'!

Ruth (0411 812 805); jandrgreen@hotmail.com on behalf of the Cottage Friends
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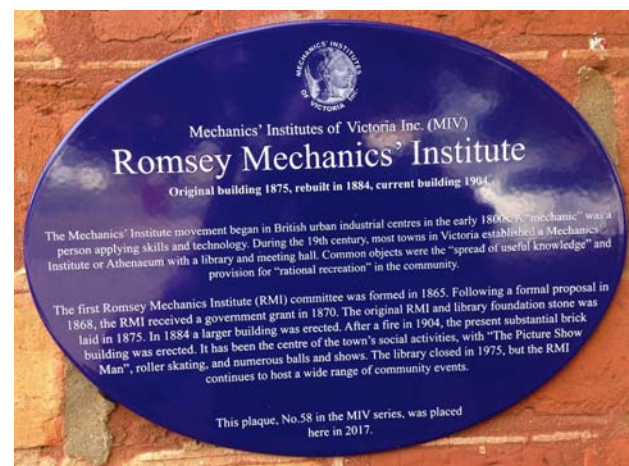
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Since the middle of 2016 the RMI – CoM has been in discussions with the Mechanics Institute of Victoria (MIV) over the Rmi Historical Plaque. This plaque is part of the MIV program to place historical plaques on all Mechanics Institutes and Athanaeums across the state. The MIV plaque id No 58 in the series and is now proudly on display on the façade of the Institute.

Work to repair and restore the two WW1 Honour Rolls is progressing very well and we expect these wonderful artefacts from the early 20th century to be back in the RMI during June. The Macedon Ranges Shire Council has recently opened its Community Funding Scheme. This scheme can allocate up to \$6,000 to community groups. The CoM is working hard to complete all elements of the grant process. Successful applications will be announced later in the year.

Storage remains a big problem at the RMI, over 200 chairs, 20 tables, 10 display boards etc. The CoM is currently investigating planning options to allow us to increase the storage facilities we currently have. Any plans must be approved by the MRSC heritage advisor and must fit with the building's heritage status.

Over the past few years the RMI has invested in new and larger cleaning items such as mops/buckets, brooms and scissor-brooms. We are now looking into better storage options for these, this may mean purchasing and installing steel cabinets or a specific section of our planned increased storage area.

As the building continues to dry out and the rising/falling damp continues to retreat members of the committee have begun the work of washing down walls with sugar soap and removing cobwebs and peeling paint. Once all this has been done we can look at repairing the damage to the render, plaster and skirts before any repainting works.

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.

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Saturday April 1st - DDGA Mixed Pairs - 4BBB Stableford



30 players assembled for the inaugural Dalhousie District Mixed Pairs Stableford competition. Teams came from Romsey, Lancefield, Trentham, Broadford, Seymour, Woodend and Marysville golf clubs. Conditions were cool and overcast with a blustery northerly wind however now and again the sun shone through and the wind dropped making for a far more pleasant golfing environment. The players found the fairways in good condition but, as a result of the Little Corella damage, the greens were quite varied but most of the field had seen similar damage to their courses over the last few months. By 3.00 the field was heading to the rooms for a well earned late lunch and a few quiet drinks. On a challenging yet enjoyable day the results were;

Winners; Sharon Cresswell (23)/Sandy Cresswell (17) - Seymour - 45 pts from Peter Scanlon (30)/Jenny Hartley (38) - Romsey - 44 pts

Women NTPs; 3rd - J. Vennell (Lancefield) 15th - M. Howard (Marysville)

Men NTPs; 1st - S. Cresswell 15th - M. Fountain (Seymour)

Wednesday March 29th - Monthly Medal - Stroke & Putts

The field hit off in overcast, cool conditions but the morning warmed considerably and a gusting northerly wind blew up. The recent rains and heavy dews had caught the club off guard and the fairways were a little longer than usual causing much anguish when, after an excellent shot down the fairway, the ball was not easily located. The morning's results were;

Winner and March Medalist; Darlene Baker - 99/25/74

Men's Comp Winner; Bruce Robb - 111/32/79

Nine-hole Comp Winner; Jenny Hartley - 58/20/38

Saturday March 25th - Monthly Medal - Stroke & Putts

The round began under still, hot conditions. Later on a steady breeze blew up from the north before moving to the NW. After the 25mm of rain earlier in the week there was a green tinge across the whole park however, the fairways were still generally hard giving generous distance to all shots. The areas around, and 100m out from, the greens were quite lush so players had to be accurate with their approach shots as anything short rarely bounced onto the green, anything long found the usual Romsey penance, a very challenging chip back to the cup. As with the last few weeks many players put in an excellent front or back nine but only a few could maintain their standard for the full 18 holes. As the round drew to a close it was a battle between two of the club's much loved veterans, one of whom was square with the card going down the 16th. On a sticky day the results were;

Winner and March Medalist; Les Gaunt - 75/6/69 from Bruce Robb - 102/32/70, Andrew Laing - 91/19/72, Anthony Freeman - 93/20/73 & Andrew Clement - 84/11/73

NTPs; 1st - Kev Dunn & 16th - Scott Williams

Least Putts; Bruce Robb - 23

Thursday March 23rd - Kilmore Bowl

A cheer went up as the Kilmore captain announced that all bunnies had been declared GUR for the day. They also had preferred lies 1 club length through the green, everyone thought this was very generous. The field including Lorraine, Wendy and Beryl from Romsey started play in overcast conditions but the sun came out after 9 holes with a slight breeze to keep conditions perfect. The Romsey girls were no match for the two Kilmore teams who came in 1st and 2nd. We had an enjoyable day but were probably beaten by the greens.

Wednesday March 22nd - Matchplay

The day began with light, misty rain, this steadily increased and despite a number of golfers assembling only two actually took to the course. The ~25mm of rain over the preceding days has softened the course and made the greens very receptive to well played wedges and high irons. The adventurous two "pulled the pin" after five holes and headed back to the rooms for a warm drink. The morning's results were;

Jenny Hartley (39) **D** Kath Jekabsons (25) - 5 up

Mon 20th March - DDGA Women's 4BBB - Yea G. C.

It was raining lightly when Lorraine and Darlene left Romsey to play in the DDGA Women's 4BBB at Yea. Luckily the rain stopped before they got there. Lorraine was pleased to partner Darlene and hopes that she enjoyed the experience of playing at another club. They had a respectable score of 38 pts.

Saturday March 18th - Semi Finals Algie Mitchell & Stableford

A still, hot day on a rapidly hardening course. All players found extra run on the fairways however, the greens held very well if shots landed on the full. Those who "chipped and ran" often found themselves through the green and facing a difficult shot back. Despite the heat of the day and many a variable bounce on the fairways a number of golfers turned in excellent scores. There were a few "clubhouse leaders" until the very last group came in. The day's winner, after well over a month away from the game, showed how important patience and good decision making are on the golf course. The day also saw the semi-finals of the 47th Algie Mitchell Shield. On a hot, dry day the results were;

Winner; Jim Patton (22) - 41 pts from Chris vanDerVliet (25) - 40 pts, Les Gaunt (6) - 39 pts and Kev Dunn (23) 38 pts.

NTPs; 1st - Jim Patton, 15th - John Moody & 16th - Rob Rea

Algie Mitchell Semi-finals

John Freestone (2) **D** Anthony Freeman (0) 2/1

John Moody (2) **D** Mal Mottram (0) W/O

The April 8th Final of the 47th Algie Mitchell Shield will be;

John Freestone (9) **Vs** John Moody (0)

Wednesday March 16th - Stroke & Putts

The morning was already warm as the players took to the field. As the round progressed a hot, north-westerly wind blew up making difficult conditions all the more challenging. The greens again putted quite true so aiming at the hole really paid off. Despite the day's trials a couple of "old stagers" took everything in their stride to card excellent scores. The day's results were;

Women's Winner; Kath Jekabsons - 94/26/68 (Five under, that will effect the handicap!)

Men's Winner; Bruce Robb - 102/32/70

Women's 9-hole Comp; Jenny Hartley - 52/20/32

Least Putts; Kath Jekabsons - 28

Least Putts 9-Hole Comp; Jenny Hartley - 14

After the heavy rain over the 2nd weekend of April members took the opportunity to plant another 50 indigenous, native trees and bushes across Romsey Park, this puts the club over 1,100 trees/bushes planted since 2010. We hope that the flowering bushes will provide both food and habitat to the many smaller birds that are returning to Romsey Park. Amongst other birds we now have three breeding pairs of bronze wing pigeons. We will be checking our 30 nesting boxes in early June, hopefully that will give us a far better idea as to exactly which small birds and marsupials have taken advantage of these boxes.

The 36th Romsey Open will be played over the weekend of Sat/Sun June 3rd/4th. 4BBB Pairs, men's, women's and mixed, will be played on the Saturday with afternoon tea and presentations at about 4.00 pm, entry is \$34.00 per pair. Assembly will be 10.30 am for an 11.00 am hit-off.

The 24 hole Open will be played on the Sunday. All players enjoy an egg & bacon sandwich before heading out to the course. This event, played over the 12 hole Old Course, sees golfers play 12 holes in the morning, enjoy a hot, sit down lunch then tackle the 12 hole course again. The final round is followed by afternoon tea and presentations at about 4.30 pm. Entry is \$35.00 per player.

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Saturday April 15th - Stroke

The field assembled on a cool, slightly overcast morning, many wearing jumpers and light jackets but after a few holes the day had warmed up and everyone was down to shirt-sleeves. The remainder of the round was played in very pleasant conditions, sunny, with clear skies and virtually no wind. The ~100mm of rain over the previous weekend and the following heavy dews had softened the fairways and greens and promoted good growth across the whole of Romsey Park. Golfers who took advantage of the conditions posted good scores however there was the odd crack on the fairways and some players had the cruelest of bounces to turn a prospective birdie or par into a lesser result. It was also good to welcome ex-member, Gary Watts down from Sydney, back for a round. On a beautiful day for golf the results were;

Winner; Michael McCarten - 87/18/69 from Sherif Abdel-Sayed - 92/22/70, Andrew Clement- 82/11/71 & Michael Nicholls Jnr - 94/22/72

NTPs; 15th - Les Gaunt & 16th - Andrew Clement

Wednesday April 12th - Stroke & Putts - 2nd Rd Silver Spoon & Mona McLeod

The round was played under almost perfect weather conditions, lovely sunshine and very little wind. The heavy rain over the weekend had softened the fairways meaning much longer approach shots than over the past few weeks but the greens were in excellent nick and putted very true. Numbers were down a little due to school holidays and the Easter weekend approaching. On a perfect morning for golf the results were;

Winner; Darlene Baker; 95/24/71

Nine-hole Winner; Jenny Hartley - 60/19.5/40.5 **Least Putts;** Beryl Cole - 29

Sunday April 9th - 2nd Rd 2017 Pennant - Woodend G. C.

The rain began to fall early in the round and then came in fits and starts for the whole afternoon. Our boys handled the wet and windy conditions quite well and were able to record the team's first win of the season. Results were;

Andrew Laing - W 4/3, Michael McCarten - W 5/3, Rob Rea - W 5/4, Scott Williams - W 2up, John Freestone - Square, Sherif Abdel-Sayed - L 2/1 and Tony Freeman - L 8/6
 Lancefield **L** Kilmore - 6.5/1.5, Woodend **D** Mt Macedon - 4/3, **Romsey D** Hidden Valley - 4.5/2.5

Saturday April 8th - Final 47th Algie Mitchell Shield & Par



The run of wonderful autumn weather continued for the final of the 47th Algie Mitchell Shield and the club's par competition. The fairways had excellent cover, especially in the irrigated areas, and there was more than a green tinge across the remainder of Romsey Park. The round began with clear skies and a gusting northerly wind, the wind moved to the west before settling from the north-west. Many a player hit during a lull only to find a gust moving their ball well off line, others found a gust to push their ball back to the fairway or green. The Algie Mitchell final proved to be a

match of many surprises. John Freestone (9) played some remarkable golf and turned the corner just two over par. From there it was an uphill battle for opponent John Moody (0). Given the inconsistent wind the week's club competition, par, was surprisingly even with a number of golfers just over their handicap. All players were back in the rooms before the predicted deluge came down, good for the course so everyone was happy. On a sunny, gusty day the results were;

Winner; Peter Scanlon (30) +1 from Les Gaunt (6) Square

NTPs; 1st Hugh Drummond & 15th - Mick Nichols Snr

Algie Mitchell Shield Final - John Freestone (9) **D** John Moody (0) 8/6



Thursday April 6th - 25th Romsey Challenge Bowl.

36 players from Dalhousie District and surrounding clubs enjoyed the beautiful weather to compete in the 2017 Romsey Golf Club women's Challenge Bowl. The 2017 winning Bowl team was sponsored by McMahon Osborne while A and B grade winners were sponsored by Romsey Pharmacy. The field enjoyed the challenges of the Romsey course and a wonderful meal after the round. Tim McCarthy Director of McMahon Osborne presented the Bowl and trophies to the winning team Seymour with combined score of 93 points after a count-back from the Woodend team.

Sunday April 1st - 1st Rd 2017 Pennant - Lancefield G. C.

Teams hit off on a sunny, blustery day. The Lancefield course was in good nick however the very fast greens caught out many of the visitors. Our boys tried hard but could not manage a win. Results were;

Mick Nicholls Snr - L 3/2, John Freestone - L 2/1, Chris vanDerVliet - L 3/2, Rob Rea - L 3/1, Michael McCarten L- 3/2 & Scott Williams - L 5/3, Sherif Abdel-Sayed - L 3/1
 Lancefield **D** Romsey - 7/0, Hidden Valley **Sq** Woodend - 3.5/3.5 Kilmore **D** Mt Macedon - 4/3

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Whimsical Wes Wows Woodend.

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Up next month: In May MRFS is screening the 2013 Polish film 'Ida' directed by Pawel Pawlikowski. Anna, a young novitiate nun in 1960s Poland, is on the verge of taking her vows when she discovers a dark family secret dating back to the years of the German occupation.

In other news, the Film Society now has a web site www.mrfilmsociety.org allowing members and the public to keep up to date on forthcoming screenings, film notes, special events and other film related news and information.

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. Enquiries by email to mrfilmsociety@gmail.com or call Lorraine 5427 0921 or Christine 5429 5452 www.mrfilmsociety.org




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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 25th May, 2017**

Monthly Outing on Wednesday 17th May. Spirit of Tasmania and tour of Williamstown. Bus Trip.

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

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Macedon Ranges Shire Council has drafted its first Climate Change Action Plan and is seeking community feedback from 18 April to 9 May.

The draft Action Plan outlines how Council will reduce greenhouse emissions from its operation by 25 per cent by mid-2021.

In recent years, Council has invested in several works to reduce greenhouse emissions, including the installation of pool covers at its aquatic centres to reduce the need for heating water, the installation of solar panels at the Gisborne Administration Centre, and converting residential streetlights to energy efficient LEDs. Details about further works are presented in the draft Action Plan, which together will reduce greenhouse emissions by 1,910 tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO2).

The draft Climate Change Action Plan also outlines how Council will support community efforts to address climate change, and promotes a shared Council-community vision—consistent with the Victorian Government's target for a zero net emissions Victoria by 2050.

To have your say, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay or drop-in to one of Council's service centres.

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True West is a character study that examines the relationship between Austin, a screenwriter, and his older brother Lee. Austin is house-sitting their mother's home, 40 miles east of Los Angeles, while she is in Alaska. During his stay he is confronted by his brother, who proceeds to bully his way into staying at the house and using Austin's car. In addition, the screenplay which Austin is pitching to his connection in Hollywood somehow gets taken over by the pushy con-man tactics of Lee, and the brothers find themselves forced to cooperate in the creation of a story that will make or break both their lives.

True West runs from 26th May – 10th June.

Auditions for our 3rd Production **The Full Monty** will be held on Mon. 1st & Wed. 3rd May. Call backs Sat 6th May. Performance dates 18th Aug – 10th Sep.

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'Jesus lives! To Him the Throne Over all the world is given;

May we go where He is gone, Rest and reign with Him in Heaven.

ALLELUIA

Frances E.Cox

April, we celebrated the great events of the Christian Faith, the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, now behind us but still very much with us in our daily living. Lenten Studies "Giving Up - Taking Up" were held during Lent.. Good Friday was marred by

the football match on Good Friday, the first time in 175 years! Thank you to all who gave liberally our Harvest Thanksgiving for Anglicare's ministry and to Betty and Max for delivering them. A highlight was the pastoral visit of Bishop Philip Huggins. We farewelled two lovely members of our Church family, Sheila and Graham Barker who have moved to Leopold to be nearer family. We will miss them!

Our thoughts and prayers for our ailing members that the Lord will keep and comfort them and touch them with His healing hands. Our thoughts are with Glenice as she earns a well-earned holiday to the beautiful Daintree Forest area.

MAY 2017 Diary
 5th May..Fri..6.15pm for 6.45pm..BUSH CHURCH AID..AGM & DINNER at BRIMBANK ANGLICAN CHURCH..\$35..RSVP.Speaker..Bishop R. Condie TAS. Enq. Doreen Morgan
 11th May..Thurs..8pm..A.M.S. Snooker Night at Mrs. M. Davis home 143 Barry St.Romsey
 Men Welcome Enquiries.. Tom Morgan 5429i-6060.
 25th May..ASCENSION DAY .. Remembering the return of Jesus to the Glory of Heaven.

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 4th June - WHITSUNDAY/PENTECOST - Momentous coming of the HOLY SPIRIT.
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Stunning talent from Brazil, Italy, Austria... and Australia coming to Woodend

The program for the 13th annual Woodend Winter Arts Festival has launched and tickets are now on sale for the Festival, which occurs in venues throughout Woodend over the Queen's Birthday Long weekend, 9 – 12 June. And there are many free events – including a school program for local children.

The Festival line-up includes something for everyone – the classical music fans of guitar, piano, ensembles and quartets, as well as featured speakers including Mem Fox (Possum Magic), local Michael McCoy (seen recently on ABC TV series 'Dream Gardens' – or possibly at the local supermarket!) writers' workshops, poetry, and political panels that promise to be animated and thought provoking (the legacy of Paul Keating, for example!). And of course, a quality line up of art exhibitions featuring the Macedon Ranges Art Group, the Macedon Ranges Potters, the 'Out of the box' exhibition by local artists and an exhibition 'The Colenso series' featuring a stunning collaboration between commercial and fine art photographer (and local), Alina Golovachenko and Kathryn Russack, chef (and local) of Colenso.

Just a few key highlights of the music program include a silent film accompanied by a live musical accompaniment, the Australian Guitar Trio, the Australian String Quartet, and one of Australia's finest pianists (Tony Lee), and a very special evening, Boccherini and Bocconcini, at the historic Jackson Hall, Braemar College, featuring food from Italy, Spain and France by Hal Riches and Kathryn Russack, and music by Accademia Arcadia.

Other highlights include:

- Vivaldi: Vespers (Ensemble Gombert and Accademia Arcadia) – This is an Australian Premiere performance featuring some of the lesser known, but no less stunning, works of 'the Red Priest' (because Vivaldi's red hair).
- Il Diavolo (Accademia Arcadia, featuring Italian Baroque violinist extraordinaire Davide Monti) Concert and CD launch
- Quinta essential (Caboclo) – Brazilian quartet presenting the influences that form what we now recognise as the music of Brazil – a combination of African rhythms and European melodic sensibility
- Young piano virtuoso Tony Lee – one of Australia's finest pianists performing Beethoven, Prokofiev and American composer John Adams.
- Bohemia near the sea (Trio Alba) – exclusive from Vienna and supported by the Austrian Government, this trio will perform Haydn, Suk and Smetana.



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



Mix it up at Kyneton Town Hall in May

Whether you want to laugh, cry, delve into Australian history or hum along to a familiar tune, Kyneton Town Hall is offering it all in May.

On Friday 12 May at 11.30am, the life and music of American composer, songwriter and singer Burt Bacharach is re-imagined in the tribute performance, *Magic Moments*. Featuring over 22 of his most popular hits, such as *I Say a Little Prayer*, *That's What Friends Are For*, *Close To You* and many more, *Magic Moments* puts the music of this distinguished artist back in the spotlight.

If its laughs you're after, book a ticket to the 2017 *Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow*. On Saturday 13 May at 7.30pm, the freshest and funniest stars from Australia's largest comedy festival bring the show to Kyneton, with performances from Bob Franklin, Danielle Walker, DeAnne Smith (Canada/USA), Sean Choolburra and Sam Taunton.

Expect a hilarious evening of entertainment, with laughs guaranteed. On Tuesday 30 May at 7.30pm, Indigenous Australian history is exposed in the theatre piece, *Coranderrk*. The production, presented by ILBIJERRI Theatre Company, re-creates a chapter of Australian history which saw the people of the Coranderrk Aboriginal Reserve go head-to-head with the Aboriginal Protection Board to continue their explorations in self-determination on the country left to them.

A story of resistance and strength, this spirited drama revives the voices of those who fought, and aims to encourage an understanding of the past between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. Don't miss your opportunity to explore fashions from the time of Jane Austen, in the exhibition, *Be Persuaded: A Jane Austen Experience*, currently on show at Kyneton Museum.

The collection of rare fashion, accessories and ephemera from the 18th century through to the 1840s includes pieces such as an 18th century silk gown, boots, bonnets, parasols and more. With items on show taken from the collection of Dressing Australia Museum of Costume, *Be Persuaded* is an opportunity to explore how fashion tells a story.



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Mother's Day 2017 - Expressing Our Love

When we are in love, it is natural to continually think about, talk about and long to be with the person we love. We want to do things to show our adoration. We delight in foregoing things for ourselves so we can buy gifts for them. Doing tasks on their behalf is a pleasure - not a chore. This is an expression of our love and a natural outcome of such devotion.

We should question our motives in marriage if our relationships become a chore. If we serve because we want something in return, our service will soon be a great burden.

truly in love, everything we do should be a natural result of devotion. Sacrificial love, sacrificial giving, sacrificial service all sound quite painful. Just ask Jesus he knows! But He willingly gave of His whole life for our benefit and is the greatest example of what 'Genuine' love is. And as we turn to Him, He makes it possible for us to genuinely love one another.

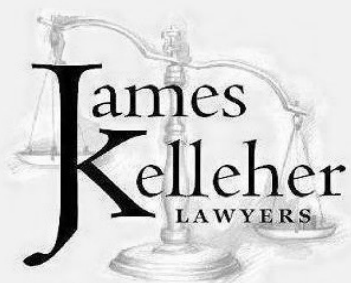
Mothers! Encourage Church's hope and prayer is that you be genuinely loved and appreciated this Mother's day and throughout the year ahead.

If you would like to know more about faith in Jesus please contact Pastor Marilyn or our Church office Ph 5429 6327

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

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.

We also offer **Kidzone Before & After School Care | Vacation Care | 'mainly music' Program**
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Church Services & Activities during May, 2017

3rd 6pm. Church Council meeting at Stracks.

7th 9am. Worship Service.

10th 1.30pm Adult Fellowship meeting

14th 9am. Worship & Holy Communion Service, conducted by Rev. Peter Cannon.

21st 6pm Romsey @ 6 Service conducted by Pastor Annette Buckley

28th 9am. Worship Service conducted by Rev. Deacon Wendy Elson

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 con-

cert in the church hall. There will also be a trading table. See full notice in this edition of the Romsey Rag.

The following is a paraphrase of the 23rd Psalm by Rev. Nathan Nettleton.

*"You, LORD, are my guide in the wilderness; there is nothing more I could need.
You set up camp in places of beauty and shelter; you lead the way on secluded tracks
beside creeks of cool clean water.
I feel my spirit breathing freely again;
your reputation puts me at ease;
I leave the navigating to you, and follow.*

*Even if we hike through a perilous valley,
where crows keep a menacing watch,
fear will still not get the better of me.
As long as I stick with you
I know I'll make the distance;
with a knife and a bit of rope
you seem able to tackle any challenge.*

*You cook up a feast for me,
as those who wanted to feed on me watch, frustrated.
You pamper me like an honoured guest
and constantly top up my glass.*

*My life feels charmed, each and every day.
Love, mercy and all good things keep falling into my lap.*

I'm with you for life, LORD, where you go, I will go; where you live, I will live."

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Macedon Ranges
Shire Council

Protect your bush block forever

Are you passionate about preserving native vegetation on your block?

Come along to a free information session for landowners interested in finding out about the financial incentives and support available for protecting native plants and wildlife on their property.

The event will be held on Tuesday 23 May from 7pm-8.30pm at Kyneton Mechanics Institute, 81 Mollison Street, Kyneton.

Participants will find out more about conservation covenants and environmental stewardship programs to assist with works such as exclusion fencing and weed control to protect conservation areas within bush blocks.

The evening will include a discussion with representatives from:

- Trust for Nature
- Land for Wildlife
- The Victorian Government's Native Vegetation Offsets Department

To book your place, visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/environment-events or call 5421 9660.

The event is supported by Macedon Ranges Shire Council and the North Central Catchment Management Authority through funding from the Australian Government.

